



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

## **SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT**

**School of Nursing, Union Hospital**

**Learning Programme Re-accreditation**

**Higher Diploma in General Nursing (Enrolled Nurse)**

**September 2016**

This accreditation report is issued by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) in its capacity as the Accreditation Authority as provided for under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (Cap 592) (AAVQO). This report outlines the HKCAAVQ's determination, the validity period of the determination as well as any conditions or restrictions on the determination.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The School of Nursing, Union Hospital was established in 2007 with the objectives to develop competent and qualified nurse practitioners for diverse healthcare setting by providing nursing education that integrates theoretical fundamentals and clinical excellence.
- 1.2 Based on the Service Agreement, HKCAAVQ was commissioned by the School of Nursing, Union Hospital (仁安醫院護士訓練學校) (the Operator) to conduct a Learning Programme Re-Accreditation exercise to assess and determine whether the Higher Diploma in General Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) continues to achieve the stated objectives and meet the Qualifications Framework (QF) standard at QF Level 4.
- 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. The Education Bureau's "Updated Revised Common Descriptors for Associate Degree and Higher Diploma Programmes under the New Academic Structure" is also a guiding document used by the Panel and the Operator in conducting this validation exercise for the Higher Diploma programme. A site visit took place on 4 August 2016.

## 2. HKCAAVQ's Accreditation Determination

Having due consideration of the accreditation panel's observations and comments as presented in this Report, HKCAAVQ makes the following accreditation determination:

Approval

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	School of Nursing, Union Hospital 仁安醫院護士訓練學校
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	School of Nursing, Union Hospital 仁安醫院護士訓練學校
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Higher Diploma in General Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) 普通科護理高級文憑 (登記護士)
<b>Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))</b>	Higher Diploma in General Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) 普通科護理高級文憑 (登記護士)
<b>Primary Area of Study and Training</b>	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
<b>Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and</b>	Nursing

<b>Training)</b>	
<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>	497 (including 185 QF credits of clinical placement)
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Full-time, 2 years 4972 notional learning hours (including 2924 contact hours)
<b>Intermediate Exit Award(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Validity Period</b>	4 years 2 January 2017 to 1 January 2021
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	One enrolment per year
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	Maximum of 40 learners per class 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>Notes to be indicated on the QR</b>	This programme includes Clinical Placement for 185 QF credits to be conducted in 44 weeks. 此課程包括為期 44 星期的實習，佔 185 資歷學分。
<b>Address of Teaching/ Training Venue(s)</b>	Union Hospital, 18 Fu Kin Street, Tai Wai, Shatin, New Territories 新界沙田大圍富健街 18 號仁安醫院

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Date of Fulfilment</b>
1. The Operator is to provide an approval document from the Nursing Council of Hong Kong to demonstrate the programme has been re-accredited for the purpose of enrollment under the Nurses Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164). The Operator is to submit the	31 October 2019

document to HKCAAVQ on or before 31 October 2019.	
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### **Recommendations**

1. The Operator is recommended to evaluate the need of using English as the medium of instruction (MOI) during the programme review process and assess the feasibility in changing the MOI.
2. To better manage the workload of students, the Operator is recommended to consider adopting an integrated approach in planning the assessment for different modules of the programme.
3. The Operator is recommended to review the membership composition of the Quality Assurance Committee to ensure the effective functioning of its role in evaluating the standards of the programme.
4. To further enhance learning effectiveness, the Operator is recommended to review the roles of Clinical Supervisors and Clinical Assessors in providing mentoring to students and conducting skill assessments during clinical placements.
5. The Operator is recommended to review the policy on student records retention in order to provide the necessary documentary support to students after graduation.

### **3. Programme Details**

The following is the programme information provided by the Operator.

