

ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES AND INSTITUTIONS AS AT MARCH 2019

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1. LOCAL COLLEGES, INSTITUTES AND TRAINING UNITS WITH ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES

B & B Institute of Business
15 Carlton Crescent, Kingston 10

- **ABE Diploma in Business Management** (accreditation expired Sept 30, 2018)
- **ABE Diploma in Travel, Tourism and Hospitality** (accreditation expired Sept 30, 2018)

Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean - Jamaica
7 Patrick Road, Mandeville, Manchester

- **Diploma in Theology**
- **Bachelor of Theology**
- **Bachelor of Theology (Minor in Guidance and Counselling)**

Bethlehem Moravian College
Malvern P.O., St. Elizabeth

- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies*)
- **Associate of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management** (*formerly Associate Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management*)

Brown's Town Community College
PO Box 556, Brown's Town, St. Ann

- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies*)
- **Associate of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
- **Associate Degree in Applied Science (Culinary Arts Core)**

Programme(s) Under Review

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| • Associate of Science Degree in Social Work | Step 7 of 10 |
| • Associate of Science Degree in Management Information Systems | Step 6 of 10 |
| • Associate of Science Degree in Architectural and Construction Technology | Step 6 of 10 |

Caribbean Graduate School of Theology (CGST)
14-16 West Avenue, Kingston 8

- **Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology**
- **Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies** (*formerly Master of Arts in Caribbean Ministries*)
- **Master of Arts in Theological Studies**
- **Master of Divinity**
- **Master of Business Administration***

Caribbean Wesleyan College
Torrington District, P.O. Box 17, Savanna-La-Mar, Westmoreland

- **Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Pastoral Ministry**

Catholic College of Mandeville
Williamsfield P.O, Manchester

- **Diploma in Primary Education***
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)**

College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE)
Passley Gardens, Port Antonio, Portland

- **Associate of Science Degree in General Agriculture**
(formerly Associate of Science Degree in Agriculture)
- **Associate of Science Degree in Natural Science**
- **Bachelor of Technology Degree in Environmental Science**
- **Bachelor of Technology Degree in Agricultural Production and Food Systems Management**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management** *(formerly Associate of Science Degree in Hospitality, Entertainment and Tourism)*
- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** *(formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies)*
- **Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration** *(formerly Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies)*
- **Diploma in Agriculture**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Veterinary Science**
- **Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Natural Science (Environmental Science Major)**
- **Postgraduate Diploma in Education**
- **Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education**

College of Insurance and Professional Studies (CIPS)
3A Richmond Avenue, Kingston 10

- **Associate Degree in Insurance Management**

Crowne Professional College (**No longer in operation**)
53 Molynes Road, Kingston 10

- **Associate Degree in Business Administration***
- **Associate Degree in Social Work***
- **Associate Degree in Media and Communication***

Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

1 Arthur Wint Drive, Kingston 5

- **Associate of Arts in Music**
- **Bachelor of Music in Performance** (*formerly Bachelor of Music in Jazz and Popular Music*)
- **Bachelor of Music Education**
- **Associate of Arts in Visual Arts**
- **Bachelor of Art Education**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts)** with specializations in **Visual Communication, Textile and Fibre Arts, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Printmaking and Jewellery**)
- **Bachelor of Arts in Drama in Education**
- **Associate of Arts in Arts Management**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Arts Management**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Dance Education**
- **Associate of Arts in Dance Performance**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance and Choreography**
- **Postgraduate Diploma in Arts Education**
- **Associate of Arts in Theatre Arts - Acting**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts - Acting**

Excelsior Community College

137 Mountain View Avenue, Kingston 3

- **Associate of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Associate of Applied Science Degree in Information Technology ***
- **Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electronic Engineering ***
- **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science ***
- **Associate of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
(*formerly Associate Degree in Hospitality, Entertainment and Tourism*)
- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
(*formerly Bachelor of Science in Hospitality, Entertainment and Tourism*)
- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies*)
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Bachelor of Science in Business Studies*)
- **Associate of Science in Library Technical Studies**
- **Associate of Arts in Performing Arts**

Excelsior Community College *continued*

Programmes Under Review

- **Associate of Science in Social Work** **Step 8 of 10**
- **Associate of Science in Psychology** **Step 8 of 10**
- **Associate of Science in Information Technology** **Step 8 of 10**
- **Associate of Applied Science in Architectural and Construction Technology** **Step 8 of 10**
- **Associate of Science in Environmental Studies** **Step 8 of 10**

