



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 INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**PROGRAMME VALIDATION**

**ASSOCIATE OF HEALTH STUDIES**

**OCTOBER 2014**

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 Institute of Technology (the Institute) (formerly named as the College of Info-Tech before 2003) was set up by a non-profit making organisation "International Education and Academic Exchanges Foundation Company Limited (IEAEF)" formed by Media Education Info-Tech. Hong Kong Institute of Technology is the business name of IEAEF.
- 1.2 At present, the Institute offers 11 accredited programmes. Six local certificate, diploma and associate degree programmes lead to awards of the Institute. Five non-local bachelor degree programmes are jointly offered with overseas partner leading to awards of an overseas institution.
- 1.3 Based on the service agreement, the HKCAAVQ was commissioned by the Institute to conduct a programme validation exercise with the following Terms of Reference:
  - (a) To determine whether the Associate of Health Studies programme of Hong Kong Institute of Technology meets the stated objectives and Qualifications Framework (QF) standard and can be offered as an accredited programme from November 2014; and
  - (b) To issue to Hong Kong Institute of Technology an accreditation report setting out the HKCAAVQ's determination in relation to (a) above.
- 1.4 An on-site visit took place on 14 to 15 August 2014.

## 2. HKCAAVQ's Accreditation Determination

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

### 2.1 Programme Validation

Approval

<b>Name of Operator</b>	Hong Kong Institute of Technology 香港科技專上書院
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	Hong Kong Institute of Technology 香港科技專上書院
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Associate of Health Studies 健康科學副學士
<b>Title of Qualification (exit award)</b>	Associate of Health Studies 健康科學副學士
<b>Primary Area of Study / Training</b>	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
<b>Other Area of Study / Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>QF Level</b>	Level 4
<b>QF Credit</b>	207 (without practicum) 211 (with practicum)
<b>Mode of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Full-time, 2 years
<b>Start date of Validity Period</b>	1 September 2015
<b>End date of Validity Period</b>	31 August 2018
<b>Number of Enrolments</b>	One enrolment per year
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	100
<b>Specification of Competency Standards Based Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Address of Teaching Venues</b>	213 Nam Cheong Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

### 2.1.1 Recommendation

- (a) The Institute should provide support to students at risk, whose contact hours attained fall short of the requirements set by the Social Welfare Department.

## 3. Programme Details

The following programme information is provided by the operator.

### 3.1 Programme Objectives

- develop life-wide learning;
- attain basic understanding of health, disabled and vulnerability;
- acquire basic knowledge, values and skills of rehabilitation;
- communicate and collaborate with others; and
- strengthen capacity for lifelong learning.

### 3.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

- demonstrate evidence of effective learning in real and authentic contexts;
- explain the concepts of health, disability and vulnerability;
- provide quality client-centred care for people who are in need of health promotion, health maintenance, health restoration and rehabilitation in accordance with laws, policies and ethical principles;
- provide assistance to health professionals in the delivery of healthcare;
- demonstrate harmonious collaborative relationship with healthcare team members;
- assist in decision making to achieve effective healthcare outcomes;
- use a wide range of IT and mathematical applications to support and enhance work; and
- show evidence of commitment to lifelong learning.

### 3.3 Programme Structure

Component		Number of QF Credits		No. of Courses	Sub-total of QF Credits	
		Year 1	Year 2		No.	%
Generic	Compulsory	64.4	42.8	11	107.2	51.8%
	Elective <sup>Note</sup>	-	18	2	18	8.7%
Discipline	Compulsory	24	39.8	5	63.8	30.8%
	Elective <sup>Note</sup>	9	9	2	18	8.7%
<b>Total</b>		<b>97.4 (47%)</b>	<b>109.6 (53%)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>207 (100%)</b>	

Note: Among the selection of four elective courses, students can choose to study two to four generic courses and make up the rest by discipline courses as appropriate.

Students who want to be Health Workers must take the elective discipline course *NH223 Care of Vulnerable People: Aged and Disabled (Practicum)*. The total QF credits of the Programme increases to 211.

Component		Number of QF Credits		No. of Courses	Sub-total of QF Credits	
		Year 1	Year 2		No.	%
Generic	Compulsory	64.4	42.8	11	107.2	50.6%
	Elective	9	18	3	27	12.8%
Discipline	Compulsory	24	39.8	5	63.8	30.1%
	Elective	-	13.8	1	13.8	6.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>97.4 (46%)</b>	<b>114.4 (54%)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>211.8 (100%)</b>	
<b>Round down</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>211</b>	

### 3.4 Graduation Requirements

- Students are required to pass all courses with a “graduation GPA” of 2.0 or above.

3.5 The Institute is required to inform the applicants formally that the completion of the accredited programme does not lead to automatic registration as Health Worker by the Social Welfare Department, which has its own licensing requirements.

### 3.6 Admission Requirements

- Level 2 in five HKDSE subjects including English Language, Chinese Language, and three other subjects in Categories A and B which preferably include at least one science subject and no more than two Category B subjects; or
- Pass in one AL subject or two AS subjects in the HKALE, AND three passes in HKCEE (preferably include at least one science subject) plus Level 2 or above in Chinese Language and English Language; or
- Completion of Yi Jin Diploma, preferably with a pass in a health related elective module; or
- Equivalent qualifications.

## 4. Substantial Change

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

## 5. Qualifications Register

5.1 Qualifications accredited by the 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 are admitted to the named accredited learning programme during the validity period and who have graduated with the named qualification uploaded in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

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