Health Professions Council

Visitors report

Name of education provider	University of Lincoln
Name and titles of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science
Date of event	25-26 April 2006
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2006
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Martin Nicholson, Biomedical Scientist Mary MacDonald, Biomedical Scientist HPC Partners
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Jo Kemp
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	Don Blackburn – Chair Martin Pinnick – Quality Phillipa Dyson – University Library Dave Kenyon – Faculty of Media and Humanities Alan Wainwright – IBMS Jim Blackstock- IBMS

Scope of visit *(please tick)*

New programme	☒
Major change to existing programme	☐
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	☐

1.1 Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	n/a
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	☒	☐	☐
Programme planning team	☒	☐	☐
Placements providers and educators	☒	☐	☐

1.2 Confirmation of facilities inspected

	Yes	No
Library learning centre	☒	☐
IT facilities	☒	☐
Specialist teaching accommodation	☒	☐

1.3 Confirmation that particular requirements/specific instructions (if any) of the Education and Training Committee that have been explored e.g. specific aspects arising from annual monitoring reports.

Requirement (please insert detail)	Yes	No	n/a
1.	☐	☒	☐

2.	☐	☐	☐
3.	☐	☐	☐

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	Intakes for 8

ALL CONDITIONS MET - PROGRAMME APPROVED

The following summarises the key outcomes of the approvals event and provides reasons for the decision.

CONDITIONS

Condition 1

3.9 Where students participate as patients or clients in practical and clinical teaching, appropriate protocols must be used to obtain their consent.

Condition: The University must have evidence that where student participate as patients or clients in practical and clinical teaching, appropriate protocols must be used to obtain their consent.

Reason: This was not cited by the Visitors in the documentary evidence.

Condition 2

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 are required to practice safely and effectively.

Condition: The University ensures that the pass mark for all assessments ensures that students meet all Standards of Proficiency.

Reason: The current University regulations allow students to be Condoned in a module which does not guarantee that all the Standards of Proficiency are being met.

Condition 3:

6.7.2 for awards which do not provide eligibility for inclusion onto the Register not to contain any reference to an HPC protected title in their title.

Condition: The University must ensure that the documentation regarding the award of a BSc without the Applied Honours, clearly states that this award does not lead to direct registration with the HPC.

Reason: From the Visitors reading of the documentation, this was not clearly cited in the documents.

Condition 4:

6.7.5 the appointment of at least one external examiner from the relevant part of the Register.

Condition: The University must appoint an external examiner who is HPC registered.

Reason: The External Examiners currently being used are not on the HPC register.

Deadline for Conditions to be met: 15 June 2006
To be submitted to Approvals Committee on: 4 July 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

3.13 The learning resources, including the stock of periodicals and subject books, and IT facilities, including internet access, must be appropriate to the curriculum and must be readily available.

Recommendation: The University should ensure consistent availability of books and journals.

Reason: The availability of books and journals on occasions was inadequate as indicated by the students.

Recommendation 2

5.6 The education provider must maintain a thorough and effective system for approving and monitoring all placements.

Recommendation: The University should ensure that documentation clearly states the process for monitoring placements.

Reason: From the Visitors reading of the documentation, this was not clear.

Recommendation 3

5.7.4 the assessment procedures including the implications of, and any action to be taken in the case of failure.

Recommendation: The University should ensure that documentation clearly states the process in the event of a placement failure.

Reason: From the Visitors reading of the documentation, this was not clear.

COMMENDATIONS

1. The documentation has been well prepared in detail with excellent cross referencing to SETs and SOPs.

2. Cooperation between Education Providers, Commissioners and employers is an exemplar.

The nature and quality of instruction and facilities meets the Standards of Education and Training.

We recommend to the Education and Training Committee of the HPC that they approve this programme (subject to any conditions being met).

Visitors' signatures:

    Martin Nicholson

    Mary MacDonald

Date: 09/05/06