

Ref. Number: 07.14.345.008.001

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

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

**IN GREEK: Μεταπτυχιακό στη Δικανική Ψυχολογία  
(1 ακαδημαϊκό έτος, 90 ECTS, Μάστερ-χωρίς πρακτική άσκηση, ή  
2 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 130 ECTS, Μάστερ-με πρακτική άσκηση)**

**IN ENGLISH: MSc Forensic Psychology  
(1 academic year, 90 ECTS, Master-without practical training, or  
2 academic years, 130 ECTS, Master-with practical training)**

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION  
University of Central Lancashire-Cyprus**

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 to (Num.3) of 2020 [N.136 (I)/2015 to N.208 (I)/2020].

**THE PROCEDURE:**

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution UCLan-Cyprus 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 to 2020, for the evaluation-accreditation of the programme 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 programme evaluation and accreditation, performed an onsite visit at the institution on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the programme'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, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/ Faculty's structure and the programme'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 programmes 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 96<sup>th</sup> Summit on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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 to (Num.3) of 2020 [N.136 (I)/2015 to N.208 (I)/2020], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, and the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report, **decided that the programme is accredited to be delivered in English.**

**The Agency requires the institution, within five months and no later than December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to send the following:**

- **a list with all placements and their respective supervisors. Please note, that students in all placements need to be supervised by licensed psychologists and not by placement managers.**
- **a list of all external associates, including (but not limited to) placement supervisors**
- **a plan to hire more senior faculty teaching in the programme on a permanent basis**
- **a plan to utilize feedback given by students during their placement, revealing focused ways on the part of the institution to further strengthen and improve the practicum experience**
- **an enhanced list of case studies, both during coursework and during the practicum.**

The current accreditation begins in the Fall semester of the academic year 2023-2024 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Spring semester of the academic year 2027-2028.

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.

(Professor Mary Ioannidou-Koutselini)  
President of the Board of the  
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and  
Accreditation in Higher Education

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2023