



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

**SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT**

**THE SCHOOL OF NURSING, HONG KONG  
SANATORIUM & HOSPITAL**

**LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION**

**HIGHER DIPLOMA IN NURSING (ENROLLED NURSE –  
GENERAL) PROGRAMME**

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

## 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: VA1114), 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 (Cap 592) (AAVQO), was commissioned by The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (“Operator”), a department of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital Limited to conduct a Learning Programme Re-accreditation (re-LPA) Exercise with the following Terms of Reference:

(a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in AAVQO to determine whether the programme of the The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (the Operator) meet the stated objectives and Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF, or in short QF) Level 4 standard and can continue to be offered as accredited programme:

(i) Higher Diploma in Nursing (Enrolled Nurse – General) Programme;

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

1.2 The accreditation exercise was conducted according to the relevant accreditation guidelines referred to in the Service Agreement. The Education Bureau’s *“Updated Revised Common Descriptors for Associate Degree and Higher Diploma Programmes under the New Academic Structure”* was also a guiding document used by the Panel and the Operator in conducting this exercise for the Higher Diploma programme. A videoconference with a virtual site tour took place on 13 August 2020.

## 2. HKCAAVQ’S DETERMINATION

### **Learning Programme Re-accreditation**

2.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that, the Higher Diploma in Nursing (Enrolled Nurse – General) Programme meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 4, and can be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period from 1 September 2021 to 15 January 2026.

### 2.2 **Validity Period**

2.2.1 The validity period will, commence on the date specified below.

2.2.2 The maintenance of the accreditation status within the specified validity period is subject to the fulfilment of all requirements set out in 2.4 by the specified fulfilment deadline.

2.3 The determinations on the Learning Programme Re-accreditation are specified as follows:

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital 香港養和醫院護士學校
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital 香港養和醫院護士學校
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Higher Diploma in Nursing (Enrolled Nurse – General) Programme 護理學高級文憑（登記護士 - 普通科）課程
<b>Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))</b>	Higher Diploma in Nursing (Enrolled Nurse – General) 護理學高級文憑（登記護士 - 普通科）
<b>Primary Area of Study and Training</b>	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
<b>Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)</b>	Nursing
<b>Other Area of Study and Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Industry</b>	Not applicable
<b>Branch</b>	Not applicable
<b>QF Level</b>	Level 4
<b>QF Credits</b>	465
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Full-time, 2 years 4,645 notional learning hours (including 2,856 contact hours)
<b>Intermediate Exit Award(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Validity Period</b>	1 September 2021 to 15 January 2026
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	One enrolment per year

<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	Maximum of 110 learners per year; Maximum of 1 class per year
<b>Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies-based Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Vocational Qualifications Pathway Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Notes to be indicated on the QR</b>	This programme includes Clinical Practicum for 200 QF credits to be conducted in 50 weeks. 此課程包括 50 星期的實習，佔 200 資歷學分。
<b>Address of Teaching/ Training Venue(s)</b>	(1) 11/F, One Island South, 2 Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong. 香港黃竹坑香葉道 2 號 One Island South 11 樓  (2) Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, 2 Village Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong. 香港跑馬地山村道 2 號養和醫院

2.4 **Condition(s) (including pre-conditions for obtaining the HKCAAVQ accreditation status as applied for within the validity period as specified in the above table; and requirements for maintenance of the accreditation status within the validity period)**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Date of Fulfilment</b>
The Operator is to provide approval documents from the Nursing Council of Hong Kong to demonstrate that the programme has been re-accredited for the purpose of enrolment under the Nurse Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164).  The Operator is to submit the documents to HKCAAVQ on or before 31 December 2024.	31 December 2024

## 2.5 Recommendations

HKCAAVQ offers the following recommendation(s) for continuous improvement.

Recommendations
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Operator should revise the wordings of the programme intended learning outcome “<i>demonstrate a strong sense of social responsibility and civic values, a passion in pursuing creativity and innovation, and a spirit of lifelong learning</i>” to better reflect the expected performance requirements of the students and to align with the QF Level 4 standards.</li><li>2. The Operator should appoint additional External Examiners in order to solicit more external inputs.</li><li>3. The Operator should compile information regarding the programme implementation and results from different quality assurance measures in an annual report to facilitate a comprehensive review of the learning programmes and identification of improvement actions.</li></ol>

2.6 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

Established in 1927, the School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is committed to ensuring a steady supply of qualified and professional nurses to meet the manpower requirements of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital.

