



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 ACCREDITATION

PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN NURSING

AUGUST 2021

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: VA1258), 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 Accreditation (LPA) Exercise with the following Terms of Reference:
- (a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in the AAVQO to determine whether the programme of the Operator meets the stated objectives and Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF, or in short QF) Level 5 standard and can be offered as an accredited programme:
 - (i) Professional Diploma in Nursing; and
 - (b) To issue to the Operator an accreditation report 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. A site visit and videoconference between the accreditation panel and representatives of the Operator for selected session took place on 21 July 2021.

2. HKCAAVQ'S DETERMINATION

Learning Programme Accreditation

- 2.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that, the Professional Diploma in Nursing meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 5, and can be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 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 Accreditation are specified as follows:

Name of Operator(s)	The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital 香港養和醫院護士學校
Name of Award Granting Body	The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital 香港養和醫院護士學校
Title of Learning Programme	Professional Diploma in Nursing 護理學專業文憑
Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))	Professional Diploma in Nursing 護理學專業文憑
Primary Area of Study and Training	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)	Nursing
Other Area of Study and Training	Not applicable
Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
Branch	Not applicable
QF Level	Level 5
QF Credits	855
Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length	Full-time, 4 years (48 months) 8,550 notional learning hours (including 3,650 contact hours)
Intermediate Exit Award(s)	Not applicable
Validity Period	1 September 2021 to 31 August 2026
Number of Enrolment(s)	One enrolment per year
Maximum Number of New Students	Maximum of 60 learners per class; Maximum of 1 class per year

Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies-based Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Vocational Qualifications Pathway Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Notes to be indicated on the QR	This programme includes Clinical Practicum for 1,820 hours to be conducted in 52 weeks. 此課程包括 52 星期的實習，佔 1,820 小時。
Address of Teaching/ Training Venue(s)	(1) The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, 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 香港養和醫院護士學校 (2) Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, 2 Village Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong. 香港跑馬地山村道 2 號香港養和醫院

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)**

Requirement	Date of Fulfilment
<p><u>Requirement 1</u></p> <p>The Operator is to provide approval document from the Nursing Council of Hong Kong to demonstrate that the Programme has been re-accredited for the purpose of registration under the Nurse Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164). The Operator is to submit the document(s) to HKCAAVQ on or before 29 February 2024.</p>	29 February 2024

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2.5 Recommendations

HKCAAVQ offers the following recommendations for continuous improvement

Recommendations
<p><u>Recommendation 1</u></p> <p>The Operator should prepare detailed descriptions and highlight the arrangement of learning activities of the Capstone Course so that students are fully conversant with the Capstone Course brief, expectations and requirements.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 2</u></p> <p>The Operator should closely monitor the workload and well-being of the students with supports as deemed necessary during their clinical practicums.</p>

- 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

- 3.1 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

- 4.1 Programme Objectives (POs)

The objectives of the programme are to:

- (1) prepare students with the necessary generic academic and specific nursing knowledge, skills and attitude at the Professional Diploma level through the blending of theoretical knowledge and practical application; and
- (2) equip students with the essential knowledge, skills and attitudes for registration with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK) as Registered Nurses (General).

4.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs)

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

- PILO-1. Demonstrate ability in acquiring knowledge and establish theoretical foundation for pursuing further academic and/or professional study for personal and professional development.
- PILO-2. Develop a strong sense of social responsibility and civic values, a passion in pursuing creativity, innovation, and a spirit of lifelong learning.
- PILO-3. Appreciate the major socio-political, cultural, and economic issues affecting health and health care in the local, national, regional and international contexts.
- PILO-4. Apply and integrate biological sciences knowledge and utilise information technology for acquiring and analysing information to effect positive health outcomes for the individuals and populations.
- PILO-5. Utilise advanced nursing knowledge, principles and clinical excellence to ensure safe practices and holistic care for the patients.
- PILO-6. Acquire the core competencies for registration with NCHK as Registered Nurses (General):
 - 6.1 Proficiency in applying nursing theories, evidence-based nursing knowledge, problem solving skills and therapeutic techniques to perform professional nursing duties safely, legally, ethically and effectively.
 - 6.2 Ability to work in partnership with other health care providers, clients, families and the community in preventing illness, promoting and protecting the health of the individual and society.
 - 6.3 Possession of effective managerial and leadership skills in the provision of quality nursing care.
 - 6.4 Ability to initiate and implement change conducive to the improvement of health care provision.

- 6.5 Ability to contribute to health care policy formulation when working in partnership with other health care team members and community sectors.
- 6.6 Ability to assess and manage risk including occupational safety and health of clients and colleagues.
- 6.7 Ability to assess and manage crises.
- 6.8 Ability to apply the knowledge and skills in nursing research in different health care settings and in the community.
- 6.9 Ability to collect, analyse, interpret and use research data to improve nursing and health care practices.
- 6.10 Ability to maintain own physical, mental and emotional well-being.
- 6.11 Ability to develop and maintain nursing as a profession and maintain one's status as a professional registered nurse.

