



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

SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

GRATIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

LEARNING PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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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 Gratia Christian College (the College) was registered as an approved post-secondary college with degree-granting status under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap 320) in July 2015. The College currently offers three Bachelor degree programmes, one Diploma and one Higher Diploma accredited by HKCAAVQ.
- 1.2 HKCAAVQ was commissioned by the College 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 the Higher Diploma in Christian Ministry Programme of Gratia Christian College meets the stated objectives and Qualifications Framework (QF) standard and can be offered as an accredited programme from the 2019/20 academic; and
 - (b) To issue to the College 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 9 and 10 May 2019.

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

Name of Operator(s)	Gratia Christian College 宏恩基督教學院
Name of Award Granting Body	Gratia Christian College 宏恩基督教學院
Title of Learning Programme	Higher Diploma in Christian Ministry Programme 基督教事工高級文憑課程
Title of Qualification(s) [Exit Award(s)]	Higher Diploma in Christian Ministry 基督教事工高級文憑
Primary Area of Study and Training	Humanities
Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)	Humanities
Other Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences
Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)	Social Services
QF Level	Level 4
QF Credits	276
Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length	Full-time, 2 years Part-time, 3 years
Intermediate Exit Award	Not applicable
Start Date of Validity Period	1 September 2019
End Date of Validity Period	31 August 2023
Number of Enrolment(s)	Two enrolments per year
Maximum Number of New Students	Full-time (Year 1 entry) - 40 per year Part-time (Year 1 entry) - 40 per year
Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Address of Teaching / Training Venue(s)	5 Wai Chi Street, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon

2.1.1 Recommendations

- (a) The College should refine the approach to the measurement of achievement of the PILOs relating to character building and servant leadership.
- (b) The College should prepare a tailor-made questionnaire of graduate attributes for students.
- (c) The College should more specifically articulate the inter-faith and inter-cultural elements in the Programme to align with the mission statement of the College.
- (d) The College should provide more state-of-the-art references in the course outline for students planning for further studies.
- (e) The College should refine the English language admission test for mature students by providing a marking scheme for reading comprehension and for the whole test.

3. Programme Details

The following programme information is provided by the operator.

3.1 Programme Objectives

- To provide students with a curriculum of basic theological knowledge, biblical knowledge, practical counselling skills, and general education;
- To equip students with the biblical and theological foundations of evangelism;
- To nurture students to become servant leaders to exemplify the “CHRIST” values (Commitment, Humility, Resilience, Integrity, Service, and Teamwork); and
- To prepare students to practice ministry or serve in various organisations operated with Christian values.

3.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Programme, graduates will be able to:

- articulate a foundation of theological and biblical knowledge and a Christian worldview;

- Outline, interpret, and reflect on biblical scriptures for application to the contemporary context and effective ministry service and teaching;
- Develop the basic skills for working in faith communities, including pastoral care and counselling, for effective ministry leadership and mission;
- Demonstrate the necessary skills of a ministry practitioner in written and oral communication and the critical analysis and evaluation of information and ideas;
- Be adequately prepared to pursue further study in ministry, theology, or biblical studies, or initial employment in churches or organisations operated with Christian principles and values;
- Be knowledgeable persons who integrate the “CHRIST” values and faith;
- Be life-long learners who have the expertise and skills to independently and critically gain knowledge related to and beyond their profession;
- Be principled individuals who are committed to building a Christ-centered life; and
- Be servant leaders who apply the principles of the Bible to contribute to the well-being of the world with Christian love, creativity, and a global perspective.

3.3 Programme Structure

Study Areas	Courses (QF Credits)	% Based on QF Credits
General Education Courses (4 required courses + 3 electives)	7 (88.2)	32.0%
Specialised Courses (7 required courses + 6 electives)	13 (163.8)	59.3%
Practicum	1 (24.0)	8.7%
Total	21 (276)	100%

3.4 Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for the Higher Diploma award, students are required to acquire a total of 276 QF credits comprising eleven required courses and nine elective courses as well as completion of a practicum. The College adopts a Grade Point Average (GPA) system, and students are required to attain a Grade D or above and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 across all courses, obtain a pass in Practicum and complete 20 hours community service for graduation and for the Higher Diploma award.