The Hydel University College
Ferry, St. Catherine

- **Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education**
- **Bachelor of Education in Primary Education**

International University of the Caribbean (IUC)
47 Old Hope Road, Kingston 5

Constituent Colleges

College for Leadership and Theological Development (CLTD)
(formerly Institute for Theological and Leadership Development)

- **Bachelor of Arts in Theology**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Guidance and Counselling**
- **Diploma in Theology**
- **Master of Arts in Pastoral Psychology and Counselling**
(In collaboration with St. Stephen's College (SSC), Edmonton, Canada) *
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)**
- **Bachelor of Arts in General Studies**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**
- **Master of Science in Counselling and Consulting Psychology**

Constituent Colleges

Mel Nathan College

- **Bachelor of Arts in Community Development**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Specialization in Programme and Project Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

Jamaica Stock Exchange e-Campus
40 Harbour Street, Kingston

- **Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Services Management**

Jamaica Theological Seminary (JTS)
14-16 West Avenue, Kingston 8

- **Bachelor of Arts in Theology**
- **Bachelor of Arts in General Studies**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Guidance and Counselling**
- **Bachelor of Social Work**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Social and Professional Transformation**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Applied Behaviour Analysis**

Joint Board of Teacher Education (JBTE)
14 Gibraltar Camp Way
University of the West Indies
Mona, Kingston 7

Programme(s) Under Review

- **Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education**

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Knox Community College
Spalding P.O., Clarendon

- **Certificate in Environmental Studies/Sciences ***
- **Diploma in Environmental Studies/Sciences ***
- **Associate of Science in Environmental Studies**
- **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies**
- **Associate of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
(formerly Associate Degree in Hospitality, Entertainment and Tourism)
- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** (formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies)
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary Education)**
- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary Education)***
- **Associate of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Associate of Applied Science in Architectural and Construction Technology**
(formerly Associate Degree in Architectural and Construction Technology)
- **Associate of Applied Science in Engineering Technology***

Knox Community College *continued*

- **Associate of Science in Engineering**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (formerly Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies)**

Management Institute for National Development (MIND)
235a Old Hope Road, Kingston 6

- **Postgraduate Diploma Tax Audit and Revenue Administration**
- **Associate of Science Degree Accounting**
- **Postgraduate Diploma General Management Programme (formerly The General Management Programme)**
- **Postgraduate Diploma Human Resource Management (formerly Human Resource Management Programme)**
- **Postgraduate Diploma Public Sector Senior Management Development Programme***
- **Associate of Science Degree Human Resource Management**

The Mico University College
1A Marescaux Road, Kingston 5

- **Bachelor of Education in Language and Literacy**
- **Bachelor of Education in Science and Technology**
- **Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education**
- **Bachelor of Education in Primary Education**
- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary) with Specializations in Business Studies, Family and Consumer Science, Mathematics, Computer Science, History and Culture, Library and Information Studies, Language and Literacy, Language and Literature, Physical Education, Social Studies, Geography and Environmental Studies, Music, Industrial Technology, Visual Arts and Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology)**
- **Bachelor of Education in Special Education**
- **Bachelor of Science in Guidance and Counselling**
- **Master of Education in Special Education**
- **Master of Arts in Teaching**
- **Executive Masters in Educational Management**
- **Master of Science in Counselling and Social Work**

Midland Bible Institute
Curatoe Hill, P.O. Box 400, May Pen, Clarendon

- **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Theology**

Moneague College
Moneague, St. Ann

- **Associate of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
- **Associate of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies*)
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies*)
- **Associate of Science in Social Work**
- **Associate of Science in Psychology**
- **Associate of Science in Environmental Studies**
- **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies**
- **Associate of Science in Computer Servicing and Electronics**
- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
- **Associate of Science in Criminal Justice**

Montego Bay Community College
Alice Eldemire Drive, Montego Bay, St. James

- **Associate of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies*)
- **Associate of Science in Architectural and Construction Technology**
- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Associate of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration** (*formerly Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies*)
- **Associate Degree in Applied Science - Culinary Arts Core**
- **Associate of Science in Engineering**
- **Associate of Science in Agricultural Technology**
- **Associate of Science in Social Work**
- **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies**

NCB Corporate Learning Campus
(formerly NCB Staff Training Centre)
2 ½ Altamont Crescent, Kingston 5

