



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

SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

HONG KONG SHUE YAN UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMME AREA ACCREDITATION

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

JULY 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 Hong Kong Shue Yan University (HKSYU) was founded in 1971 as the Hong Kong Shue Yan College and subsequently registered under the Post-Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320) in 1976. It was granted university title by the Chief-Executive-in-Council in December 2006 and became the first private university in Hong Kong. As of 2017/18, HKSYU is operating twelve undergraduate and six postgraduate programmes with a total student population of about 5,000.

1.2 HKCAAVQ was commissioned by HKSYU to conduct a learning programme accreditation exercise with the following Terms of Reference:

- (a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in the AAVQO to determine whether HKSYU (the Operator) can be granted the Programme Area Accreditation (PAA) status for the programme areas (as listed below under the Specifications of the Programme Areas undergoing PAA) for a specified validity period as from the 2018/19 academic year;

Specifications of the Programme Areas undergoing PAA

Area of Study and Training	Programme Area	QF Level
Social Sciences	Psychology	6
	Counselling	

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

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. A site visit took place on 15 -17 May 2018.

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 HKCAAVQ has determined that the Operator can be granted PAA status for the programme areas of Psychology and Counselling at QF Level 6 under the Area of Study and Training "Social Sciences" with a validity period of five years.
- 2.3 The Operator granted the PAA status is considered as meeting the HKCAAVQ accreditation standards of Institutional Review and Discipline Review of the PAA. The Operator has the institutional competencies to develop programmes meeting its strategic objectives. The Operator has robust and internal processes to ensure the development and operation of learning programmes under the approved programme areas are aligned and managed in accordance with its institutional development plan, and that its learning programmes meet the stated objectives and QF standards.

Name of Operator	Hong Kong Shue Yan University 香港樹仁大學	
Address of Operator	10 Wai Tsui Crescent, Braemar Hill Road, North Point, Hong Kong	
Name of Award Granting Body	Hong Kong Shue Yan University 香港樹仁大學	
Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences	
Sub-area	Social and Behavioural Sciences	Social Services
Programme Area	Psychology	Counselling
QF Level	Level 6	
Start Date of Validity Period	1 September 2018	
End Date of Validity Period	31 August 2023	
Address of Teaching / Training Venue(s)	10 Wai Tsui Crescent, Braemar Hill Road, North Point, Hong Kong	

2.4 Recommendations pertaining to Institutional Review

- (a) The Board of Governors and University Council should strengthen their oversight of the strategic plan through the use of key performance indicators and annual operational plans.
- (b) The University should expedite the planning regarding the Programme Validation and Review Committee to ensure its timely and effective implementation for QF Level 6 programmes within an approved PAA status.

2.5 Recommendations pertaining to the Discipline Review

- (a) The Department of Counselling and Psychology should look into the programme structure, curriculum delivery, learning and student support, as well as other relevant areas to address issues with student progression.

2.6 Scope of Programme Areas

The scope of the approved programme area of Psychology covers study and training in the research techniques, theoretical frameworks and their applications in Psychology, in regard to the way people think and behave.

The scope of the approved programme area of Counselling covers study and training in the provision of counselling psychology services and psychotherapeutic services that aim to improve the well-being of people.

3. Substantial Change

- 3.1 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 the 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.

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). All other programmes offered by the named Operator falling outside the approved programme area(s) and which have not obtained accreditation status will not be considered as accredited programmes.
- 4.2 Upon completion of relevant procedures by Operators as determined by the QR Authority, Operators may enter the qualifications covered within the scope of the PAA status into the QR at <http://www.hkqr.gov.hk> for recognition under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (QF).
- 4.3 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 qualification listed in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

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