



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

PROGRAMME AREA ACCREDITATION

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

APRIL 2020

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) is a charitable organisation with over 200 service centres in Hong Kong, offering medical and health, education and community services. In 2005, TWGHs joined forces with The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) to establish The Chinese University of Hong Kong – Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College (CUTW) to offer a range of Pre-Associate and Associate Degree (AD) programmes leading to awards conferred by the CUHK. With the experience gained from operating CUTW and Associate Degree programmes, TWGHs decided to establish a separate legal entity, Tung Wah College (the College) to offer self-financed bachelor degree programmes. 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 onwards. The College is currently operating 17 HKCAAVQ-accredited programmes at bachelor and sub-degree levels.
- 1.2 TWC commissioned HKCAAVQ to conduct a Programme Area Accreditation (PAA) for the proposed programme area of “Occupational Therapy” at QF Level 5 hosted by its School of Medical and Health Sciences.
- 1.3 The 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 on 8 to 9 January 2020.

2. Terms of Reference

- 2.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: AA563), 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 Programme Area Accreditation (PAA) with the following Terms of Reference:
 - (a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in the AAVQO to determine whether Tung Wah College (the Operator) can be granted the Programme Area Accreditation (PAA) status for the

Programme Area (as listed under the Specifications of the Programme Area undergoing PAA) for a specified validity period; and

- (b) To issue to the Operator an accreditation report setting out the results of the determination in relation to (a) by HKCAAVQ.

2.2 Specifications of the Programme Area undergoing PAA

Area of Study and Training	Programme Area	QF Level
Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	Occupational Therapy	5

3. HKCAAVQ's Determination

- 3.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that TWC can be granted the PAA status for the programme area of "Occupational Therapy" at QF Level 5 under the Area of Study and Training "Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences" with a validity period of five years.

The Operator granted the PAA status is considered as meeting the HKCAAVQ accreditation standards of Institutional Domain and Programme Area Domain of the PAA. The Operator has the institutional competencies to develop programmes meeting its strategic objectives. The Operator has robust and internal processes to ensure the development and operation of learning programmes under the approved programme areas are aligned and managed in accordance with its institutional development plan, and that its learning programmes meet the stated objectives and QF standards.

3.2 Validity Period

- 3.2.1 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.

3.3 The determinations on the PAA status are specified as follows:

Name of Operator	Tung Wah College 東華學院
Address of Operator	31 Wylie Road, Homantin, Kowloon
Name of Award Granting Body	Tung Wah College 東華學院
Area of Study and Training	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
Sub-area	Occupational Therapy
Programme Area and Scope of Programme Area	<u>Occupational Therapy</u> Study and training in Occupational Therapy theories and clinical applications to maximise functional performance in occupation that promotes health and well-being of people across lifespan.
QF Level	Level 5
Start Date of Validity Period	1 September 2020
End Date of Validity Period	31 August 2025
Address of Teaching / Training Venue(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. King's Park Campus, 31 Wylie Road, Homantin, Kowloon 2. Mongkok Campus, 90A & 98, Shantung Street, Mongkok, Kowloon 3. Kwai Hing Campus, 16/F, Tower B, Kowloon Commerce Centre, Kwai Hing, Kowloon

3.4 Recommendations pertaining to Institutional Domains

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

- 3.4.1 The College should consider documenting more explicitly the ways in which independence between the Board of Governors and College Council would be formally reinforced within different membership categories.
- 3.4.2 The College should ensure a more thorough understanding of the existing and potential threats to the achievement of strategic objectives can be reflected in relevant analyses and documentations contributing to its future strategic planning processes.
- 3.4.3 The College should consider further enhancing the Peer Review system for evaluating academic staff's teaching performance by involving a wider scope of internal and/or external stakeholders as potential reviewers.

3.5 Recommendations pertaining to Programme Area Domains

HKCAAVQ also offers the following recommendations for continuous improvement of the Programme Area.

- 3.5.1 The College should continuously monitor the current and projected pressure on physical, human and financial resources to ensure all programmes under the proposed area of Occupational Therapy would be implemented successfully in the long-run.
- 3.5.2 The College should further develop and secure other possible sources of Supervised Practicum arrangements for students to be enrolled in the two proposed Professional Certificate programmes, so as to ensure that the provision of practical learning experience is congruent to the characteristics of learners in the programmes.
- 3.5.3 The College should explore further ways to benchmark its academic staff workload distribution with other similar institutions, so as to ascertain the appropriate balance between staff workload in research and other duties in order to support the College's realisation of its primary goals and future aspirations.

3.6 HKCAAVQ will subsequently satisfy itself whether the Operator remains competent 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.

4. Important Information Regarding this Accreditation Report

4.1 Variation and withdrawal of this Accreditation Report

4.1.1 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.

4.1.2 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.

4.1.3 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.

4.1.4 The accreditation status of the programme area will lapse immediately upon the expiry of the validity period or upon the issuance of a notice of withdrawal of this Accreditation Report.

4.2 Appeals

- 4.2.1 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.
- 4.2.2 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.
- 4.2.3 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.
- 4.2.4 Please refer to Cap. 592A (<http://www.legislation.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 <http://www.hkqf.gov.hk>.

4.3 Qualifications Register

- 4.3.1 The PAA status as defined by the approved programme area(s) will enable the Operator to offer programmes up to the QF level specified for the approved programme area(s) without prior learning programme accreditation. The programmes offered by the Operator up to the QF level specified for the approved programme area(s) are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register (QR). All other programmes offered by the named Operator falling outside the approved programme area(s) and which have not obtained accreditation status will not be considered as accredited programmes.
- 4.3.2 Upon completion of relevant procedures by Operators as determined by the QR Authority, Operators may enter the qualifications covered within the scope of the PAA status into the QR at <http://www.hkqr.gov.hk> for recognition under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (QF).
- 4.3.3 Only learners who commence the study of a qualification covered within the scope of the PAA status during the validity period and who have graduated with the qualification listed in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

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