

**The Development of Research Pathways  
for Aboriginal Researchers: CCRE  
programs**



# CCRE

- Centre for Clinical Research Excellence in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health
- Based at the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia - Norwood




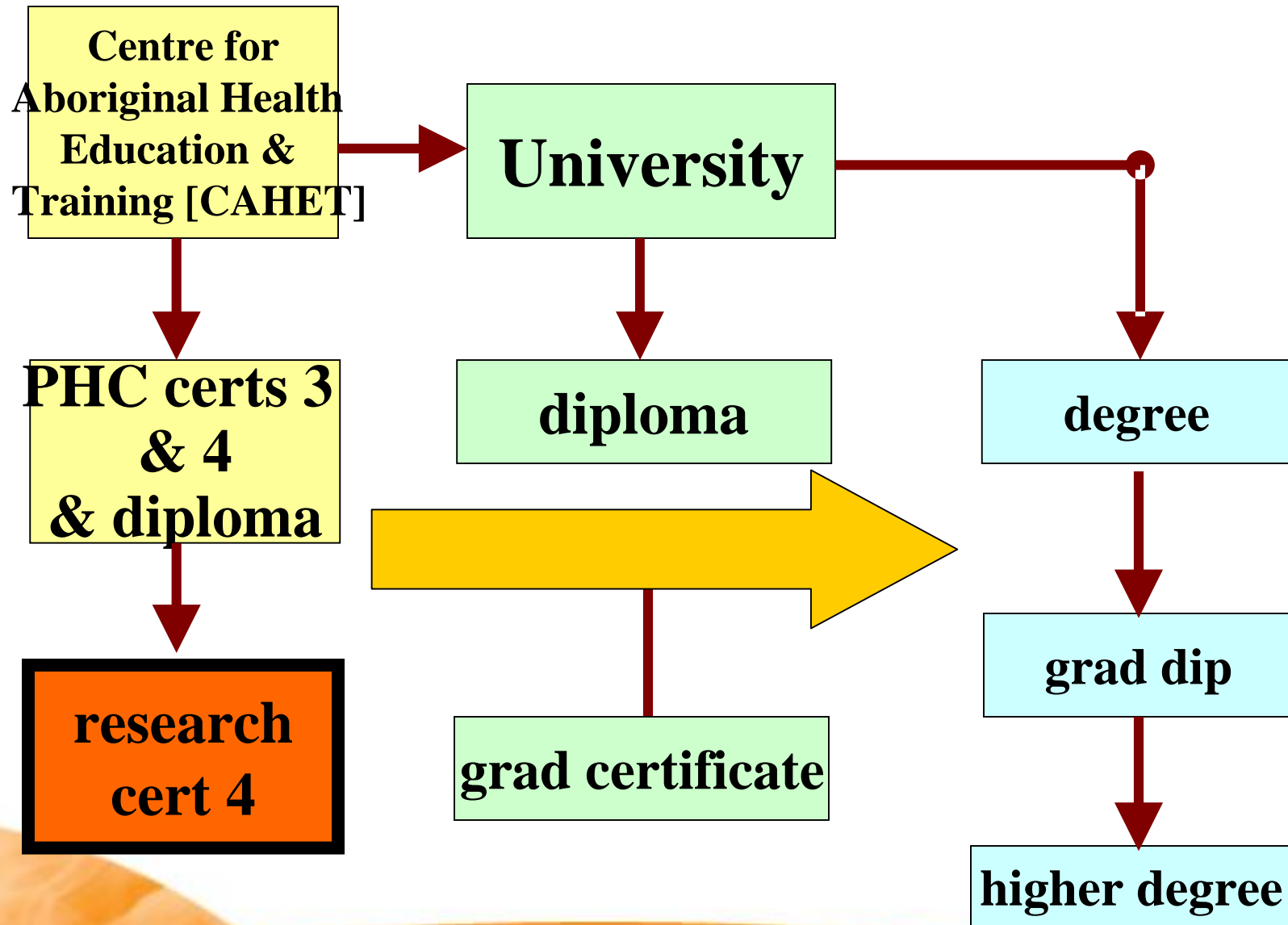
# Aim of CCRE

- Putting Aboriginal health research into Aboriginal hands
- Forging educational pathways between Aboriginal Health Worker certificates & university



# Gap

- No tangible pathway between Primary Health Care Certificate 3 and university research courses.
  - Aim to bridge the gap with Cert 4 in Research Capacity Building for Indigenous Community Services- thru JCU
  - Move into Graduate Certificate in Research & Evaluation
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# Proposed Course Structure...

