

Achieving A+ Training: The Accreditation Process

*BARBADOS ACCREDITATION
COUNCIL*

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation:

The process in which a programme of study or institution is assessed for its standard and given official recognition. Two types of accreditation:

- Programme; and
- Institutional

Eligibility for Accreditation

- Based in Barbados
- Registered with the Council
- Have a Certificate of Incorporation to operate in Barbados
- Application for accreditation approved at the governance/management level
- Provide list of programmes/courses
- Have a sound financial base

Accreditation Process

Institution contacts Council requesting accreditation application form

Institution completes forms with required documentation attached (including institution self study) and returns to the Executive Director

The **Council** reviews the application form and reply to the institution

The **Council** sends Evaluation Team nominees to institution for endorsement

Institution gives endorsement of Evaluation Team

The **Council** and the **Institution** agrees on dates and timings for the Institutional Visit

Evaluation Visit

The **Council** sends report minus recommendations to institution

Institution responds to Executive Director on the factual accuracy of the Evaluation Report

Council informs institution of decision

Institution has the right to appeal unfavourable decisions

Accreditation Period

- **Institutional Accreditation** – 3, 5 or 7 years depending on the maturity of the provider;
- **Programmatic Accreditation** – currently under consideration

Institutional Accreditation Standards

- 1.0 Mission and Objectives
- 2.0 Governance and Administration
- 3.0 Teaching and Learning
- 4.0 Readiness for Change
- 5.0 Quality Enhancement

Programme Accreditation Standards

- 1.0 Mission and Objectives
- 2.0 Governance and Mission
- 3.0 Teaching and Learning
- 4.0 Curriculum Effectiveness
- 5.0 Quality Enhancement

Qualifications Framework Overview

- Objectives include:
 - Align academic with technical and vocational education qualifications; and
 - Facilitate educational and labour mobility

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS??