



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

**SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT**

**CARITAS BIANCHI COLLEGE OF CAREERS**

**LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION FOR  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN BUSINESS PROGRAMME**

**DECEMBER 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 Caritas Bianchi College of Careers (the College) is a self-financed Catholic education institute. It was established in 1971 (formerly known as Bishop Bianchi College of Careers) to offer a variety of programmes at certificate and diploma levels. The College moved in to the existing campus in Tseung Kwan O in 2009. The College campus is a ten-storey building with a floor area of 16,400 square metres with teaching and learning facilities designed to support the operation of its programmes.
- 1.2 At present, the College has eight accredited qualifications on the Qualifications Register. The qualifications include Higher Diploma, Associate Degree, Professional Diploma and Diploma, in different disciplines, such as business, design, hospitality management, property management and pharmacy. The College also offers diploma programmes in collaboration with overseas institutions.
- 1.3 HKCAAVQ was commissioned by the College to conduct a learning programme re-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 to determine whether the Associate Degree in Business Programme of Caritas Bianchi College of Careers (the College) meets the stated objectives and QF standard and can continue to be offered as an accredited programme from the 2018/19 academic year; and
  - (b) To issue to the College an accreditation report setting out the results of the determination in relation to (a) by HKCAAVQ.
- 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 17 October 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 Re-accreditation

Approval

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	Caritas Bianchi College of Careers 明愛白英奇專業學校
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	Caritas Bianchi College of Careers 明愛白英奇專業學校
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Associate Degree in Business Programme 商務學副學士學位課程
<b>Title of Qualification</b>	Associate Degree in Business 商務學副學士
<b>Primary Area of Study and Training</b>	Business and Management
<b>Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)</b>	General Business Management
<b>Other Area of Study and Training</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>QF Level</b>	Level 4
<b>QF Credits</b>	297
<b>Mode of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Full-time, 2 years
<b>Intermediate Exit Award</b>	Not applicable
<b>Start Date of Validity Period</b>	1 September 2018
<b>End Date of Validity Period</b>	31 August 2021
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	One enrolment per year
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	80 per year

<b>Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Address of Teaching Venue</b>	18 Chui Ling Road, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories

### 2.1.1 Recommendations

- (a) The College should review the effectiveness of its teaching and learning strategies so that adjustments can be made to cater for the needs of non-local students.
- (b) The College should revamp the English Language enhancement support service to target students in need of support and provide ongoing assistance to these students so that they have a better chance of completing the Programme.

## 3. Programme Details

The following programme information is provided by the College.

### 3.1 Programme Objectives

- To offer a single-stream curriculum which enables students to develop a solid foundation in business studies;
- To develop students' ability to plan, develop and apply the learned knowledge and principles, enabling them to positively contribute to their further studies and employability;
- To cultivate students' sense of responsibility, professional attitude and ethics, and the value of interpersonal relationship;
- To develop students' communication skills and enhance their reading, writing, listening and presentation skills in different languages so that they can communicate effectively with various stakeholders;
- To equip students with the analytical and problem-solving skills so as to facilitate their further studies and enhance their employability; and
- To develop students' independent thinking and learning skills, and broaden students' perspectives to enhance their personal and professional development for life-long learning.

### 3.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

- To integrate and apply a broad range of knowledge vital to the business environment;
- To apply problem solving and analytical skills to decision-making and management;
- To apply ethical reasoning and critical thinking in the performance of personal and general business responsibilities;
- To communicate effectively in formal and informal settings;
- To produce professional documents to a good standard;
- To demonstrate teamwork and self-management skills in their learning for further development as lifelong learners; and
- To demonstrate broad perceptual and conceptual horizons with knowledge of life and a global perspective.

### 3.3 Programme Structure

- The Programme is offered in full-time mode over a two-year duration. It consists of 22 courses with a total of 297 QF credits. Of the 22 courses, 14 are generic courses and 8 are specialised courses. All courses are pitched at QF level 4. The QF credit allocation is as follows:

Component	No. of QF Credits		No. of Courses	Sub-total of QF Credits	
	Year 1	Year 2		No.	%
<b>Generic</b>	94	94	14	<b>189</b>	<b>63.6%</b>
<b>Specialised</b>	54	54	8	<b>108</b>	<b>36.4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>148 (50%)</b>	<b>148 (50%)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>297 (100%)</b>	

### 3.4 Graduation Requirements

- For graduation, students must pass all 22 courses (297 QF credits) and complete a General Education non-credit-bearing course *College Life and You*. Students must obtain an aggregate GPA of at least 2.0 in the Programme excluding *College Life and You*.

### 3.5 Admission Requirements

- Have obtained Level 2 in five subjects (including Chinese Language and English Language) in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSEE); or
- Completion of Diploma Yi Jin; or
- Have completed a QF Level 3 programme that is approved by the College; or
- Mature applicant aged 21 or above on 1 September of the year when admission is sought, with at least one year relevant working experience and appropriate academic background; or
- Have obtained an equivalent qualification.

## 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 Qualifications Framework (QF). 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 QF.

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