#### **3.1 Programme Objectives**

- Have acquired the essential knowledge and skills for enrolment with the Hong Kong Nursing Council as Enrolled Nurses (General Nursing);
- Provide safe, ethical, professional and quality client-oriented care in collaboration with and in support of the Registered Nurse and other health care team members;
- Contribute to health education and health promotion activities for individuals, families, groups and the community to prevent illness as well as to restore, maintain and promote health;
- Display appropriate professional attitudes and apply relevant ethical and legal principles in the practice of nursing;
- Have acquired competencies such as Chinese and English proficiency, Information Technology and numerical literacy; and developed effective communication skills, interpersonal skills and team working spirit for lifelong learning; and
- Demonstrate positive attitude towards continuous professional development and commitment to taking up roles of a nurse who excels in the profession.

### 3.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate understanding of the profession and its values, the concept of health, the biopsychosocial aspects of healthcare and the ability to practice basic nursing care;
- Possess the fundamental knowledge of pathophysiology, clinical microbiology and pharmacology and be prepared to take care of patients in clinical specialties;
- Develop creativity, critical thinking and problem solving abilities, apply health informatics to nursing care and demonstrate the abilities to take care of clients with various complex health needs; and
- Master appropriate nursing therapeutic techniques to provide care to clients require various levels of care and clients with different complexity of health needs unsupervised and demonstrate the ability to become a qualified enrolled nurse upholding professional ethics and professional conduct.

### 3.3 Programme Structure

Module Title	QF Credit
Applied Psychosocial Aspects of Healthcare I	
Human Biology I	
Concept of Health Related to Nursing	
Clinical Nursing Skills I	
Professional Nursing Practice I	
Introduction to Medical and Surgical Nursing	
Human Biology II	
English Language Studies	
Clinical Microbiology and Pharmacology	
Clinical Nursing Skills II	
Therapeutic Nursing I (Emergency Nursing I, Orthopaedic Nursing)	
Therapeutic Nursing II (Dietetics & Nutrition; Gastrointestinal Nursing)	
Creativity, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	
Therapeutic Nursing III (Nephrological and Urology Nursing; Endocrinological Nursing)	
Specialty Nursing I (Oncology Nursing; Gerontological Nursing)	
Maternal and Child Health Care	
Health Informatics	
Therapeutic Nursing IV (Cardiovascular Nursing; Haematological Nursing)	
Applied Psychosocial Aspects of Healthcare II	
基礎中國語文	
Therapeutic Nursing V (Respiratory Nursing; Emergency Nursing II; Reproductive Nursing)	
Therapeutic Nursing VI (Neurological Nursing; Ophthalmology; ENT Nursing)	
Specialty Nursing II (Mental Health Nursing; Community Health Nursing)	

Professional Nursing Practice II	
Clinical Placement I	
Clinical Placement II	
Clinical Placement III	
Clinical Placement IV	
<b>Total</b>	<b>497</b>

### 3.4 Graduation Requirements

- Obtain a cumulative GPA above 1.5;
- Obtain a pass in all mandatory assessments; and
- Achieve 90% attendance in both theoretical and practical modules.

### 3.5 Admission Requirements

- Possess Level 2 or above in 5 subjects, including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and any two other subjects in Categories A and B in Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education or equivalent; or
- Possess Grade E or above in 5 subjects, including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and any two other subjects in Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination or equivalent.

## 4. Appeal

4.1 If the Operator is aggrieved by the determination made in this accreditation report, then pursuant to Part 3 of the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (AAVQO) (Cap 592) 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. Please refer to Cap. 592A (<http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/home.htm>) 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>.

## 5. Substantial Change

5.1 The accreditation status of the learning programme(s) will lapse upon the expiry of the validity period or HKCAAVQ may withdraw the accreditation status at any time during the validity period if there are substantial changes made to the programme(s) that have not been approved by HKCAAVQ. Please refer to the '*Guidance Notes on Substantial Change to Accreditation Status*' in seeking approval for proposed changes. The Guidance Notes can be downloaded from the HKCAAVQ website.

## 6. Qualifications Register

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

- 6.2 Only learners who are admitted to the named accredited learning programme during the validity period and who have graduated with the named qualification uploaded in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

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