

NEW TAUGHT PROGRAMME

EVALUATION PANEL REPORT

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1 **Provider:** Institute of Technology Carlow
- 1.2 **Provider Locations:** Institute of Technology Carlow
- 1.3 **Date of Visit:** Thursday 16 February 2017
- 1.4 **Overview:**
1. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate a proposed award which has been developed for restorative practice.
 2. The programmes build on IT Carlow's provision of programmes.

1.5 Principal Programme Restorative Practices:

This programme will be delivered solely by the Institute of Technology Carlow.

Evaluation

Type of Award	Level	Programme Titles Evaluated	Total Credits	Embedded Exit Award Evaluated
Special Purpose	8	Certificate in Restorative Practices	10	None
Number of Annual Intakes:		Part time: 1 per academic term		
Duration:		13 weeks duration.		
Target Learner Groups:		This certificate is designed for those in the helping or conflict resolution professions, who wish to expand their practice or begin working with clients in a more restorative way. Applications will be assessed based on relevant experience. Applicants from other areas will be expected to have a primary level 7 degree or proven work experience in the area. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) will be available to applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements.		
Enrolment Date:		September 2017		
Expected Number of Learners per Intake:		20		
Approved Countries for Provision:		Ireland		

Approval The following programme is approved subject to decisions set out in Section 3 below.

Type of Award	Level	Approved Programme Title	Total Credits	Approved Embedded Exit Award
Special Purpose	8	Certificate in Restorative Practices	10	None

1.8 Evaluation Panel Membership:

Name	Role	Affiliation
Dr Kenneth Carroll	Chairperson	Registrar, Institute of Technology Tallaght
Dr Andrew Reeves	Academic Representative	Chair of British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy; Senior Lecturer, University of Chester, England
Dr Rachel Taylor	Academic Representative	Senior Lecturer in Social and Forensic Psychotherapy, University of South Wales, Wales
Dr Declan Aherne	Industry & Academic Representative	Registered Clinical Psychologist and Head of Counselling at University of Limerick
Mr Billy Desmond	Industry Representative	Practitioner, Private Practice, England and Ireland
Mr David Denieffe	Secretary to Panel	Vice President for Academic Affairs & Registrar, Institute of Technology Carlow
Ms Dolores McCann	Admin Support	PA to Vice President for Academic Affairs & Registrar, Institute of Technology Carlow

1.5 Attendance Register:

Dr Patricia Mulcahy, President, IT Carlow

Mr Joseph Collins, Head of Faculty for Lifelong Learning, IT Carlow

Ms Maebh Maher, Head of Faculty for Business and Humanities, IT Carlow

Dr Brian Jackson, Head of Postgraduate Studies, IT Carlow

Dr Clare Power, Quality & Collaborations Officer, IT Carlow

Ms Lindsay Malone, Restorative Practices, Faculty of Lifelong Learning, IT Carlow (*for the Certificate in Restorative Practices programme section of the Evaluation Panel Meeting only*)

2. EVALUATION AGAINST THE VALIDATION CRITERIA

2.1 Examination of the Programmes:

The Panel note the alignment of the validation to the criteria set out in the *Core Policies and Criteria for the Validation by QQI of Programmes of Education and Training 2016* (including sub criteria set out in the QQI template for *Independent Evaluation Report on an Application for Validation of a Programme of Education and Training*).

The Panel met with the academic staff involved in the design of the programmes.

3. DECISIONS (For the attention of Institute of Technology Carlow Academic Council)

Certificate in Restorative Practices Programme:

In relation to the new Level 8 Special Purpose Award, Certificate in Restorative Practice, the Panel would like to commend the aspiration of the programme in drawing people from multiple backgrounds into this unique learning setting.

2.1 Determination

The evaluation panel recommend the validation of the following programmes:

Type of Award	Level	Approved Programme Title	Total Credits	Approved Embedded Exit Award	Exit Credits
Special Purpose	8	Certificate in Restorative Practices	10	None	

Subject to the following listed under 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 below.

3.2 Conditions

The evaluation panel require that the Programme Development Team should take note of the following conditions and that a satisfactory response to those conditions shall be received before the validation is considered by Academic Council of the Institute.

Certificate in Restorative Practices Programme:

No conditions.

3.3 Recommendations

Recommendations are suggestions made by the Programme Evaluation Panel in the spirit of improving the proposed programme. While these are not binding, the reasons for not incorporating a recommendation have to be clearly stated by the Programme Development Team in its response to the Evaluation Report.

Certificate in Restorative Practices Programme:

1. Revisit learning outcome to link to 'setting' rather than 'hypothetical'.
2. In learning outcome1, remove the reference to 'general'.

3.4 Programme Schedules and Programme Abstracts

Amended Programme Schedules for each stage of each programme listed under 3.1 above, to incorporate conditions and recommendations set out in 3.3 and 3.4, and all Programme Abstracts, must be submitted with the Response to this Panel Evaluation Report.

3.5 Approval

Programme Evaluation Report Approved by:

Dr Kenneth Carroll
Chairperson to Panel
*(Registrar
Institute of Technology Tallaght)*

Mr David Denieffe
Secretary to Panel
*(Vice President for Academic Affairs & Registrar
Institute of Technology Carlow)*

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