

Health Professions Council

Visitors' Report

Name of education provider	University of Brighton
Name and titles of programme(s)	BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Sciences
Mode of Delivery (FT/PT)	Full time
Date of Visit	22 / 23 ^d June 2006
Proposed date of approval to commence	September 2006
Name of HPC visitors attending (including member type and professional area)	Mr Robert Keeble - Biomedical Sciences Mrs Mary Popeck - Biomedical Sciences
HPC Executive officer(s) (in attendance)	Ms Jo Kemp
Joint panel members in attendance (name and delegation):	

Scope of visit *(please tick)*

New programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major change to existing programme	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit initiated through Annual Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation of meetings held

	Yes	No	N/A
Senior personnel of provider with responsibility for resources for the programme	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programme team	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placements providers and educators	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students (current or past as appropriate)	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Confirmation of facilities inspected

	Yes	No	N/A
Library learning centre	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IT facilities	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specialist teaching accommodation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

Proposed student cohort intake number please state	8 each year
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ALL CONDITIONS MET - PROGRAMME APPROVED

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

CONDITIONS

Condition 1

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

Condition: The Education provider must specify in documents the mechanism for the effective approval and the monitoring system for all placements

Reason: From the visitors reading of the document the approval and monitoring system was unclear. As discussed during the meeting, referencing enrolment and commitment to CPA accreditation would provide this.

Condition 2

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

Condition: The formal process of the procedures in the case of any failures must be fully documented.

Reason: The visitors were unclear from the documentation of the exact procedure.

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 Education provider must fully specify the titles of the different Biomedical Science awards within all documentation.

Reason: From the Visitors reading of the documentation this was unclear and conflicting in relation to this standard.

Condition 4

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

Condition: The Education Provider must appoint an external examiner who is on the HPC Register in Biomedical Sciences.

Reason: There is currently one external examiner and their name does not appear on the Register.

Deadline for Conditions to be met: 31st July 2006

To be submitted to Approvals Panel/Committee on: 5 September 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

3.4 There must be an adequate number of appropriately qualified and experienced staff in place to deliver an effective programme.

Recommendation: As discussed in the meetings, the appointment of an additional Facilitator should go ahead as soon as possible.

Reason: This extra appointment will ensure adequate support for the existing Training Facilitator and students when the next cohort of students starts this year.

Commendations

2.2.2 The Education Provider has given a plain and robust description of the section on Criminal Conviction checks in the student handbook, which reflects careful thought about all aspects of CRB checks.

3.2 The Education Provider has a very effectively managed programme and has provided excellent documentation on the programme.

5.9. The collaboration between the Education Provider and the employers should be taken as a model of best practice.

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:

Mary Popeck

Robert Keeble

Date: June 2006