



Accreditation Board

Annual Report

September 1st 2022 – August 31st 2023

<http://ehtpa.org/standards/ehtpa-accreditation-board-information/>

1. INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Accreditation Board members, I am pleased to present this summary of the Board's activity during the 2021-22 reporting year and to note that the accreditation system and its management continued to follow due process.

2. MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

Meetings

Three Board meetings were held during the year. A fourth meeting to consider the outcomes of the annual reviews took place in January. As in the past three years, all the meetings were held virtually. The Board continues to be grateful to the CPP/EHTPA for hosting the meetings. A decision will be made about returning to in-person or hybrid meetings in the future.

Membership

Kamaldeep Sidhu (Lincoln College) joined the Board as the member representative of institutions offering EHTPA accredited courses.

Eileen Gibbon retired as the RCHM nominee after many years of having made a substantial contribution to the work of the Board.

3. OUTCOMES OF ANNUAL REVIEWS AND RE-ACCREDITATION HELD IN 2022-23

Reviews

Institution	Course	Successful Review
Lincoln College	BSc (Hons) Clinical Herbalism	✓
Northern College of Acupuncture	MSc/PG Dip in Chinese Herbal Medicine	✓
University of Westminster	BSc (Hons) Herbal Medicine	✓

Re-Accreditation

Institution	Course	Successful Re-Accreditation
White Crane Academy	Diploma in Chinese Herbal Medicine	✓

4. BOARD ACTIVITIES

- The 2021-2022 annual reviews and the one re-accreditation were completed.
- Ongoing Accreditation was introduced into the Accreditation Process. Under this model once an institution is accredited, it will remain accredited subject to successfully completing annual monitoring by the Board.
- The Admissions requirements were updated to make the English Language and Numeracy criteria more explicit and specific.
- The External Examiner guidelines were updated.
- As last year, the Board discussed whether to make permanent the removal from the clinical hours' requirements that some of the supervision sessions must be in-person, which was introduced for the Covid pandemic. Opinion remained divided on permanent withdrawal, but it was agreed to maintain the current position: that in-person supervisions are not a requirement.
- Online folders to hold each institution's documentation were set up.

5. SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL MONITORING AND ACCREDITATIONS

Monitoring

Lincoln College

- BSc (Hons) Clinical Herbalism (validated by the Open University)

Northern College of Acupuncture

- MSc/PG Dip in Chinese Herbal Medicine

University of Westminster

- BSc (Hons) Herbal Medicine

White Crane Academy

- Diploma in Chinese Herbal Medicine

Accreditations

In process

School of Classical Chinese Herbalism

School of Herbal Medicine

Phoenix Academy of Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine

Projected

2024-25

Betonica School of Herbal Medicine

2025-26

UK Taiwan Academy of Traditional Medicine (UKTATM)

6. BOARD ACTION POINTS FOR 2023-24

- Monitor the Ongoing Accreditation process.
- Develop written guidelines for new Panel Chairs.
- Produce a more succinct Accreditation Criteria guide for institutions.
- Review requirements for in person clinical supervisions.
- Make recommendations to Council on any accreditation practices that have implications for EHTPA education policy.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As always, my thanks to all the Board members and everyone else who has directly or indirectly supported the operation of the Board during the reporting year.

Harvey Woolf

on behalf of the Accreditation Board

13 November 2023

Appendix

BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

	Attended	Apologies
Practitioners nominated by EHTPA Professional Associations¹		
Conny Cooper (RCHM)	4/4	
Lizzie Foulon (CPP)	0/4	4
Eileen Gibbon (RCHM) ²	4/4	
Donald Purves (URHP)	4/4	
Dr Billy Leach (CPP)	4/4	
Member representative of institutions offering EHTPA accredited courses		
Kamaldeep Sidhu (Lincoln College)	2/4	2
Independent members		
Dr Celia Bell	4/4	
Rishma Dattani	3/4	1
Mike Potter	4/4	
Harvey Woolf (Chair)	4/4	

¹ Once nominated, these members serve as **independent** practitioners, not as representatives of their nominating PA.

² Retired 31 July 2023