## 4. PROGRAMME DETAILS

The following is the programme information provided by the Operator.

#### 4.1 Programme Objectives

The objectives of the programme are to (1) prepare students with the necessary generic academic and nursing professional specific knowledge and skills at Higher Diploma Enrolled Nurse level via the blending of theoretical knowledge and practical application; and (2) equip students with the essential knowledge and skills for enrolment with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK) as Enrolled Nurses (General).

#### 4.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

- PILO-1. Demonstrate ability in acquiring knowledge for continuous personal and professional development;
- PILO-2. Communicate effectively with individuals, families, groups and the community;
- PILO-3. Provide safe, professional and quality client-oriented care to clients in collaboration with other healthcare team members;
- PILO-4. Provide health education and promotion to individuals, families and the community;
- PILO-5. Acquire the essential knowledge and skills for enrolment with the NCHK as Enrolled Nurses (General):
  - 5.1 practise in accordance with legislations, common laws, policies, procedures and ethical principles affecting nursing;
  - 5.2 provide quality client-oriented care through contributing to health assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care in collaboration with the registered nurse and other health care team members;
  - 5.3 contribute to quality and risk management;
  - 5.4 restore and promote health in collaboration with other health care team members;
  - 5.5 maintain own physical, mental and emotional well-being;
  - 5.6 assume responsibility for own actions and remain accountable in providing delegated nursing care within the scope of Enrolled Nurse practice;
  - 5.7 appreciate research findings and evidence-based practice;
  - 5.8 work harmoniously and cohesively with all health care team members to achieve effective health care outcome;
  - 5.9 acquire solid foundation of generic skills, including language, information technology, interpersonal communication, quantitative and analytical skills, as well as the ability to learn;
  - 5.10 evaluate different appropriate approaches critically to solve problems in nursing and to propose solution;
  - 5.11 gain theoretical foundation upon which further study at the level of bachelor degree in nursing can be built;
  - 5.12 demonstrate a strong sense of social responsibility and civic values, a passion in pursuing creativity and innovation, and a spirit of lifelong learning; and
  - 5.13 appreciate the major socio-political, cultural and economic issues in local, national, regional and international contexts.

### 4.3 Programme Structure

<b>Subject</b>	<b>QF Credits</b>
Microbiology	
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	
English for Academic Purposes	
Chinese Language	
Fundamental of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	
Communication and Health Informatics	
Introduction of Alternative Medicine	
Introduction to Behavioural Science	
Concepts of Health and Health Care	
Professional Nursing Practices I	
Professional Nursing Practices II	
Specialty Nursing I	
Specialty Nursing II	
Foundations of Quality Improvement and Team Work	
General Nursing I	
General Nursing II	
General Nursing III	
Nursing Therapeutics I	
Nursing Therapeutics II	
Nursing Therapeutics III	
Nursing Therapeutics IV	
Clinical Practicum I	
Clinical Practicum II	
Clinical Practicum III	
Clinical Practicum IV	
<b>Total</b>	<b>465</b>

### 4.4 Graduation Requirements

A student must achieve 100% attendance rate, pass all subjects and achieve a graduation GPA of 2.0 or above in order to graduate from the programme.

### 4.5 Admission Requirements

- Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) with Level 2 or above in 5 subjects, including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and any two other subjects in Categories A and B in the HKDSE; or
- Satisfactory completion of a Degree / Associate Degree / Higher Diploma offered by a recognised institution; or

- Satisfactory progress in Degree / Associate Degree / Higher Diploma offered by a recognised institution; or
- Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE);
- Non-local examination results which are assessed by HKCAAVQ that are equivalent to HKDSE or HKCEE; and
- Meeting the minimum entry requirements for training of Enrolled Nurses as stipulated by NCHK.

## **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 the 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 Variation or 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 ([www.elegislation.gov.hk](http://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: [www.hkqf.gov.hk](http://www.hkqf.gov.hk).

### 5.3 **Qualifications Register**

- 5.3.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the QR at [www.hkqr.gov.hk](http://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.