12 months programme with community mentor support & regular blocks of study for common content

...mentors to come from participating communities, CCRE and possibly via universities

linked to work roles where the course content builds on existing programs and need



**The Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia's  
[AHCSA]Centre for Aboriginal Health Education &  
Training [CAHET] will offer the course...**

- **a Certificate 4 accredited research course**
- **which will provide learning opportunities for  
Aboriginal Health Workers to obtain research  
knowledge and skills in Aboriginal community-  
based settings**



## **The Certificate 4 course will provide research skills for Aboriginal Health Workers to...**

- design and conduct their own research and evaluation programmes within their community
- assist and work with their communities to understand the benefits of appropriately applied mainstream research methods
- provide a pathway to university education



## **The Certificate 4 course will...**

Initially enrol up to 15 students with a maximum of 2 from any one of the South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

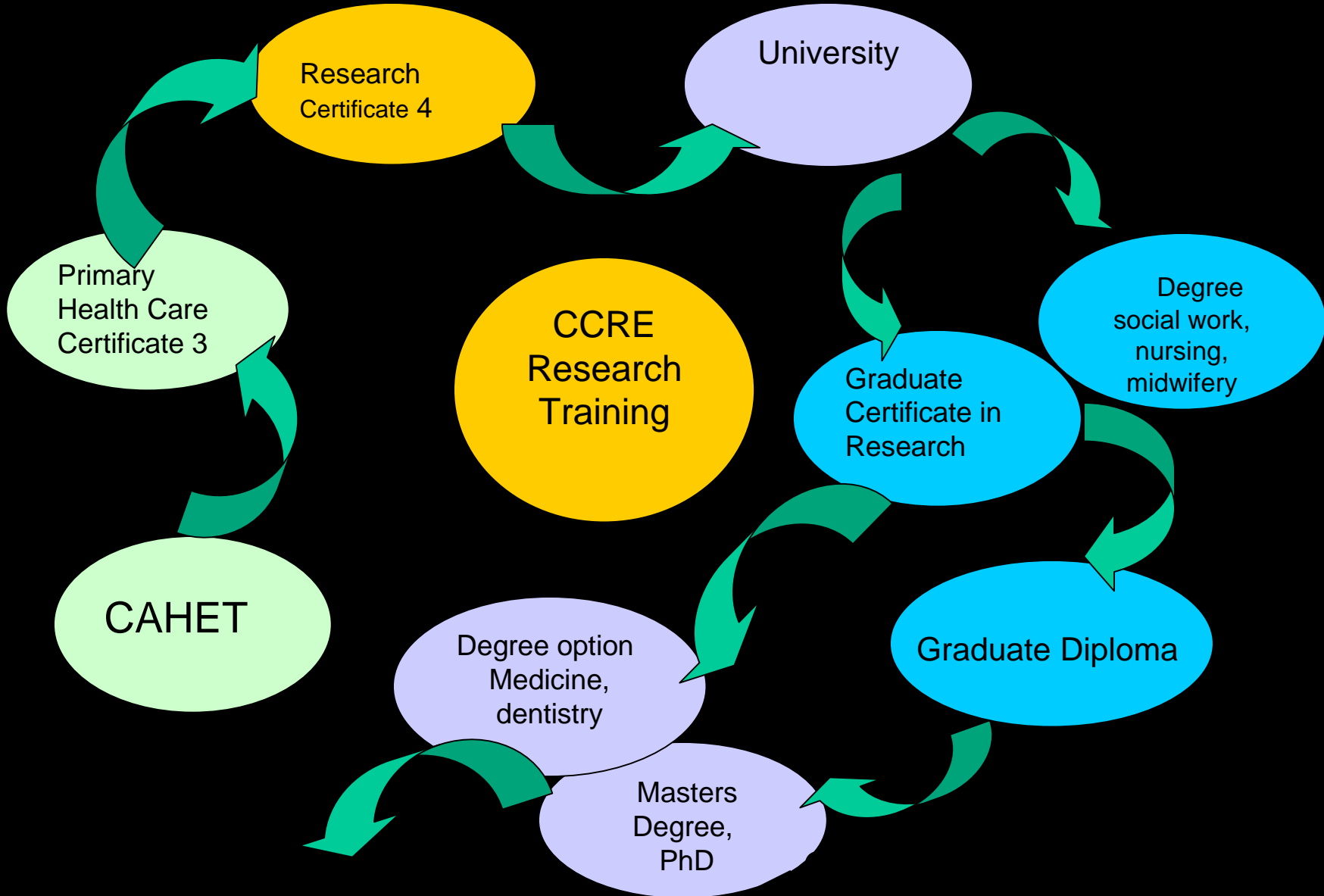
The benefits of the course will be evaluated against its key objectives.



## **the course will be of interest to...**


- Aboriginal Health Workers, board members of Aboriginal community controlled services and community members with a desire to gain knowledge and improve their skills in the research and evaluation of Indigenous projects and programmes
- Aboriginal Health Workers who may wish to further their studies. This course will be a pathway towards university education in research or other disciplines such as nursing, midwifery, social work, dentistry & medicine.





# Potential benefits

## For students:

- develops skills in research method and practice
  - provides a qualification that will enhance their community-based working knowledge
  - builds a pathway to a broad range of higher education options
  - develops the ability to differentiate good quality research from poor quality research
  - provides an appreciation of the ethical implications of different research methods and approaches
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# Potential benefits

## For communities

- Aboriginal Health Workers, Board members of Aboriginal community controlled services and community members will bring their skills to a range of research enterprises to be conducted in their communities.
- be able to appraise the quality of research proposed by mainstream researchers working with their people.