3.5 Admission Requirements

- Level 2 in five subjects including Chinese Language and English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination. Up to two Applied Learning subjects may be counted for admission purposes. Non-Chinese speaking students may use alternative qualifications in Chinese Language; or
- Secondary school graduates from other education systems with results comparable to the above (for non-native speakers of Chinese, academic results in Chinese may not be required); or
- Successful completion of a foundation diploma, pre-Associate Degree, or Diploma Yi Jin; or
- Successful completion of the Diploma in Pre-University Studies Programme offered by Gratia Christian College; or
- Mature applicants who are aged 21 or above on 1st September of the year when admission is sought; or
- An equivalent qualification assessed by the College.

3.6 Graduate Profile

- Please refer to the Appendix.

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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Graduate Profile of Higher Diploma in Christian Ministry

Qualification Title	Higher Diploma in Christian Ministry 基督教事工高級文憑
Qualification Type	Higher Diploma
QF Level	4
Primary Area of Study/Training	A07 Humanities
Sub-area of Study/Training (if any)	A0701 Humanities
Other Area of Study/Training	A14 Social Sciences
Other Sub-area of Study/Training (if any)	A1403 Social Services
Programme Objectives	<p>The Higher Diploma in Christian Ministry Programme (HDCM) aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide students with a curriculum of basic theological knowledge, biblical knowledge, practical counselling skills, and general education. b) Equip students with the biblical and theological foundations of evangelism. c) Nurture students to become servant leaders to exemplify the “CHRIST” values (Commitment, Humility, Resilience, Integrity, Service, and Teamwork). d) Prepare students to practice ministry or serve in various organisations operated with Christian values.
Programme Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>(To do)</p> <p>Graduates will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articulate a foundation of theological and biblical knowledge and a Christian worldview. 2. Outline, interpret, and reflect on biblical scriptures for application to the contemporary context and effective ministry service and teaching. 3. Develop the basic skills for working in faith communities, including pastoral care and counselling, for effective ministry leadership and mission. 4. Demonstrate the necessary skills of a ministry

	<p>practitioner in written and oral communication and the critical analysis and evaluation of information and ideas.</p> <p>5. Be adequately prepared to pursue further study in ministry, theology, or biblical studies, or initial employment in churches or organisations operated with Christian principles and values.</p> <p>(To be) Graduates of the Programme will become:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledgeable persons who integrate the “CHRIST” values and faith (Commitment, Humility, Resilience, Integrity, Service, and Teamwork). 2. Life-long learners who have the expertise and skills to independently and critically gain knowledge related to and beyond their profession. 3. Principled individuals who are committed to building a Christ-centered life. 4. Servant leaders who apply the principles of the Bible to contribute to the well-being of the world with Christian love, creativity, and a global perspective.
<p>Education Pathways</p>	<p>The Programme will equip students with the knowledge, skills, and academic qualifications for further study at bible seminaries, universities, or colleges in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and overseas.</p> <p>Graduates of the Higher Diploma in Christian Ministry can apply for senior year entry to degree programmes in relevant fields such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bachelor of Christian Ministry b) Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies c) Bachelor of Arts in Theology d) Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy e) Bachelor of Social Science in Sociology f) Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics
<p>Employment Pathways</p>	<p>With a good understanding of human behaviours and Christian values, and good interpersonal and communication skills, graduates of the Higher</p>

	<p>Diploma in Christian Ministry Programme will be prepared to work in settings like churches, faith communities or NGOs at the para-professional level, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Church settings: Executive Officer, Assistant to the Pastor, Pastoral Care Officer, Event Management Officer, etc. b) Christian education settings: Project Officer, Executive Officer, Public Relations Assistant, Evangelical / Outreach Officer, etc. c) Human service settings (family service settings, social service settings, funeral service settings (for those who take up electives related to funeral service), etc.)
<p>Minimum Admission Requirements</p>	<p>The Year 1 entry requirements of the HDCM Programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Level 2 in five subjects including Chinese Language and English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination. Up to two Applied Learning subjects may be counted for admission purposes. Non-Chinese speaking students may use alternative qualifications in Chinese Language; OR b) Secondary school graduates from other education systems with results comparable to the above (for non-native speakers of Chinese, academic results in Chinese may not be required); OR c) Successful completion of a foundation diploma, pre-associate degree, or Diploma Yi Jin; OR d) Successful completion of the Diploma in Pre-University Studies Programme offered by Gratia Christian College; OR e) Mature applicants who are aged 21 years or above on September 1st of the year when admission is sought; OR f) An equivalent qualification assessed by the College.
<p>Operator (in English and Chinese, if applicable)</p>	<p>Gratia Christian College 宏恩基督教學院</p>