

## **Never stop learning - Australian Catholic University urges graduates**

More than 560 students are graduating from Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Queensland Campus this Thursday and Friday at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Freshly qualified to work as teachers, nurses, paramedics, social workers, entrepreneurs and more, they will receive an undergraduate degree. Sister Angela Mary Doyle rsm AO will be awarded Doctor of the University, ACU's highest honour, for her pioneering work in health.

During three ceremonies Professor Erica McWilliam, ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation QUT, and Mark Butterworth, Executive Director of Allied Health, Metro North Hospital and Health Service, and Sister Angela Mary will deliver the occasional addresses to graduands and their families and friends.

ACU Queensland Associate Vice-Chancellor Professor Jim Nyland said it was a great privilege to have such distinguished speakers formally address students as they prepared for the next step in their careers.

"You see graduates gathered together and you know their back story, the struggles, the trials and tribulations of juggling family or work, it's very inspiring," he said.

"The ceremony plays an important role in celebrating the hard work, achievements and aspirations of so many students with the people who matter to them most.

"It is humbling to have played a small part in each student's journey to their chosen profession and exciting to now be part of their contribution to the transformation of Australian society."

Professor Nyland said ACU had been training students from Brisbane and wider Queensland for more than a quarter of century.

"The majority of our graduates remain in the state where they build the skills base and give back to their community," he said.

"We urge all our graduates to never stop learning and to find where they can make the biggest impact and be brave in working to achieve it."

ACU Queensland Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Thursday 4 May at 7pm and Friday 5 May at 10.30am and 2.30pm at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

ACU offers courses in health sciences, education and arts, law and business, and theology and philosophy in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Ballarat, Canberra, and Adelaide. All students have the opportunity to study at the University's newest centre in Rome.

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