



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

**SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF CITY UNIVERSITY AND  
UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG**

**LEARNING PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION  
BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

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 Formerly known as the College of Higher Vocational Studies (CHVS), CCCU was an academic unit within the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) between 1984 and 2003. In 2004, CCCU was established as a subsidiary of CityU, offering sub-degree programmes on a self-financing basis. CCCU offers a range of Associate Degree (AD) programmes in four areas: Applied Science and Technology, Business, Languages and Communication, and Social Sciences. It also runs a Diploma in General Studies and a number of preparatory courses for international language proficiency tests.
- 1.2 UOW was founded in 1951 when the then New South Wales University of Technology established a division at Wollongong. Ten years later, the division became a College of the University of New South Wales. In 1975, UOW became an autonomous institution. Originally established to provide tertiary education for engineers and metallurgists in the Australian steel industry, the University has since developed into a teaching and research institution. UOW conducts research in fields such as innovative materials, engineering and manufacturing, health and medical research, society, policy and culture, environmental sustainability, and information and mathematical sciences.
- 1.3 CCCU entered into a strategic alliance with UOW in November 2014. Under the strategic alliance, UOW would assume stewardship of CCCU with a transitional period of five years. During the transitional period, CCCU will continue to offer AD programmes, and will launch top-up degree programmes awarded by UOW. Currently, there are three accredited top-up degree programmes run by the partnership.
- 1.4 HKCAAVQ was commissioned by the Community College of City University (CCCU) and the University of Wollongong (UOW), jointly as the Operator, to conduct a programme accreditation exercise with the following Terms of Reference:

- (a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (AAVQO) to determine whether the following programme of the Operator meets the stated objectives and Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF) standard and can be offered as an accredited programme from the date as specified in the accreditation report, where appropriate;

Bachelor of Psychological Science  
NCR Registration No: 412766

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

- 1.5 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 30 November and 1 December 2017.

## 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:

### 2.1 Learning Programme Accreditation

- Approval

<b>Name of Local Operator</b>	Community College of City University 香港城市大學專上學院
<b>Name of non-local Operator</b>	University of Wollongong
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	University of Wollongong
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Bachelor of Psychological Science
<b>Title of Qualification [Exit Award]</b>	Bachelor of Psychological Science

<b>Primary Area of Study and Training</b>	Social Sciences
<b>Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)</b>	Social and Behavioural Sciences
<b>Other Area of Study and Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)</b>	Not applicable
<b>HKQF Level</b>	Level 5
<b>HKQF Credits</b>	159
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Full-time, 1 year
<b>Start Date of Validity Period</b>	1 September 2018
<b>End Date of Validity Period</b>	31 August 2022
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	One enrolment per year
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	50 per year
<b>Address of Teaching Venue</b>	Telford Annex, G/F, Telford Plaza, 33 Wai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon

### 2.1.1 Recommendations

The Operator should expand the resources available to support research to facilitate effective learning.

### 3. Programme Details

The following programme information is provided by the operator.

### 3.1 Programme Objectives

- Provide comprehensive training in the processes basic to human psychological functioning required for qualification as a professional psychologist. These include biological and social bases of behavior, cognition, learning, perception, social and organizational behavior, personality, abnormality and research and assessment tools.

### 3.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate a broad and coherent knowledge of core topics in the discipline of psychology, their applications, and ethical behaviour in research and professional contexts.
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of research methods, including an evaluation of the characteristics of the science of psychology/scientific method.
- Demonstrate an ability to apply research methods to address psychological questions related to behaviour and mental processes.
- Write standard research reports and orally present information in various formats.
- Exhibit a capacity for independent learning to sustain personal and professional development in the changing world of the science and practice of psychology.
- Apply critical thinking skills and knowledge of scientific method to evaluate claims regarding psychological phenomena.
- Use information in an ethical manner and apply knowledge of ethical and legislative requirements to determine appropriate ethical conduct in a range of contexts.

### 3.3 Programme Structure

Subjects		Component	No of UOW credits	No of HKQF credits
<b>Semester 1</b>				
PSYC120	Critical Thinking and Communication Skills in Psychology	Generic	6	13

PSYC234	Biological Psychology and Learning	Specialised	6	13
PSYC236	Cognition and Perception	Specialised	6	13
PSYC250	Quantitative Methods in Psychology	Generic	6	13
<b>Semester 2</b>				
PSYC251	Psychology of Abnormality	Specialised	6	13
PSYC324	Assessment and Intervention	Specialised	6	13
PSYC325	History and Philosophy of Psychology	Specialised	6	13
PSYC330	Social Behaviour and Individual Differences	Specialised	6	13
<b>Semester 3</b>				
PSYC326	Design and Analysis	Specialised	6	13
PSYC328	Visual Perception	Specialised	6	13
PSYC357	Forensic Psychology	Specialised	6	13
PSYC358	Applied Psychology	Specialised	6	13
Total			72	159

### 3.4 Graduation Requirements

- Students must successfully complete all twelve subjects totalling 72 credit points. Students are required to pass each subject with a minimum result of 50% overall for all assessments combined in all subjects of the Programme.

### 3.5 Admission Requirements

- Students must have completed a recognised associate degree, diploma, advanced diploma or higher diploma in a relevant discipline. Students will also need to be eligible for exemption of 72 credit points.
- In addition to the eligibility criteria set out above, students must satisfy one of the following English language requirements:
  - (i) IELTS Academic test score of overall of 6.5, with a minimum of 6.0 in reading, writing, listening and speaking; or
  - (ii) TOEFL of 575 (paper), 88 (internet-based); or
  - (iii) Grade B in Use of English in Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKAL); or
  - (iv) Level 4 in English Language in Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE); or

- (v) Successful completion of an associate degree or a higher diploma programme at an approved institution where the language of instruction was English and the institution is located in a country where the official language is English.

#### **4. Substantial Change**

- 4.1 HKCAAVQ may vary or withdraw the 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. 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 the Accreditation Report.

#### **5. Qualifications Register**

- 5.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register (QR) at <http://www.hkqr.gov.hk> for recognition under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF). The Operator should apply separately to have their quality-assured qualifications entered into the QR.
- 5.2 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 HKQF.

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