RPL recognises what you have already learnt from other courses, other life experiences, from work experience and from any other training provided at work and measures it against the competency standards and learning outcomes of the core units associated with AACDS qualifications.

If your experience is relevant, you may not have to complete part of the course or unit. It is important to apply for RPL before course enrolment if you think that you have already gained some experience that may be relevant to the AACDS qualification. The AACDS RPL process is structured to minimise time to the applicants and to provide adequate information, support and opportunities for participants to engage in the RPL process.

**There are three types of RPL available to applicants:**

1. **Skills Recognition**

Skills Recognition is the recognition of the current practice of dermal therapies and/or cosmetic injectable procedures in a cosmetic medical context. Skills Recognition may be suitable for applicants who can provide evidence of having at least two years current experience in:

* Patient consultation and skin analysis
* Clinical microdermabrasion
* Chemical peels
* Laser and light-based procedures
* Skin needling
* Cosmetic injectable procedures (applicable to Nurses only)

Skills Recognition involves the completion of all theory units via the AACDS Student Portal, though instead of completing the clinical competencies (hands-on practical skills) over the duration of two weeks for dermal therapies and/or four days for cosmetic injectables, candidates book a Skills Assessment in which each procedure is demonstrated to a qualified AACDS Trainer and Assessor. The AACDS Trainer and Assessor will make an assessment judgement based on your performance in all of the following areas:

* Patient communication/consultation
* Skin analysis and development of treatment plan
* Referral to other health or cosmetic professionals
* Infection prevention (including the use of an autoclave)
* Patient preparation
* Dosage (if applicable)
* Procedure technique
* Clinical endpoint(s)
* Written and photo documentation

The above will be reinforced by a series of oral questions to ensure the candidate holds the underpinning theoretical knowledge (eg. laser physics, dermatology, scope of practice).

A Skills Assessment will be completed at one of the AACDS Student Clinics (Melbourne, Perth, Sydney or Gold Coast). Skills Assessment within the student’s workplace may be an option and will be discussed during the pre-enrolment interview.

**To apply for Skills Recognition for any clinical/practical unit(s), you be will required to:**

1. Complete pages 3-4 of this form and submit with your online application
2. Your eligibility for Skills Recognition will be discussed during the pre-enrolment interview with a Course Coordinator
3. **Knowledge Recognition**

Knowledge Recognition is the recognition of prior learning from other courses, life skills and work experience. Knowledge Recognition is applied to the theory units of the AACDS course. Knowledge Recognition may be suitable for applicants who can provide evidence of having successfully completed formal qualifications/courses/units in a health or dermal field.

**To apply for Knowledge Recognition for any theory unit(s), you be will required to:**

1. Complete pages 3-4 of this form with the required evidence and submit with your online application
2. Your eligibility for Knowledge Recognition will be discussed in your pre-enrolment interview with a Course Coordinator
3. If the Knowledge Recognition process is approved by the Course Coordinator, the candidate will be required to sit an online pre-assessment test for the specific unit(s). The purpose of the assessment is to establish current knowledge level on the unit’s topic
4. Upon successful completion of the online pre-assessment test, additional assessments and/or knowledge evidence will be requested
5. If the candidate fails the online pre-assessment test, the Knowledge Recognition process will cease and the candidate will be advised to enroll in the unit(s).
6. **Credit Transfer**

Credit Transfer is applicable if the applicant has completed a unit(s) at another learning facility (eg. University or TAFE), which are identical to the competency standards and learning outcomes in the AACDS unit(s).

**To apply for Credit Transfer, you be will required to:**

1. Complete pages 3-4 of this form and submit with your online application
2. Provide evidence of completed courses/unit eg. Statement of Academic Record/Degree/diplomas etc.

**Fees Associated with RPL**

**Skills Recognition:** Skills Assessments are conducted on a one-to-one basis over a period of two to three days (dermal therapies) and/or one day (cosmetic injectables). The fee is 50% of the fee stated fee for the Dermal Science Practical Cluster and the Introduction to Cosmetic Injectables Training.

***Please note*:** If the candidate cannot demonstrate all required clinical competencies, additional training and assessment will be required. This will incur an additional fee and extend the duration of the Skills Assessment. An example of this may be using a dermatoscope to assess skin lesions.

**Knowledge Recognition:** The fee for Knowledge Recognition is 50% of the stated fee of the unit. If the applicant does not successfully compete the online pre-assessment test, the Knowledge Recognition fee can be transferred to full unit payment.

