



香港學術及職業資歷評審局
Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of
Academic & Vocational Qualifications

SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

TUNG WAH COLLEGE

LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN NURSING

AND

CERTIFICATE IN ENDOSCOPY CARE

APRIL 2024

1. Terms of Reference

1.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: AA942), the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), in the capacity of the Accreditation Authority as provided for under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (AAVQO) (Cap. 592), was commissioned by Tung Wah College to conduct a learning programme re-accreditation with the following Terms of Reference:

- (a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in the AAVQO to determine whether the Higher Diploma in Nursing programme and Certificate in Endoscopy Care programme of Tung Wah College (TWC/the Operator) meet the stated objectives and Qualifications Framework (QF) standards and can continue to be offered as accredited programmes; and
- (b) To issue to the Operator an accreditation report setting out the results of the determination in relation to (a) by HKCAAVQ.

2. HKCAAVQ'S Determination

2.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that, subject to the fulfilment of and compliance with the restriction set out below, the Higher Diploma in Nursing (HD(N)) programme meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 4 and can continue to be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period of four years.

2.2 HKCAAVQ has determined that the Certificate in Endoscopy Care (Cert(EC)) programme meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 3 and can continue to be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period of four years.

2.3 Validity Period

2.3.1 The validity period will commence on the date specified below. Operators may apply to HKCAAVQ to vary the commencement date of the validity period. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2.4 The determinations on the programmes are specified as follows:

Name of Operator	Tung Wah College 東華學院	
Name of Award Granting Body	Tung Wah College 東華學院	
Title of Learning Programme	Higher Diploma in Nursing 護理學高級文憑	Certificate in Endoscopy Care 內視鏡檢查照護證書
Title of Qualification (Exit Award)	Higher Diploma in Nursing 護理學高級文憑	Certificate in Endoscopy Care 內視鏡檢查照護證書
Primary Area of Study and Training	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)	Nursing	Health Care
Other Area of Study and Training	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)	Not applicable	Not applicable
QF Level	Level 4	Level 3
QF Credits	469	25
Mode of Delivery and Programme Length	Full-time, 2 years	Part-time, 5 months
Start Date of Validity Period	1 September 2024	1 October 2024
End Date of Validity Period	31 August 2028	30 September 2028
Number of Enrolment	One enrolment per year	Two enrolments per year
Maximum Number of New Students	Year 1 Entry – 250 per year	30 per enrolment
Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Address of Teaching / Training Venue(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. King's Park Campus Ma Kam Chan Memorial Building, 31 Wylie Road, Homantin, Hong Kong 2. Mongkok Campus Cheung Kung Hai Memorial Building, 90A, and Cheung Chin Lan Hong Building, 98, Shantung Street, Mongkok, Hong Kong 3. Kwai Hing Campus 16/F, Tower 2, Kowloon Commerce Centre, 51 Kwai Cheong Road, Kwai Chung, Hong Kong
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2.5 Restriction

HD(N)

2.5.1 The Operator is to ensure that:

- (i) all student intakes of the Higher Diploma in Nursing programme within the validity period as approved by HKCAAVQ are covered by the professional recognition of the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK); and

- (ii) prospective students of the Higher Diploma in Nursing programme are informed of the professional recognition status of the NCHK if the corresponding re-accreditation process is still in progress when the students are enrolled.

In addition to its obligation of compliance with the restriction throughout the validity period, the Operator is to submit relevant evidence to HKCAAVQ **upon receipt of the approval by the NCHK** for the fulfilment of restriction (i).

2.6 Recommendations

HKCAAVQ also offers the following recommendations for continuous improvement of the programmes.

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- 2.6.1 The Operator should further enhance and expand its learning and teaching resources including physical space, in line with its plan to increase the student intake numbers, for better student learning experience.
- 2.6.2 The Operator should review and revise the quorum of the School Advisory Group to ensure external input/feedback would be thoroughly incorporated in the programme development, monitoring and review processes.
- 2.6.3 The Operator should ensure the involvement of External Examiner(s) (EE(s)) in the evaluation of the clinical practicum.
- 2.7 HKCAAVQ will subsequently satisfy itself whether the Operator remains competent to achieve the relevant objectives and the Programme continues to meet the standard to achieve the relevant objectives as claimed by the Operator by reference to, amongst other things, the Operator's fulfilment of any conditions and compliance with any restrictions stipulated in this Accreditation Report. For the avoidance of doubt, maintenance of accreditation status is subject to fulfilment of any condition and compliance with any restriction stipulated in this Accreditation Report.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 TWC was incorporated in 2010 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and operates independently as a self-financing institution. TWC underwent an Institutional Review (IR) by HKCAAVQ in September 2010, and was successfully registered under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320) to offer bachelor degree programmes from the 2011/12 academic year (AY) onwards.
- 3.2 TWC is currently operating 12 Bachelor Degree programmes, two Advanced Certificate programmes at QF Level 5, four Higher Diploma programmes, one Diploma programme and one Certificate programme at QF Level 3. In addition, TWC also has a PAA status under the programme area "Occupational Therapy" at QF Level 5.