- **Management Trainee Programme – Postgraduate Diploma**

Portmore Community College
P.O. Box 233, Waterford, St. Catherine

- **Associate of Science in Business Administration** (formerly Associate of Science in Business Studies)
- **Associate of Science in Computer Applications and Business Studies**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration** (formerly Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies)
- **Associate of Science in Computer Servicing and Electronics**
- **Associate of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Associate of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**
- **Associate of Science in Social Work**
- **Associate of Science in Engineering**
- **Applied Associate of Science in Architectural and Construction Technology**
- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management**

Regent College of the Caribbean
(formerly Jamaica Bible College)
7 Brumalia Road, Mandeville, Manchester

- **Diploma in Theology**
- **Associate Degree in Business Studies**

United Theological College of the West Indies
7 Golding Avenue, Kingston 7

- **Diploma in Ministerial Studies***

University College of the Caribbean (UCC, *now trading with the name University of the Commonwealth Caribbean*)

17 Worthington Avenue, Kingston 5

- **Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management**
- **Associate of Science in Business Administration**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**
- **Bachelor of Science in Marketing**
- **Bachelor of Science in Information Technology**
- **Associate of Science in Management Information Systems**
- **Associate of Science in Production and Operations Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Major in Accounting and Financial Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Major in Information Systems Management**
- **Commonwealth Executive Master of Business Administration**
- **Commonwealth Executive Master of Public Administration**

Programme(s) Under Review

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| • Associate of Science Tourism and Hospitality Management | Step 10 of 10 |
| • Bachelor of Science in Tourism and Hospitality Management | Step 8 of 10 |
| • Bachelor of Science in Production and Operations Management | Step 8 of 10 |
| • Master of Business Administration | Step 8 of 10 |

Vector Technology Institute

35A Eastwood Park Road, Kingston 10

- **Associate Degree in Computer Systems Technology**
- **Bachelor of Science in Technology Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Information and Communication Technology**

Vocational Training Development Institute (VTDI)
6 Gordon Town Road, Kingston 6

- **Post Graduate Diploma in Education and Training**
- **Diploma in Career Development**
(formerly **Diploma in Career Guidance and Counselling**) *
- **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**
Instructor Training Diploma*
- **Diploma in Information and Communication Technology**
- **Diploma in Entrepreneurship & Business Development ***

Programme(s) Under Review

- **Associate of Science Degree in Information and Communication Technology**

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Western Hospitality Institute
Holiday Village, Rose Hall, St. James

- **Associate of Science in Culinary Chef Management**
- **Associate of Science in Food and Beverage Management**
- **Associate of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Tourism Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management**

2. LOCAL UNIVERSITIES WITH ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES

Caribbean Maritime University (CMU)
(formerly Caribbean Maritime Institute)
Palisadoes Park, P.O. Box 8051, CSO, Kingston

- **Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Systems
Operation and Maintenance**
(formerly Associate Degree in Industrial Systems Operation and Maintenance)
- **Diploma in International Shipping and Logistics**

Northern Caribbean University (NCU)
Manchester Road, Mandeville, Manchester

This University has been granted Institutional Accreditation – see page 14

University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech)
237 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6

This University has been granted Institutional Accreditation – see page 14

3. ACCREDITED SHORT COURSES

Fitz Ritson and Associates
10 Holborn Road, Kingston 5

- **Portfolio Management**
- **Strategic Financial Management***
- **Introductory Financial Analysis**
- **Securities and Portfolio Management***

INPRI Jamaica Ltd
27 Fairfax Drive, Kingston 19

- **Public Sector Procurement Certification Series**

NCB Corporate Learning Campus
(formerly NCB Staff Training Centre)
2 ½ Altamont Crescent, Kingston 5

- **Branch Management Programme**
- **Leadership Development Programme**
(formerly **Middle Management Programme**)
- **Management Development Programme**
(formerly **Junior Management Programme**)

4. ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS AND CANDIDATES FOR INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

(All tertiary level programmes offered by the Accredited institution have the same standing and recognition as the Accredited programme.)

Northern Caribbean University (NCU)
(inclusive of the Western and Eastern Regional Campuses)
Main Campus: Manchester Road, Mandeville, Manchester

University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech)
(inclusive of the Western Campus)
Main Campus: 237 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6

The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus
(inclusive of the Western and Bahamian Campuses)
Main Campus: Mona, Kingston 7

CANDIDACY - INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

(The institutions have applied for institutional accreditation and have satisfied the eligibility criteria. See Steps in the process for Institutional Accreditation on pages 26-27.)

Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) **Step 3 of 8**
(formerly Caribbean Maritime Institute)
Palisadoes Park, P.O. Box 8051, CSO, Kingston

Excelsior Community College **Step 3 of 8**
137 Mountain View Avenue
Kingston 3

The Mico University College **Step 3 of 8**
1A Marescaux Road
Kingston 5

University College of the Caribbean (UCC, now **Step 3 of 8**
trading with the name University of the Commonwealth Caribbean)
17 Worthington Avenue
Kingston 5

5. UCJ-APPROVED DEGREES

(The UCJ-Approved degree has the same standing and recognition as the Accredited programme)

NB: The programmes identified by the symbol ‘#’ were delivered as UCJ-Approved degrees by the Teachers’ Colleges and are no longer offered as UCJ-Approved degrees. Please contact the Colleges for further information.

Bethlehem Moravian College
Malvern P.O., St. Elizabeth

- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary)** With specialization in **Information Technology, Business Education#**
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)#**

Caribbean Maritime University (CMU)
(formerly Caribbean Maritime Institute)
Palisadoes Park, P.O. Box 8051, CSO, Kingston

- **Bachelor of Science in Security Administration and Management**
- **Bachelor of Engineering in Industrial Systems**
- **Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in International Shipping**
- **Bachelor of Science in Port Management**
- **Bachelor of Science in Cruise Shipping and Marine Tourism**

Church Teachers’ College
Manchester Road, Mandeville, Manchester

- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary)** With specializations in **Human Ecology, Mathematics, English, Social Studies#**

College of Agriculture, Science and Education
Passley Gardens, Port Antonio, Portland

- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary)** With specialization in **Mathematics#**
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)#**

G.C. Foster College of Physical Education & Sport
Angels Walks Road, Spanish Town, St. Catherine

- **Bachelor of Physical Education**

The Mico University College
1A Marescaux Road, Kingston 5

- **Bachelor of Science in Guidance and Counselling#**
- **Bachelor of Education in School Management and Leadership**
- **Master of Arts in Teaching#**

Moneague College
Moneague, St. Ann

- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)#**

St. Joseph's Teachers' College
16 Old Hope Road, Kingston 5

- **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)#**
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)#**

Sam Sharpe Teachers' College
P.O. Box 40, Granville P.A., St. James

- **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)#**
- **Bachelor of Education (Primary)#**
- **Bachelor of Education (School Counselling)#**
- **Bachelor of Education (Special Education)#**

Shortwood Teachers' College
77 Shortwood Road, Kingston 8

- **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)#**
- **Bachelor of Education (Secondary) With specializations in Human Ecology, English, Mathematics, Religious Education, Geography/History, Modern Languages#**

Vocational Training Development Institute (VTDI)
6 Gordon Town Road, Kingston 6

- **Bachelor of Science in Career Development**
- **Bachelor of Science in Information and Communication Technology**
- **Bachelor of Education in Applied Technology with specializations in Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, Beauty Services, Business Studies, and Food Preparation**

6. ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES DELIVERED IN JAMAICA BY OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS

Central Connecticut State University, USA/Sam Sharpe Teachers' College/The Mico University College

- **Master of Science in Educational Leadership**
- **Master of Science in Reading and Language Arts**

Eastern Connecticut State University, USA/Hanover Education Foundation

- **Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Applied Social Relations ***

Florida International University, USA/University College of the Caribbean

- **Executive Master of Business Administration***
- **Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction**
- **Master of Science in Human Resource Management***

Manchester Business School, UK/The Jamaica Institute of Financial Services
(formerly Jamaica Institute of Bankers)

- **Master of Business Administration ***

Mount Saint Vincent University, Canada/JACAE

- **Master of Education**
(in Lifelong Learning; formerly Adult Education) *
- **Master of Arts in Education**
(in Lifelong Learning; formerly Adult Education) *
- **Bachelor of Education** (Primary Education)
*in association with St. Joseph's Teachers' College **
- **Bachelor of Education** (Primary Education)
*in association with the College of Agriculture, Science and Education **

Nova Southeastern University, USA

- **Master of Business Administration***
- **Bachelor of Science in Professional Management ***
- **Master of Science in Human Resource Management ***
- **Master of Science in Instructional Technology and Distance Education ***
- **Doctor of Education in Instructional Technology and Distance Education ***

Nova Southeastern University, USA *continued*

- **Master of Science in Education*** with specializations in Teaching and Learning and Exceptional Student Education (formerly Varying Exceptionalities and/or Special Education)
- **Bachelor of Science in Applied Professional Studies*** (Concentration in Teaching and Learning)
- **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) with specialization in Organizational Leadership**

