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To	Academic Board	Date	03/10/2018
From	Simon Nash, Director Ako	Phone No.	021 029 34918
Subject	Programme Approval – Bachelor of Policing		

Recommendation:

That Academic Board approves the following programme, effective from Semester 1 2019, for submission to NZQA:

- **Bachelor of Policing (Level 7, 360 credits)**

Rationale

This new programme sits in the Health & Community Network

Unitec is seeking approval and accreditation to offer a new undergraduate programme: the *Bachelor of Policing* (BPolice). Unitec and the Wellington-based NZ Police College (“the Police College”) will work as partners to deliver this programme.

Until now, the New Zealand Police (“NZ Police”) have operated the sole training establishment for police constables and associated research facility focusing on policing practice. This development is in line with international trends in policing education, and a growing number of industries undergoing a process of “professionalisation” in line with an increased emphasis on critical, reflective practice, credentialing frameworks and broader recognition of standards for practice.

The programme document has been reviewed by the Academic Approvals Committee (AAC), which has not recommended it for submission to NZQA. Paraphrasing, the AAC’s principal concern relates to whether or not this programme meets NZQA criteria related to a L7 degree programme, or is more in the order of a “training programme”.

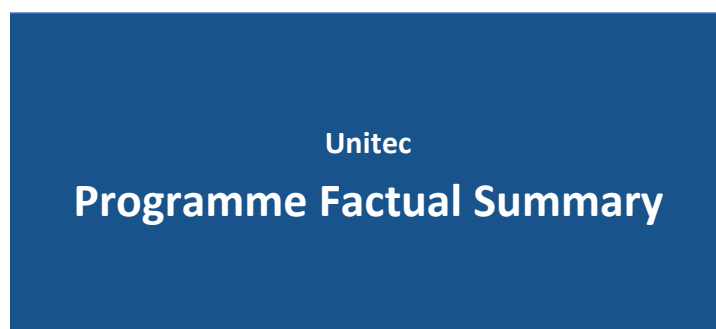
While we acknowledge this lack of endorsement, it is the view of myself and of the Interim CE Merran Davis, the Interim Chief Financial Officer David Glover, and the Dean of the Health & Community Network Debra Robertson-Welsh that we seek approval for submission to NZQA for the following reasons:

1. The qualification and associated programme are a new type for NZ; effectively an “apprenticeship degree” of a type recently developed in the UK for policing education and other professional areas, and not characteristic of conventional L7 degrees.
2. NZQA and TEC have previously met with Unitec and NZ Police and expressed their desire to see this application be made and to succeed.
3. Submission to NZQA will allow this new type of qualification to be “tested” and allow the earlier dialogue about the nature of the programme with NZQA (and with TEC) to continue.

The Programme Factual Summary Sheet is attached. The full programme document attached to this

email.

PROGRAMME FACTUAL SUMMARY



Programme Details

Title of programme:	Bachelor of Policing
With majors in (if applicable):	NA
Programme abbreviation:	BPolice
Level:	Level 7
Total credits:	360
DAS credits:	NA
Unitec credits:	360
Programme number:	TBA
Programme owner:	Unitec
Qualification:	A local Unitec qualification
Qualification award category:	20
NZSCED subject classification:	091105
Nature of approval sought:	Approval and Accreditation
Proposed start date:	January 2019
New programme or existing programme amended:	New Programme
Summary of changes made:	N/A

Outcome statements:

Strategic purpose statement: [Aims]	The <i>Bachelor of Policing</i> aims to produce graduates who can use an evidence-informed approach to applying relevant New Zealand legislation, NZ Police strategies and policies effectively and safely in the role of police constable. A high level of graduate work-readiness is a high priority given
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	<p>the challenging, high-stakes work they are performing. To that end, the BPolice is structured as a work-based programme intended to build strong connections between the learning and working environments to maximise opportunities to learn from the application of formal learning to practice and thereby achieve high-level performance by the time of graduation.</p>
Graduate profile:	<p>Graduates of the BPolice will be able to practice safe, effective, and competent policing as an entry-level Police Constable in a variety of settings and contexts. This will be demonstrated by their ability to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform the duties of a police constable in an effective and competent manner, as prescribed by governing authorities and legislation, in a variety of settings and environments. 2. Effectively apply the principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ Treaty of Waitangi in policing practice. 3. Practice in a manner which is culturally appropriate to the situation. 4. Act professionally by incorporating integrity, respect, and ethical approaches in dealing with individuals, families/whānau, and communities in the context of policing practice. 5. Incorporate evidence-informed decision making, critical thinking, and problem-solving capabilities into policing practice. 6. Enhance professional development through critical self-reflection and lifelong learning. 7. