

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of Hertfordshire
Programme Name	Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Paramedic Science
Date of submission to HPC	24 February 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Linda Mutema (Diagnostic Radiographer) Gordon Pollard (Paramedic) Glyn Harding (Paramedic)
HPC executive officer	Neil Strevett

Summary of change

The education provider had made a change to the methods of assessment in light of revisions to the University's own internal regulations. Objective Structured Clinical Assessments (OSCEs) had been changed from an examination to coursework. The changes were judged to impact up on the following SETs:

4.1 The learning outcomes must ensure that those who successfully complete the programme meet the Standards of Proficiency for their part of the Register.

6.1 The assessment design and procedures must assure that the student can demonstrate fitness to practice.

6.2 Assessment methods must be employed that measure the learning outcomes and skills that are required to practice safely and effectively.

Sources of evidence

To show how the programme continued to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency the education provider submitted the following documentation:

Revised Definite Module Descriptors

Definitive Module Descriptors Guidelines

Recommended outcome

To recommend a programme for ongoing approval, the visitors must be assured that the programme meets all of the standards of education and training (SETs) and that those who complete the programme have demonstrated an ability to meet our standards of proficiency (SOPs) for their part of the Register.

The visitors agreed to recommend to the Education and Training Committee that there is sufficient evidence to show the programme continues to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme will continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency.

Linda Mutema
Gordon Pollard
Glyn Harding

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of Hertfordshire
Programme Name	BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Paramedic Science
Date of submission to HPC	20 February 2009

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Linda Mutema
Gordon Pollard
Glyn Harding

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of Essex
Programme Name	MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Physiotherapy
Date of submission to HPC	18 May 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Anthony Power (Physiotherapist) Jennifer Caldwell (Occupational Therapist)
HPC executive officer	Rachel Greig

Summary of change

The education provider has amended the credit system leading to changes to some of the programme modules.

The changes were reviewed around the following SETs:

SET 4 Curriculum standards

SET 6 Assessment standards

Sources of evidence

To show how the programme continued to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency the education provider submitted the following documentation:

- Programme specification

- Descriptions of the new and old modules

- Mapping document providing evidence of how the education provider has met the SETs

- Major change notification form

- Commentary to accompany major change application for MSc Physiotherapy and MSc Speech and Language Therapy

Recommended outcome

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Jennifer Caldwell
Anthony Power

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	Birmingham City University
Programme Name	BSc (Hons) Radiotherapy
Mode of delivery	Full time Part time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Radiography
Relevant modality	Radiotherapy
Date of submission to HPC	4 August 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Jane Day (Therapeutic Radiographer) Russell Hart (Therapeutic Radiographer)
HPC executive officer	Brendon Edmonds

Summary of change

SET 2 Programme admissions

The education provider is proposing to include the use of interviews for the purpose of admissions and student selection.

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The education provider is proposing a change of programme director

Sources of evidence

To show how the programme continued to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency the education provider submitted the following documentation:

- Completed major change submission form
- Notes from Board of Studies meetings
- CV for proposed programme director
- Supporting correspondence from the external examiner
- Supporting correspondence from current students

Recommended outcome

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Jane Day
Russell Hart

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of the West of England, Bristol
Programme Name	Foundation Degree Paramedic Science
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Paramedic Science
Date of submission to HPC	6 June 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Marcus Bailey (Paramedic) Gordon Pollard (Paramedic)
HPC executive officer	Mandy Hargood

Summary of change

SET 2 Programme admissions

This programme provides an alternate AP(E)L pathway for Ambulance Technicians who are currently employed to gain access to Year 2 of the education providers Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science, and thus gain entry to the HPC register.

The modules are designed to give an Ambulance Technician a Level 2 qualification as well as the relevant knowledge, skills and attitude to safely gain entry to the second year of their Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science

SET 4 Curriculum standards

The learning outcomes have changed. On successful completion of the Alternate AP(E)L pathway for Ambulance Technicians the students will gain entry to year two of the education providers approved Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science programme.

The curriculum has changed. The education provider has provided a bridging module to ensure the curriculum remains relevant to current practice and bridges the gaps in the learning outcomes.

Sources of evidence

To show how the programme continued to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency the education provider submitted the following documentation:

Descriptions of the modules

Mapping document providing evidence of how the education provider has met the SETs

Recommended outcome

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Marcus Bailey
Gordon Pollard

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of East Anglia
Programme Name	BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Speech and Language Therapy
Date of submission to HPC	24 June 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitors	Aileen Patterson (Speech and Language Therapist)
HPC executive officer	Rachel Greig

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The course director for the programme has changed. The education provider has provided a CV of the new course director for scrutiny.

Sources of evidence

To show how the programme continued to meet the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standards of proficiency the education provider submitted the following documentation:

Curriculum vitae for relevant staff

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Aileen Patterson

Major Change Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of East Anglia
Programme Name	MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)
Mode of delivery	Full time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Occupational therapy
Date of submission to HPC	19 June 2009

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Major change submission details

Name and profession of HPC visitor	Claire Brewis (Occupational therapist)
HPC executive officer	Rachel Greig

Summary of change

SET 3 Programme management and resource standards

The programme leader on the programme has changed. The programme leader is now Dr Margaret McArthur. The education provider has provided a CV for scrutiny.

Sources of evidence

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