

Professor Mary Ioannides-Koutsellini Head of the Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus

Dear Prof. Koutsellini,

Subject: Actions taken by "The Limassol College", based on the External Evaluation Report for the program "Clinical Dietetics"

We are pleased to inform you that several actions have been taken for the improvement and enhancement of the above program taking into consideration the External Evaluation Report dated 3/12/2019.

1)Study programme and study programme's design and development 2)Teaching, learning and student assessment

## Committee comment

Sections 1.8.2., 1.11, 1.15 and 1.18 have been marked with 3.

## TLC response

A.TLC improved the curriculum of the program "Clinical Dietetics" with the following:

a.TLC added a course on Advance Biochemistry/Metabolism in the first semester, which includes all the macronutrient and micronutrient metabolism and at the same time reduced the two courses "Special Nutrition Issues I and II" to one course.

b.TLC specified the course goal and outcomes of each course, in order to reflect a graduate level course

c.Increased the practical Clinical Internship yo 1200 hours, to comply with the requirements for qualification of the Cypriot Organization of Dietitians.

d.TLC included social media tools and their utilization and appropriate use into the course "Nutritional Informatics"

e.TLC included GDPR issues regarding research ethics in general, journal requirements for ethics permission etc, in "Research Methodology Biostatistics" course



B.TLC updated the course material by adding new release books and research papers.

C.TLC graduates can register with the Cyprus Registration Board for Food Scientists, Food Technologists and Dieticians as 'Clinical Dietitians', provided they have completed their basic studies in Nutrition and Dietetics.

D.TLC accepts graduates with bachelor degrees in Biology, Chemistry, Food Technology etc., provided that they have attended specific prerequisite Dietetics course predetermined by the Institution.

TLC included TOEFL or IELTS certificate in English and a Clear Criminal record in the admission requirements.

E.TLC clarifies that students in each course are assessed by a mixture of assignments and exams. The Grading System is organized as shown in the table below:

Grades	Percentage
Distinction	80-100
Merit	65-80
Pass	50-65
Fail	Below 50

# 3)Teaching Staff

#### Committee comment

Sections 3.1, 3.6 and 3.11 have been marked with 3.

### TLC response

TLC has already published/advertised five vacancies looking for local PhD holders with experience in specific fields. Vacancies have been published in <a href="Ergodotisi.com">Ergodotisi.com</a>. TLC is aiming to radically change the ratio between locals and visiting tutors.

### 4)Students

### Committee comment

Sections 4.1 has been marked with 3.

#### TLC response

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### 5)Resources

# Committee comment

Sections 5.7, 5.10 and 5.11 have been marked with 3

### TLC response

TLC included social media tools and their utilization and appropriate use into the course "Nutritional Informatics"

TLC is currently working on, an agreement with Cyprus University of Technology about Scopus database.

TLC updated the course material by adding new release books and research papers.

We remain at your disposal for any clarifications or other information.

Thanking you in advance.

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Yours sincerely,

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