**Credit Transfer:** There is usually no fee associated with a Credit Transfer.

AACDS RPL Application Form

**Please complete this form and return to:**

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| Australasian Academy of Cosmetic Dermal Science  60 Stirling Street Perth, WA, 6000 | P O Box 8477  Perth Business Centre, WA, 6849 |
| Fax No: +61 8 9228 2769  🖰 enrolments@aacds.edu.au |  |

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| Title | Surname | Given Name(s) |
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**I wish to apply for RPL for the following units for the following course (please tick):**

**52850WA - Advanced Diploma of Cosmetic Dermal Science**

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|  | CDNAAP01 | Apply principles of anatomy and physiology to dermal therapies |
|  | CDNCAS01 | Apply communication and assessment strategies to patient consultation |
|  | CDNEFC02 | Evaluate the use and formulation of cosmeceuticals |
|  | CDNERT02 | Analyse epidermal resurfacing techniques |
|  | CDNMCP01 | Manage and promote the cosmetic practice |
|  | CDNPCM02 | Provide clinical microdermabrasion procedures in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNPCP02 | Provide chemical resurfacing procedures in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNPLT01 | Provide laser and light-based procedures in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNPPC02 | Analyse the principles of psychology in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNPSN02 | Provide skin needling procedures in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNSCP02 | Evaluate surgical and non-surgical cosmetic procedures |
|  | CDNTLBT02 | Analyse light-based therapies used in cosmetic medicine/ Laser Safety Certificate |
|  | HLTINF005 | Maintain infection prevention for skin penetration treatments (theory component) |

**52854WA - Graduate Diploma of Dermal Science**

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|  | CDNERT02 | Analyse epidermal resurfacing techniques |
|  | CDNLBT02 | Analyse light and energy-based therapies used in cosmetic medicine/ Laser Safety Certificate |
|  | CDNCAS01 | Apply communication and assessment strategies to patient consultation (theory component) |
|  | CDNPDD02 | Apply principles of dermatology and dermatoscopy to dermal therapies (theory component) |
|  | CDNEFC02 | Evaluate the use and formulation of cosmeceuticals |
|  | HLTINF005 | Maintain infection prevention for skin penetration treatments medicine (theory component) |
|  | CDNESP02 | Evaluate surgical cosmetic procedures |
|  | CDNMCP01 | Manage and promote the cosmetic practice |
|  | CDNIHD01 | Integrated health and dermatology for aesthetic practice |
|  | CDNPLT01 | Provide laser and light-based procedures in a cosmetic medical context |

**52854WA - Graduate Diploma of Dermal Science (cont.)**

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|  | CDNPCP02 | Provide chemical resurfacing procedures in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNPCM02 | Provide clinical microdermabrasion in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNPSN02 | Provide skin needling in a cosmetic medical context |
|  | CDNCAS01 | Apply communication and assessment strategies to patient consultation (practical component) |
|  | HLITINF005 | Maintain infection prevention for skin penetration treatments (practical component) |
|  | CDNPDD02 | Apply principles of dermatology and dermatoscopy to dermal therapies (practical component) |

**52852WA - Graduate Diploma of Cosmetic Nursing and Injectables**

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|  | CDNCAS01 | Apply communication and assessment strategies to patient consultation |
|  | CDNERT02 | Analyse epidermal resurfacing techniques |
|  | CDNLBT02 | Analyse light-based therapies used in cosmetic medicine and dermal therapies |
|  | CDNEFC02 | Evaluate the use and formulation of cosmeceuticals |
|  | CDNIHD01 | Integrate health and dermatology for aesthetic practice (pending unit accreditation) |
|  | CDNPDD02 | Apply principles of dermatology and dermatoscopy to dermal therapies |
|  | CDNEIP02 | Evaluate and perform cosmetic injectable procedures |
|  | CDNESP02 | Evaluate cosmetic surgical procedures |
|  | HLTINF005 | Maintain infection prevention for skin penetration treatments (Theory component) |

**Evidence to be attached**

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|  |  | I have evidence of having two or more years current experience in dermal therapies and/or cosmetic injectables. Please attach letters from employers or any other relevant evidence. |

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|  |  | I have evidence of having successfully completed courses/units/qualifications in the field of dermal therapies and/or health, which may have the same learning outcomes as the unit(s) I’ve specified. Please attach Statement of Attainment or Academic Transcript etc. |

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once the Course Coordinator has assessed this application form, your RPL status will be discussed with you during your pre-enrolment interview.