- 3.3 The Learning Programme Re-accreditation exercise was conducted according to the relevant accreditation guidelines referred to in the Service Agreement and the Terms of Reference stated therein. A site visit took place at TWC's King's Park campus on 22 – 23 February 2024.

4. Programmes Details

The following programme information is provided by the operator.

4.1 Programme Objectives

HD(N)

- To develop student's competence in health promotion, maintenance and restoration, and prevention of illness through the delivery of primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare in hospital and community settings;
- To develop student's competence in providing safe, ethical, and effective quality of care, and equip them with effective communication skills for the delivery of individualised care, facilitation of teamwork, and day-to-day clinical care in various healthcare settings;
- To develop student's understanding of psychosocial, cultural and environmental dimensions of health and illness;
- To equip student with critical, creative and analytical problem-solving skills; and
- To develop student's generic attributes for their all-roundness.

Cert(EC)

- To develop the knowledge and skills of students on endoscopic procedures for assisting nurses and doctors in endoscopy care.

4.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

HD(N)

Upon completion of the programme, students should be able to:

PILO 1	Demonstrate empathy and compassion in the provision of competent, safe and ethical care for people in need;
PILO 2	Establish collaborative and therapeutic relationships to provide individualised care through health assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation;
PILO 3	Promote and support lifestyle choices that enhance the health and well-being of individuals, families and the community;
PILO 4	Apply critical and creative thinking and analytic skills in decision making for day-to-day clinical care settings;
PILO 5	Demonstrate effective skills in communicating with people in need and members of the healthcare team;
PILO 6	Distinguish the inter-relationships between health and bio-psychosocial, cultural and environmental factors;
PILO 7	Deliver care based on scientific evidence and appropriate technology;
PILO 8	Appreciate the community value of non-profit organisations in terms of their mission, culture and overall impact and significance in Hong Kong; and
PILO 9	Foster professional and personal development.

Cert(EC)

Upon completion of the programme, students should be able to:

PILO 1	Describe the purposes, function and complications of various endoscopic procedures;
PILO 2	Perform the maintenance, preparation and after care of various types of endoscopes;
PILO 3	Identify the indications of various types of endoscopy;
PILO 4	Assist in endoscopic procedures for diagnosis and treatment of related diseases;
PILO 5	Perform infection control measures in endoscopy care;
PILO 6	Demonstrate skills to take care of clients before, during and after endoscopic procedures;
PILO 7	Handle client's specimen appropriately; and
PILO 8	Outline the settings and day-to-day functioning of endoscopy unit/centre.

4.3 Programme Structure

HD(N)

Component	No. of Course	TWC Credit	QF Credits	% of Curriculum
Discipline Core Courses	17	51	229.5	89.5%
Practicum Courses	3	26	200	
Required Language and General Education Courses	3	9	39.6	10.5%
Total	23	86	469	100%

Cert(EC)

The programme is a five-month part-time programme consisting of only one course, namely *Endoscopy Care*. The course has a total of 248.5 notional learning hours including 46.5 hours of classroom and laboratory teaching, three hours of written examination and laboratory practical assessment, 80 hours of clinical practicum, and 119 hours of self-study.

4.4 Graduation Requirements

HD(N)

To be considered for the award, a student should have:

- (a) Completed the minimum required credit units as prescribed for the Programme with a graduation Grade Point Average (gGPA) of at least 2.0;
- (b) Achieved Grade Point Average (GPA) of 1.0 or above in all courses in the programme;
- (c) Completed all clinical practicums in the Programme with satisfactory performance; and
- (d) Completed the 30 hours of Community Services Programme.

Cert(EC)

To be considered for the award, a student should have:

- (a) Passed the written examination; and
- (b) Passed the laboratory practical assessment; and
- (c) Obtained a satisfactory result for the practicum.

