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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**IN GREEK: Πτυχίο Επιστημών της Αγωγής (4 χρόνια, 240 ECTS) με Κατευθύνσεις:**

- Δημοτική Εκπαίδευση
- Προδημοτική Εκπαίδευση
- Βρεφονηπιοκομικά

**IN ENGLISH: Bachelor of Education (4 years, 240 ECTS, BEd) with Specializations:**

- Primary Education (4 years, 240 ECTS)
- Pre-Primary Education (4 years, 240 ECTS)
- Early Childhood Education (4 years, 240 ECTS)

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

**Larnaca College**

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20) (2)(f) (i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 and 2019 N. [136 (I)/2015 to N.47(I)/ 2019]».

***THE PROCEDURE:***

On 18 January 2021 the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution **Larnaca College** submitted an application (Doc. 200.1), based on Article (17) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 and 2019, for the evaluation-accreditation of the program of study:

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In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC) which, after initially examining the institution's application for program evaluation and accreditation, performed a remote visit at the Institution on **13 April 2021**.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the program's coordinator, members of the academic staff, members of the administrative staff, students and/ or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities (library, computer labs, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/ Faculty's structure and the program's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching in other programs of study.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

### **CYQAA Council's Decision**

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its **71<sup>th</sup> Summit** on **13<sup>th</sup> September 2021** on the basis of Article 20 (2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 and 2019 [N. 136 (I) / 2015 and N.47 (I) / 2019], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation and the comments of the institution decided that the program is accredited to be delivered in **Greek** and **English**.

**The Agency requires the Institution within 3 months, and no later than the 31 of December 2021, to comply with the following and accordingly inform the Agency:**

- **Proceed to the laboratory's infrastructure improvement and the subsequent connection of the laboratory courses with the courses in the fields of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Music.**
- **Document the actions taken to ensure the current trends in research, bibliography and teaching methodology.**

- **Establish an effective Mentor system for the newly hired academic staff.**
- **Ensure that the Internal Quality Assurance Committee periodically revise the syllabus of each course**
- **Enhance the academic personnel's research and the publications in English.**

The current accreditation begins in the **Winter** semester of the academic year **2021 – 2022** and ceases to be in effect at the end of the **Spring** semester of the academic year **2025 – 2026**.

On the basis of Article (4) of the relevant Legislation, it is noted that "the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation".

Additionally, on the basis of Article (17) (3) (f) during the period of validity of the Accreditation, the Agency acting of its own motion, may examine whether the criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation, and immediately inform the institution concerned.

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 Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in  
 Higher Education

