

VALIDATED CENTRE MODERATOR'S REPORT

Each Moderator is required to submit a report of each Examination Board to the Vice-Chancellor of the University. You are asked to complete this report immediately following the marking period and to return it to the Validation Unit. **A separate report should be completed for each scheme examined.**

Since this form will be photocopied, you are required to complete it in typescript. Your report need not be restricted to the areas given below and you should feel free to comment on any matters which you deem appropriate. Constructive suggestions for future action are particularly welcomed. Please submit all comments in typewritten/word-processed form.

Please return your completed form to the University of Wales Validation Unit, University of Wales Registry, King Edward VII Avenue, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NS or you may email it to validation@wales.ac.uk (a signed hard copy should also be posted to the Unit).

Payment of fees and expenses will be authorised once the report has been received at the Validation Unit.

Name of Moderator:
Professor Nigel Palastanga

Title of Scheme of Study and subject(s) examined: ...
BSc (Hons) Chiropractic.....

College:
McTimoney College of Chiropractic

The report given below is in respect of work conducted in session
2007/8

Signed: *NP* Dated: *28/8/08*

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Section A : Please respond to the following questions by deleting the answers as appropriate. Any comments on these may be made on the following page.

1. Do you believe that (during the period covered in this report) you have been able to develop and influence the Validated Institution, its staff, resources etc, in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Moderator's Duties and Functions? **Yes**
2. Did you receive, at the appropriate time, all the necessary information on the scheme of study and its assessment? **Yes**
3. Were the learning outcomes of the scheme of study clearly defined and appropriate to the subject matter and the students? **Yes**
4. Were the course structure and content appropriate to the scheme's learning outcomes? **Yes**
5. Were you asked to assist with the preparation of any examination papers and/or coursework assessment schedules contributing to the final award? **No**
6. Were the methods of assessment well-balanced and fair? **Yes**
7. Did they reflect the scheme's learning outcomes? **Yes**
8. Did the examinations/assessments cover the whole subject area of the scheme? **Yes**
9. Were examination/assessment procedures and the schemes for marking and classification correctly applied? **Yes**
10. Was the Examining Board conducted properly and in accordance with established procedures? **Yes**
11. Has the Validated Institution taken appropriate consideration of the relevant QAA benchmark statements and is there a programme specification in place? **Yes**
12. Were you asked to comment on any changes to the assessment of the scheme? (If 'Yes', please provide full details.) **No**
13. Had proper consideration been given to any recommendation made by you or by the previous Moderator in last session's report? **Yes**
14. Were you satisfied with the apparent interaction between the University of Wales and the Validated Institution? **Yes**

Further comments:

There have been some general comments from External Examiners relating to them not receiving examination papers and assessments for approval prior to them being given to students. It would appear that this has been because of a misunderstanding at the University of Wales. Externals have been asked to contact me directly if they have not received assessment materials so that this does not happen again.

(Please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

Section B : Moderator's comments

1. Please provide full details (on a separate sheet if necessary) of your opportunities to interact with staff at the Validated Institution.

There have been a number of validation events and reviews over the past year and I have met a great number of staff at these. A "Training" event has been arranged for me to engage with the staff in November 2008

2. Please provide full details (on a separate sheet if necessary) of your opportunities to interact with students at the Validated Institution.

Similarly I have meet different groups of students at validation and review events and will have a formal meeting with students in November 2008.

3. Please give details of any staff development exercises conducted by yourself which have taken place during the session.

This will happen in November. Some staff have attended University of Wales Conferences where many Quality Assurance issues were discussed.

4. Please provide details of any student related issues which you would wish to draw to the attention of the Validation Board.

The on-line library is now fully functional and the students are engaging with it fully. It is proving a useful resource.

5. Are you satisfied with the resources available to support the scheme of study? If 'no', please give details of any specific areas of concern. Did you have the opportunity to apply the Validation Board's Resources Questionnaire at Validated Institutions? If so, please append to this report.

The resources at McTimoney continue to meet the needs of the staff and students.

6. Please give details of any concerns or areas for future development you would like to draw to the attention of the Validation Board.

The college may wish to consider further development of its academic staff by increasing the number that have had a formal "teacher training".

7. Are you satisfied that the University of Wales Regulations and Academic Protocols are being applied in full by the institution?

Yes

8. Please comment on any issues relating to course management/administration you would like to draw to the attention of the Validation Board.

This is a well managed course

9. Are there any issues (general or specific) regarding the duties and functions of the Moderator which you wish to draw to the attention of the Validation Board?

With a predominantly part time faculty (staff and students) it is difficult to fully engage with them and make them feel part of the University. I hope that we can do something about this throughout the validated institutions of the University of Wales.

10. Do you have any concerns about the future operation of the Validated Programme?

No – not now as the difficulties concerning Registration have been resolved. The move to a qualification of MChir puts this course on equal footing with other similar programmes.

Any further comments (eg. Are there any examples of good practice that you would like to highlight to the Validation Board?)

There are a number of examples of good practice, but I will high lite only one – the way in which students are prepared to start working within the profession as soon as they graduate.

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Section C

Please list any recommendations for which you would like a written response from the Institution. These will be followed up in the Annual College and Course Review Form.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MODERATOR	
None.	

Any further comments (eg. Are there any examples of good practice that you would like to highlight to the Validation Board?)

None in particular.

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