4.5 Admission Requirements

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- (a) Having attained the age of 18 or above by the time the Programme commences; and
- (b) A Hong Kong permanent resident with the right of abode in Hong Kong; and
- (c)
 - (i) Having attained Level 2 or above in five subjects*, including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and any two other subjects in Categories A and B in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination for applicants with HKDSE results, or equivalent; or
 - (ii) Having completed a qualification at QF Level 3 comparable to the qualification mentioned in point (c)(i), such as Diploma Yi Jin or Diploma of Foundation Studies in a relevant discipline; or

* If one of the five HKDSE subjects is Citizenship and Social Development subject, the minimum entrance requirement would become "Attained" for Citizenship and Social Development subject and Level 2 in four other HKDSE subjects including Chinese and English. Besides, Level 2 in Mathematics Extended Part (Module 1 or Module 2) is also recognised as one of the five HKDSE subjects in fulfilling the minimum entrance requirement.

For applicants with Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) results:

- (iii) Having completed secondary school Form 5 education in Hong Kong, or equivalent; and

- (d) Fluent in Cantonese and proficient in written Chinese and English.

Remark:

The qualification must have fulfilled the minimum entry requirements for training of Enrolled Nurses as set by the NCHK.

Cert(EC)

- (a) Aged 18 or above; and
- (b) Have completed Form 6 in secondary education (HKDSE); or
- (c) Have completed Form 5 in secondary education (leading to HKCEE); or
- (d) Possess an equivalent qualification that is recognised by the Education Bureau.

4.6 Teaching and Learning Activities

HD(N)

The medium of instruction for the programme is English except for the course “*Applied Chinese Language*”. The programme adopts a range of learning and teaching modes including lectures, seminars, tutorials and laboratory sessions. Also, students are required to complete 1,600 hours of clinical practicum.

Cert(EC)

The medium of instruction for the programme is Chinese (Cantonese). The programme adopts a range of learning and teaching methods including lectures and laboratory sessions. Also, students are required to complete 80 hours of clinical practicum.

4.7 Learner Support Services

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TWC provides students with sufficient opportunities to reserve specialised facilities for self-practice purposes. The Student Affairs Office of TWC also provides various co-curricular/extra-curricular programmes and activities to address the needs of students, including support for students' well-being.

5. Important Information Regarding this Accreditation Report

5.1 Variation and withdrawal of this Accreditation Report

5.1.1 This Accreditation Report is issued pursuant to section 5 of the AAVQO, and contains HKCAAVQ's substantive determination regarding the accreditation, including the validity period as well as any conditions and restrictions subject to which the determination is to have effect.

5.1.2 HKCAAVQ may subsequently decide to vary or withdraw this Accreditation Report if it is satisfied that any of the grounds set out in section 5(2) of the AAVQO apply. This includes where HKCAAVQ is satisfied that the Operator is no longer competent to achieve the relevant objectives and/or the Programme no longer meets the standard to achieve the relevant objectives as claimed by the Operator (whether by reference to the Operator's failure to fulfil any conditions and/or comply with any restrictions stipulated in this Accreditation Report or otherwise) or where at any time during the validity period there has/have been substantial change(s) introduced by the Operator after HKCAAVQ has issued the accreditation report(s) to the Operator and which has/have not been approved by HKCAAVQ. Please refer to the '*Guidance Notes on Substantial Change to Accreditation Status*' in seeking approval for proposed changes. These Guidance Notes can be downloaded from the HKCAAVQ website.

5.1.3 If HKCAAVQ decides to vary or withdraw this Accreditation Report, it will give the Operator notice of such variation or withdrawal pursuant to section 5(4) of the AAVQO.

5.1.4 The accreditation status of Operator and/or Programme will lapse immediately upon the expiry of the validity period or upon the issuance of a notice of withdrawal of this Accreditation Report.

5.2 Appeals

5.2.1 If the Operator is aggrieved by the determination made in this Accreditation Report, then pursuant to Part 3 of the AAVQO the Operator has a right of appeal to the Appeal Board. Any appeal must be lodged within 30 days of the receipt of this Accreditation Report.

5.2.2 If the Operator is aggrieved by a decision to vary or withdraw this Accreditation Report, then pursuant to Part 3 of the AAVQO the Operator has a right of appeal to the Appeal Board. Any appeal must be lodged within 30 days of the receipt of the Notice of Withdrawal.

5.2.3 The Operator should be aware that a notice of variation or withdrawal of this Accreditation Report is not itself an accreditation report and the right to appeal against HKCAAVQ's substantive determination regarding accreditation arises only from this Accreditation Report.

5.2.4 Please refer to Cap. 592A (<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk>) for the appeal rules. Details of the appeal procedure are contained in section 13 of the AAVQO and can be accessed from the QF website at <https://www.hkqf.gov.hk>.

5.3 Qualifications Register

5.3.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register ("QR") at <https://www.hkqr.gov.hk> for recognition under the QF. The Operator should apply separately to have their quality-assured qualifications entered into the QR.

5.3.2 Only learners who commence the study of the named accredited learning programme during the validity period and who have graduated with the named qualification listed in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

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