4.3 Programme Structure

Module	Subject	QF Credits
HKSH4101	Academic English	10
HKSH5101	Foundations of Nursing I	30
HKSH5102	Life Sciences I	27
HKSH5103	Professional Communication I	5
HKSH5104	Foundations of Nursing II	30
HKSH5105	Health Education and Health Promotion	12.5
HKSH5106	Life Science II	27
HKSH5107	Behavioural Sciences	20
HKSH5108	Chinese Medicinal Nursing	10
HKSH5201	Care of Adult I	40
HKSH5202	Foundations of Nursing III	12
HKSH5203	Pharmacology I	5
HKSH5303	Gerontological Nursing	7.5
HKSH5205	Life Sciences III	27
HKSH5206	Pharmacology II	5
HKSH5207	Care of Adult II	40
HKSH5208	Care of Children and Adolescents	12.5
HKSH5209	Maternal and Infant Care	10
HKSH5210	Accident and Emergency Nursing	7.5
HKSH5211	Mental Health Nursing	10
HKSH5212	Public Health and Community Nursing	10
HKSH5301	Care of Adult III	20
HKSH5302	Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing	10

Module	Subject	QF Credits
HKSH5204	Professional Communication II	10
HKSH5304	Introduction to Nursing Research	10
HKSH5305	Oncology and Rehabilitative Nursing	10
HKSH5306	Professional Development in Nursing	10
HKSH5401	Capstone Course	48
HKSH5402	Evidence-based Practice	5
HKSH5403	Nursing Management	10
Subtotal (Theoretical)		491
HKSH_IA_M&S	Clinical Practicum IA	28
HKSH_IB_M&S	Clinical Practicum IB	28
HKSH_IIA_M&S	Clinical Practicum IIA	28
HKSH_IIB_PHC	Clinical Practicum IIB	14
HKSH_IIIA_A&E	Clinical Practicum IIIA	14
HKSH_IIIA_CNS	Clinical Practicum IIIA	14
HKSH_IIIA_MH	Clinical Practicum IIIA	14
HKSH_IIIA_M&S	Clinical Practicum IIIA	28
HKSH_IIIB_Geron	Clinical Practicum IIIB	14
HKSH_IIIB_M&S	Clinical Practicum IIIB	28
HKSH_IIIB_OBS	Clinical Practicum IIIB	14
HKSH_IIIB_Paed	Clinical Practicum IIIB	14
HKSH_IV_M&S	Clinical Practicum IV	126
Subtotal (Clinical)		364
Total		855

4.4 Graduation Requirements

The Programme contains 43 subjects (30 theoretical subjects and 13 clinical subjects). Student must pass all the subjects and achieve a graduation GPA of 2.0 or above in order to graduate from the Programme.

4.5 Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Programme must meet the NCHK's Minimum Entry Requirements for Training of Registered Nurses. The minimum entry requirements for the Programme are as follow:

- Applicants with Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) results:

- (a) The candidates must have a minimum of 5 subjects in HKCEE, or equivalent.
- (b) The 5 compulsory subjects required are:
- i) English Language (Syllabus B) at Grade D or above, or English Language (Syllabus A) at Grade B, or English Language at Level 3;
 - ii) Any one science subject from the following at Grade E or above; Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Mathematics, Physics;
 - iii) Any two other subjects at Grade E (or Level 2 for Chinese Language) or above;
Accommodation and Catering Services, Additional Mathematics, Biology, Buddhist Studies, Chemistry, Chinese History, Chinese Language, Chinese Literature, Commerce, Computer and Information Technology, Design and Technology, Design and Technology (Alternative Syllabus), Economics, Economics & Public Affairs, Electronics and Electricity, English Literature, French, Geography, Government and Public Affairs, Graphical Communication, History, Home Economics (Food, Home and Family), Human Biology, Integrated Humanities, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Principles of Accounts, Putonghua, Religious Studies, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Word Processing and Business Communication (English); and
 - iv) Any one other subject at Grade E or above.
- (c) Any one of the subjects listed in (b)(i) to (b)(iii) must be at Grade C (or Level 3 for English Language or Chinese Language) or above.
- Applicants with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) results:

The candidates must have a minimum of 5 subjects in HKDSE, or equivalent, or any recognised qualification above. The 5 compulsory subjects required are:
 - (a) 4 Core Subjects, with English Language and Chinese Language at Level 3 or above, and Mathematics and Liberal Studies at Level 2 or above; and
 - (b) 1 Elective Subject from Category A - New Senior Secondary Subjects at Level 2 or above.
 - Applicants with academic results of non-local examinations:

Candidates must verify the results with HKCAAVQ and show that the results are equivalent to the HKDSE or HKCE examination results.

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) for the appeal rules. Details of the appeal procedure are contained in section 13 of the AAVQO and can be accessed from the HKQF website at: www.hkqf.gov.hk.

5.3 **Qualifications Register**

- 5.3.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the QR at www.hkqf.gov.hk for recognition under the HKQF. 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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