Letterkenny Institute of Technology

Report of the Panel of Assessors

PART 1   GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT: Science

DATE OF VISITATION: 18 June 2018

PROGRAMMES EVALUATED:

BSc (Hons) in Veterinary Nursing (60 ECTS)

MEMBERS OF PANEL OF ASSESSORS:

- Terry Twomey, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Registrar, Limerick IT (Chair)

- Dr Don Faller Head of School of Science AIT

- Orla O'Regan, Whitehouse Veterinary Clinic, Derry

- Kathleen Ferry, St Elmo's Veterinary Clinic, Derry

- Karen Dunne, Lecturer in Veterinary Nursing, Dundalk IT

Secretary to Panel: Dr Louise McBride

INSTITUTE STAFF

PART 2   FINDINGS OF ASSESSORS

The Panel of Assessors are satisfied that the proposal adequately addresses the following criteria:

(1)   Education and Training Requirements

The programme is consistent with the Institute's mission, avoids redundant provision and makes efficient use of resources (collaborating where this is beneficial).

(2)   Unity

There is an underlying unifying theme and the modules are bonded by interactions which are either implicit or explicit. The proposal demonstrates how the standard (of knowledge, skill and competence), determined by QQI for the named award to which the programme proposes to lead, evolves throughout the programme as a whole.

(3) **Teaching and Learning**

The proposed approach to teaching and learning is clearly indicated and justified.

(4) **Learner Assessment**

The learner assessment methods are fully elaborated and consistent with QQI's policy on fair and consistent assessment. The assessment methods are capable, among other things, of demonstrating attainment of the standards of knowledge, skill or competence, determined by QQI, for the related award.

(5) **Resources**

The proposed staffing levels are appropriate and the levels of qualifications and competence of the staff is sufficient to deliver the programme. The necessary facilities available in terms of accommodation, equipment, and library and information technology resources are satisfactory to support the proposed programme.

(6) **Quality Assurance**

The proposal demonstrates how the Institute's quality assurance procedures have been applied in the development of the proposed programme and satisfactory procedures exist for the on-going monitoring and periodic review of programmes.

(7) **Programme Title and Award Title**

The award title is consistent with the named awards determined by QQI. The programme title is clear, accurate, succinct and fit for the purpose of informing prospective learners and other stakeholders.

(8) **QQI Standards**

The learning outcomes of the programme are stated in such a way that the compliance with the appropriate QQI standard is demonstrated.

(9) **Access Transfer and Progression**

This programme incorporates the procedures for access transfer and progression that have been established by the NQAI and is consistent with QQI policy in accommodating a variety of access and entry requirements.

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PART 3 RECOMMENDATIONS
(For the attention of the Academic Council)

COMMENDATIONS:
The panel would like to commend the department of Science in the following areas:
1. The documentation presented and high quality standard
2. The team on their engagement and discussion with the panel and the all aspects of the programme considered in detail.
3. The staff for their 'team response' to the panel discussions.

The Panel of Assessors advises the Academic Council that the Institute and the School/Department should take cognisance of following recommendations:

1. Critical Care Nursing 1 & 2 Modules: The panel recommend to review the volume of assessment for both modules and the percentage of terminal assessment in line with LYIT Mod/ Sem. framework.
2. Research Project Design module: The panel recommend that this module should facilitate students to investigate specialist topic that could lead to master degree projects and /or publications.
3. Critical care nursing 2 module: In relation to ethic content should be made more explicit in this module.
4. Research Project Design module: The panel recommend that Statistics and Stats training is more explicit in this module.
5. Nutrition Module: The panel recommend refer to 'companion animals' in general rather than dogs especially in section 4.

The Panel of Assessors advises the Academic Council that approval of the programmes subject to general conditions of approval together with the following additional condtion:

No conditions

Department of Science Response to Interim Panel Report 9-7-2018

Recommendation	Response
1. Critical Care Nursing 1 & 2 Modules: The panel recommend to review the volume of assessment for both modules and the percentage of terminal assessment in line with LYIT Mod/ Sem. framework.	Assessment will be monitored and reviewed through the programme board.
2. Research Project Design module: The panel recommend that this module should facilitate students to investigate specialist topic that could lead to master degree projects and /or publications.	Students will be encouraged as far as practically possible to investigate such topics.
3. Critical care nursing 2 module: In relation to ethic content should be made more explicit in this module.	This has been included in the Critical Care 2 module indicative content see updated programme document page 45.
4. Research Project Design module: The panel recommend that Statistics and Stats training is more explicit in this module.	This has been made more explicit in The Research design module see indicative content Section 3. See updated programme document page 27.
5. Nutrition Module: The panel recommend refer to 'companion animals' in general rather than dogs especially in section 4.	This has been updated - see updated programme document page 51

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PART 4 PROPOSED PROGRAMME SCHEDULE(S)

Year 4 - Proposed Course Schedule

Title Of Award:	**BSc (Hons) in Veterinary Nursing**	
Area Of Specialisation:	Critical Care and Veterinary Nursing	
Learning Mode Offered:	Full-time, ACCS	
Stage:	4	
Date Effective:	September, 2018	
Semester:	7	

Semester	Title of examination subject	Subject status	ACCS credits		Contact hours (per week)				Allocation of marks				
			Level	Number	L/T	P	IL	Total	CA	Project	Practical	Final	Max
7	Research Project Design	M	8	5	1	1	6	8	100	-	-	-	100
7	Critical Care Nursing I	M	8	10	3	3	11	17	40	-	-	60	100
7	Practice Management and Veterinary Nursing Clinics	M	8	10	3	3	11	17	40			60	100
7	Pharmacology	M	8	5	2	1	5	8	30			70	100

Total ACCS credits required for semester: **30**
Pass Mark: Pass Mark in all modules is 40%.

Special Regulations:

1.   Students are expected to attend all timetabled classes.

2.   Students must attend 70% of timetabled classes and 90% of practicals for all modules. Students who fail to satisfy the attendance requirements will be referred to the Head of Department. If their absence is deemed to compromise satisfactory completion of the module they may be required to repeat part or all, of the module.

3.   In order to complete the module students must achieve greater than 25% of the marks available in a module element, which in turn accounts for 40% or more of the overall module marks. If unsuccessful, the student must repeat the module element in question.

100% shared module BSc Honours in Animal Behaviour and Welfare (one year add−on)

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Area Of Specialisation:	**Critical Care and Veterinary Nursing**
Learning Mode Offered:	Full-time, ACCS
Stage:	4
Date Effective:	September, 2018
Semester:	8

Semester	Title of examination subject	Subject status	ACCS credits		Contact hours (per week)				Allocation of marks				
			Level	Number	L/T	P	IL	Total	CA	Project	Practical	Final	Max
8	Research Project	M	8	10	1	2	14	17	100	-	-	-	100
8	Critical Care Nursing II	M	8	10	3	3	11	17	40	-	-	60	100
8	Palliation and Rehabilitation	M	8	5	2	1	5	8	40	-	-	60	100
8	Nutrition	M	8	5	2	1	5	8	30	-	-	70	100

Total ACCS credits required for semester: **30**

Pass Mark: Pass Mark in all modules is 40%.

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Programme Evaluation Report Approved by:

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(Registrar, Limerick IT)

Date 12/7/2018

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Date 13/7/18

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