

## ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES AND INSTITUTIONS AS AT MARCH 2022

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

All American Institute for Medical Sciences  
66 High Street  
Black River, St Elizabeth

- **Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences**

B&B University College (registered with the UCJ as a tertiary  
institution, *formerly* 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)**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Social Work**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Management Information Systems**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Architectural and Construction Technology**

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\*** (Original programme delivered up to July 2019)
- **Master of Divinity\***
- **Master of Business Administration\***

Caribbean School of Medical Sciences, Jamaica  
77 Shortwood Road, Kingston 8

- **Associate of Science in Natural and Applied Sciences**

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)**
- **Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood**

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**

Programme(s) Under Review

- **Bachelor of Science Degree in Plant Science**

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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*)

Excelsior Community College *continued*

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

International University of the Caribbean (IUC)  
(registered with the UCJ as a tertiary institution)  
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** (*accreditation expired Dec 31, 2021*)
- **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** (*accreditation expired Dec 31, 2021*)
- **Master of Science in Counselling and Consulting Psychology**
- **Master of Education – Educational Administration and Leadership**

Mel Nathan College

- **Bachelor of Arts in Community Development** (*accreditation expired Dec 31, 2021*)
- **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

- **Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education**

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

Programme(s) Under Review

- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management** **Step 8 of 10**

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**
- **Postgraduate Diploma Public Sector Senior Management Development Programme\***
- **Associate of Science Degree Human Resource Management**

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 of Applied Science in Culinary Arts**
- **Associate of Science in Engineering**
- **Associate of Science in Agricultural Technology**
- **Associate of Science in Social Work**
- **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies**
- **Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service and Mortuary Science**
- **Associate of Applied Science in Fashion Designing**

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**
- **Bachelor of Science Degree in Management Information System**



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

- **Diploma in Theology**
- **Associate Degree in Business Studies**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Theology**

Sigma College of Nursing and Applied Sciences  
34 Top Road  
P O Box 437, Brown's Town  
St. Ann

- **Associate Degree in Health Sciences**

The Hydel University College  
Ferry, St. Catherine

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

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

- **Diploma in Ministerial Studies\***

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

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

- **Associate of Science in Culinary Chef Management** (*accreditation expired Aug 31, 2021*)
- **Associate of Science in Food and Beverage Management** (*accreditation expired Aug 31, 2021*)
- **Associate of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management** (*accreditation expired Aug 31, 2021*)
- **Associate of Science Degree in Tourism Management** (*accreditation expired Aug 31, 2021*)
- **Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management** (*accreditation expired Dec 30, 2021*)

## **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**

### 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

**The Mico University College**  
1A Marescaux Road  
Kingston 5

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

**University of the Commonwealth Caribbean** (registered with the UCJ  
as a university college, *formerly the University College of the Caribbean*)  
**(inclusive of May Pen, Mandeville, Montego Bay and Ocho Rios Regional Campuses)**  
Main Campus: 17 Worthington Avenue  
Kingston 5

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

#### **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 24-25.)**

**Excelsior Community College**  
137 Mountain View Avenue  
Kingston 3

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**Moneague Colleague**  
Moneague, St Ann

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## 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**
- **Associate of Science Degree in Recreation and Sport (Coaching)**

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 of the Commonwealth Caribbean (registered with the UCJ as a university college, *formerly* the 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 concentration in Organizational Leadership**  
Concentrations Under Review  
Reading Education; Higher Education Leadership;  
Healthcare Education; Special Education;  
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM);  
Instructional Technology and Distance Education;  
Instructional Leadership; Educational Leadership

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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*)
- **Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership**

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 - Supervision**
- **Master of Arts in Education – Comprehensive Education/ Special Education/ Mild to Moderate Disabilities**

**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 Bachelor's Degree)**  
*(recognition expired July 1, 2019)*
- **Bachelor of Arts in Management (Ordinary Bachelor's Degree)**  
*(recognition expired July 1, 2019)*
- **Bachelor of Business Administration (Ordinary Bachelor's Degree)**  
*(recognition expired July 1, 2019)*
- **Master of Business Administration**

Walden University

- **Master of Science in Education** *(recognition expired August 31, 2020)*
- **Master of Science in Early Childhood Studies** *(recognition expired August 31, 2020)*
- **Master of Science in Instructional Design** *(recognition expired August 31, 2020)*
- **Doctor of Education** *(recognition expired August 31, 2020)*

## **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*)

## THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS

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.