Ohio State University / Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

- **Master of Arts in Art Education**

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, USA/Catholic College of Mandeville

- **Master of Education in Teaching and Learning**

Temple University, USA/Church Teachers College

- **Bachelor of Science in Education ***
- **Master of Education in Educational Leadership**
formerly Master of Education in Educational Administration)

Programme(s) Under Review (in collaboration with Church Teachers' College)

- **Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership** **Step 8 of 10**

University College Birmingham (*formerly* Birmingham College of Food, Tourism and Creative Studies), UK

- **Master of Arts in Professional Hospitality and Tourism Management**
*(formerly Master of Science in Hospitality with Tourism Management) **

University of New Orleans, USA

- **Master of Business Administration (Executive MBA) ***

University of South Florida, USA/Shortwood Teachers' College

- **Masters in Early Childhood Education***

Western Carolina University, USA

- **Bachelor of Science in Education** (with concentrations in Special Education, Administration, Science/Math, Early Childhood)
- **Master of Arts in Education in Supervision**

7. OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS WITH PROGRAMMES RECOGNIZED BY THE UCJ
(Programmes that are Recognized by the UCJ have the same standing and recognition as the Accredited programme)

Heriot-Watt University

*The **Ordinary Bachelors Degrees** (listed below) are recognized as equivalent to the first 3 years of the four-year Bachelors Degrees and the first 2 years of the three-year Bachelors Degrees.*

- **Bachelor of Arts in Business and Finance (Ordinary Bachelors Degree)**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Management (Ordinary Bachelors Degree)**
- **Bachelor of Business Administration (Ordinary Bachelors Degree)**
- **Master of Business Administration**

Walden University

- **Master of Science in Education**
- **Master of Science in Early Childhood Studies**
- **Master of Science in Instructional Design**
- **Doctor of Education**



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8. OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS WITH PROGRAMMES ACCREDITED BY THE UCJ

Suriname College of Hospitality and Tourism

- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management** (*accreditation expired September 30, 2014*)

ACCREDITATION

To be eligible to submit programmes for accreditation, local institutions must first seek registration by the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ). In the case of overseas institutions seeking accreditation/recognition for programmes delivered in Jamaica, the institutions must first be accredited/recognized by the credible authority in the country of origin. On that basis, those institutions would not need to be registered by the UCJ.

REGISTRATION

The aim of registration is to certify that an institution meets certain minimum operating standards required for the conduct of a tertiary institution in Jamaica. It is a first step towards the accreditation of programmes offered by an institution. Registration, therefore, is a pre-accreditation status. The criteria for registration are closely related to the criteria for accreditation since they are meant to provide registered institutions with a foundation for logical development towards accreditation. Accreditation is a voluntary process. The registration process is as follows:

Step 1 APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

- The scheduling of a preliminary meeting with the institution to discuss the quality assurance framework, the requirements of the documentation and the registration process;
- Institutions are provided with the following documents:
 - The Registration Process: Guidelines for Registration
 - Application for Registration
 - Registration Process
- The institution's submission of an Application for Registration;
- The processing and review of documents submitted by the institution to determine eligibility for Registration visit.

Step 2 SITE VISIT

- The selection and training of an evaluation team for the Registration visit;
- The interviewing of relevant stakeholders of the institution on-site and evaluation of the institution's facilities and resources by the evaluation team.

Step 3 REPORT WRITING

- The preparation of the Registration report by members of the evaluation team.

Step 4 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE

- The Registration report is sent to the President/Principal of the institution for review;
- The institution prepares a written response to the UCJ to address the recommendations in the Registration report.

Step 5 REGISTRATION DECISION

- The institution submits the response to the Registration report to the UCJ.
- The review of the Registration report and the institution's response by the Accreditation, Curriculum and Development Committee (AC&D) and the submission of a recommendation to Council;

- The Council's review of the recommendation of the AC&D;
- Council may delay a decision and ask that the institution address particular issues. In such a case, the application would revert to Step 4 of the process;
- The decision of Council is communicated to the institution in writing.

Once registered, an institution has a maximum of four years to submit programme(s) for accreditation.

