



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 EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

PROGRAMME AREA ACCREDITATION

FOR PSYCHOLOGY

AUGUST 2017

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 Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) is one of the eight publicly-funded tertiary institutions in Hong Kong. Founded in 1994 as an amalgamation of five teacher training colleges to become the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) and retitled to EdUHK in May 2016, the University is now composed of a Graduate School and three Faculties: the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Education and Human Development.
- 1.2 The University (HKIEd then) was granted self-accrediting status in 2004 for teacher education programmes at degree level and above. In 2009, it was supported by the Government to develop into an education-focused, research-strong and multi-disciplinary institution. Since then, a number of non-teacher education sub-degree, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes were externally accredited by HKCAAVQ.
- 1.3 EdUHK commissioned HKCAAVQ to conduct a Programme Area Accreditation (PAA) exercise for the programme area of Psychology. PAA comprises two levels of review (Institutional Review and Discipline Review). However in this exercise EdUHK was exempted from Institutional Review as it had been conducted within the last five years in its PAA exercise in April 2014. This exercise focused on the accreditation standards of Discipline Review.
- 1.4 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 20 and 21 July 2017.

2. HKCAAVQ's Accreditation Determination

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

2.2 EdUHK is considered as meeting the HKCAAVQ accreditation standards of the PAA. It has the institutional competencies to develop programmes meeting its strategic objectives. It has robust internal processes in place that ensure the development and operation of learning programmes under the approved programme area are aligned and managed in accordance with its institutional development plan, and its learning programmes meet the stated objectives and QF standards.

2.3 HKCAAVQ determines that EdUHK can be granted the PAA status for the programme area “Psychology” at QF Level 5 under the Area of Study and Training “Social Sciences” for a validity period of five years. The details are specified as follows:

Name of Operator	The Education University of Hong Kong 香港教育大學
Address of Operator	10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, New Territories
Name of Award Granting Body	The Education University of Hong Kong 香港教育大學
Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences
Sub-area	Social and Behavioural Sciences
Programme Area and Scope of Programme Area	Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study and training in psychology research skills (research methods and statistics for psychology) and knowledge across four core psychology subfield categories (biological bases of psychology, learning and cognition, developmental psychology, and sociocultural psychology) and their applications
QF Level	Level 5
Start Date of Validity Period	1 September 2017
End Date of Validity Period	31 August 2022

Address of Teaching / Training Venue(s)	10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, New Territories
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3. Substantial Change

- 3.1 Maintenance of the HKCAAVQ accreditation status during the validity period is subject to no substantial change being made without prior approval from HKCAAVQ.

4. Qualifications Register

- 4.1 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) at <http://www.hkqr.gov.hk>.
- 4.2 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 named qualification listed in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

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