

## FACULTY OF THE PROFESSIONS GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES 2007

### *Master of Accounting and Finance*

#### Knowledge

- 1) Knowledge and understanding covering the breadth of the discipline of finance and accounting, leading to the ability to competently analyse the management and governance of organisations that interface with securities markets, analyse financial instruments and world financial markets at an advanced level that is internationally recognized

Specifically, the program will:

- 2) Provide knowledge and understanding of issues associated with pricing and trading financial instruments in equity, fixed income and derivatives markets, along with the application of accounting methods and business systems
- 3) Provide the ability to formulate and test trading strategies along with an understanding of how to benchmark and manage diversified funds. Provide an ability to contribute to financial planning, control and performance measurements within organisations
- 4) Knowledge of the key factors involved in determining investment policy statements suitable for clients with differing investment profiles.
- 5) Provide knowledge of potential responsibility as a practicing member of a professional accounting body, along with information regarding the ethical issues faced by those who advise and provide services to clients or management

#### Skills

- 1) High level critical thinking and problem solving skills
- 2) Ability to evaluate and synthesise information and existing knowledge from a number of sources and experiences
- 3) Ability to appreciate the changing knowledge base of the finance profession and to respond to the demand for change
- 4) Capacity to engage with current issues of significance in commerce and government
- 5) Ability to integrate accounting, finance, marketing and management skills so as to find progressive solutions for challenges of today's businesses and societies
- 6) Capacity to apply finance theory to respond to demands of the respective practice
- 7) Ability to recognize the limits of the professional discipline and a capacity to identify, develop and apply alternative methods to coincide diverging interests
- 8) Capacity to design and construct a logically compelling management report
- 9) Capacity to participate in teamwork
- 10) High level oral communication skills
- 11) High level written communication skills
- 12) The capacity to engage in life-long learning

#### Attitudes and Values

- 1) A commitment to high levels of academic scholarship
- 2) A commitment to business ethics and an appreciation of social justice through organisations that pursue good governance and conform to legal and professional standards and societies norms
- 3) An appreciation of cultural diversity and sensitivity to the operation of commerce in this context