



Accreditation Board Annual Report

September 1st 2012 - August 31st 2013

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of board members I am pleased to present this report to the EHTPA Council and Education Committee summarising the activities of the EHTPA Accreditation Board during the 2012-2013 academic year. A copy will be forwarded to teaching institutions following the December EHTPA Council and Education Committee meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

See Appendix 1, page 4.

ACCREDITATION EVENTS 2012-2013

Lincoln College with validation by the University of Lincoln

The transfer of the accredited BSc. (Hons) WHM from Lincoln University to Lincoln College (F&HE) was approved. Lincoln University continues to validate the award.

B.Sc. (Hons) Western Herbal Medicine

Renewal of accreditation confirmed. Next renewal during 2016-17 academic year.

Middlesex University

New Award. PG Diploma Western Herbal Medicine

Accreditation confirmed. Next renewal during 2014-2015 academic year.

New Award. PG Diploma Chinese Herbal Medicine

Accreditation confirmed. Next renewal during 2014-2015 academic year.

B.Sc. (Hons) Western Herbal Medicine.

Renewal of accreditation confirmed. Next renewal during 2017-2018 academic year.

B.Sc. (Hons) Chinese Herbal Medicine

Renewal of accreditation confirmed. Next renewal during 2017-2018 academic year.

Northern College of Acupuncture with validation by Middlesex University

PG Diploma Chinese Herbal Medicine

Renewal of accreditation confirmed. Next renewal during 2017-2018 academic year.

Westminster University

M.Sc. Chinese Herbal Medicine

Renewal of accreditation. Next renewal during 2017-2018 academic year.
(Confirmed October 2013)

CONTINUATION OF ACCREDITATION FOLLOWING ANNUAL REVIEW

Westminster University

BSc (Hons) Western Herbal Medicine

Ongoing accreditation confirmed. Next renewal during 2016-2017 academic year.

University of East London

BSc. (Hons) Western Herbal Medicine. (Closed to new entrants)

Ongoing accreditation confirmed until closure, subject to satisfactory annual review.

2013-2014

All programmes will undergo annual review during 2013-2014.

COURSE CLOSED AFTER GRADUATION OF FINAL INTAKE

Leeds Metropolitan University

Matters for further consideration by the Education Committee

The minimum length of academic/calendar year(s) necessary for achievement of learning outcomes. Is an educational policy necessary and if so, would evaluation/audit of current programmes provide evidence to inform decision making?

Action taken re Dispensary Standards

- The Dispensary Standards are being fine-tuned following feedback from institutions
- The Dispensary Standards Self Assessment Record has been updated.

Good practice identified for the attention of staff in all educational institutions

- The quality of some annual reports and accreditation submission documents has been excellent
- Evidence of well managed dispensaries during accreditation and review visits
- Increasing identification of the ways students learn and broadening of the pedagogical approach.

Summary of developmental points for attention of staff in educational institutions carried forward from earlier board annual reports and which are still relevant

External Examiners' Reports

Many now comment appropriately on standards of clinical practice as required by the board but some do not. Staff are reminded of the need to ensure that all examiners reports meet EHTPA requirements. This will be followed up at Annual Review.

Criterion referenced assessment linked to learning outcomes

Institutions are encouraged to continue to refine their approaches to criterion referenced assessment of theory and practice.

Annual reports submitted by institutions to the board

Reports generally provide the information required, including data sets with explanations, but there are exceptions: such reports are returned to the Course Leader for completion.

Accreditation board action points for 2013-14

- To refer to the Education Committee the issue of the minimum length of time in years, required to achieve learning outcomes and the suggested audit/evaluation of current programmes
- Monitoring and review of accredited educational programmes - ongoing
- To complete the 2012-2013 annual review visits in the Spring term and receive written panel reports no later than the end of March 2014
- To agree and distribute the adapted guidance for the HCPC Standards for Practice Placements
- To continue the review and updating of accreditation policies, documentation and Head Office records.

Much time and effort (seen and unseen) is invested in EHTPA accreditation related activities and I am indebted to everyone who has contributed directly or indirectly to the work of the accreditation board during the past 12 months.

Lynn Copcutt.
Independent Chair.

Appendix One

Accreditation Board Members August 2013

Six practitioners registered with EHTPA Professional Associations

APA:	Vijayendra Murthy (appointed July 2013)
CPP and NIMH:	Julian Barker
NIMH:	Terrill Dobson
RCHM:	Eileen Gibbon; Emma Farrant
URHP:	John Smith

Two members representative of institutions offering EHTPA accredited programmes

Celia Bell Ph.D
Mike Potter

Five independent members

Lynn Copcutt
Jennifer Clark
Ann Henshaw Ph.D
Prof. Kath Ross
Harvey Woolf

One co-opted member

Rumana Zhan.