Accreditation is the status granted to a programme or an institution that has been found, through self-study and peer review, to meet or exceed established standards for educational quality. Accreditation promotes the improvement of educational quality through self-evaluation, self-regulation and accountability. The role of the accrediting body is to ensure the attainment and maintenance of quality through application of educational standards. The process for programme and institutional accreditation is outlined below:

A) PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION

Step 6 APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION

- The scheduling of training of staff of the institution in preparing for accreditation;
- Institutions are provided with the following documents:
 - The Accreditation Process: Guidelines for Programme Accreditation
 - Application for Programme Accreditation
 - Accreditation Process
- The institution's submission of a completed application for programme accreditation;
- The processing and review of documents submitted by the institution to determine eligibility for an accreditation visit.

Step 7 ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT

- The selection and training of an evaluation team for the accreditation visit;
- The interviewing of relevant stakeholders of the institution including students, graduates and employers of graduates and an evaluation of the institution's facilities and resources by members of the evaluation team.

Step 8 REPORT WRITING

- The preparation of the Accreditation report by members of the evaluation team.

Step 9 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE

- The Accreditation report is sent to the President/Principal of the institution for review;
- The institution prepares a written response to the UCJ to address the recommendations in the Accreditation report.

Step 10 ACCREDITATION DECISION

- The institution submits the response to the Accreditation report to the UCJ.
- The review of the Accreditation report and the Institution's response by the Accreditation, Curriculum and Development Committee (AC&D) and the submission of recommendation to Council;

- The Council's review of the recommendation of the AC&D;
- Council may delay a decision and ask that the institution address particular issues. In such a case, the application would revert to Step 9 of the process;
- The decision of Council is communicated to the institution in writing.

Step 11 Monitoring

- The institution that has been granted programme accreditation submits annual status reports during the period of accreditation. For first time accreditation, the maximum period of accreditation is four years. Subsequently, the maximum period is five years.

Step 12 Re-accreditation

- The institution submits an application to renew accreditation at the end of the period of accreditation. A full re-evaluation of the programme(s) is undertaken.

B) INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Institutional Accreditation is the status granted to an institution that has been found to meet or exceed established standards for educational quality. Institutional accreditation is the comprehensive evaluation of the institution and its academic and administrative effectiveness, with specific focus on the robustness of its Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) system and on overall systems, policies and practices of the institution and how they impact the quality of all programmes offered by the institution.

The Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) system of the institution has mechanisms that ensure through evaluation and application, *inter alia*, whether its:

- mission and goals are appropriate;
- academic programmes meet the standards for the discipline and the profession and are consistent with the mission of the institution;
- teaching staff are competent, appropriately qualified and providing effective teaching and learning experiences (the institution should also apply fair and transparent processes for the recruitment of its staff/faculty);
- learning resources are adequate and appropriate to enable students learning (including library and information, technological and physical resources);
- student support services are appropriate and readily accessible;
- management of its financial resources in changing economic conditions is adequate and effective;
- engagement in continuous improvement is informed by gathering and analysing data on its effectiveness and on student success, and that such data is used to guide planning, decision making and resource allocation.

An institution seeking institutional accreditation must undergo the following process:

Step 1 LETTER OF INTENT

- The Institution submits an expression of interest.

Step 2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Submission of evidence of meeting eligibility criteria.
- If the eligibility evidence is deemed satisfactory, the institution is granted *Candidacy for Institutional Accreditation*.

Step 3 CANDIDACY

- An institution having received Candidacy will proceed to prepare and submit the Institutional Self Study (ISS).

Step 4 APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONAL SELF-STUDY

Step 5 SITE VISIT

- The selection and training of an evaluation team for the accreditation visit;
- The interviewing of relevant stakeholders of the institution including students, graduates and employers of graduates and an evaluation of the institution's facilities and resources by members of the evaluation team.

Step 6 REPORT WRITING

- The preparation of the Institutional Accreditation report by members of the evaluation team.

Step 7 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE

- The UCJ dispatches a report of the visit to the institution and the institution submits a formal response to the UCJ

Step 8 THE ACCREDITATION DECISION

- The institution submits the response to the Institutional Accreditation Report to the UCJ.
- The review of the Institutional Accreditation Report and the Institution's response by the Institutional Accreditation Review (IAR) Committee and the submission of recommendation to Council;
- The Council's review of the recommendation of the IAR Committee;
- The decision of Council is communicated to the institution in writing.

Step 9 MONITORING

- The institution granted Institutional Accreditation submits annual status reports and a mid-cycle review is undertaken during the period of accreditation.

Step 10 RE-ACCREDITATION

- The institution submits an application to renew accreditation at the end of the period of accreditation. A full re-evaluation of the institution is undertaken.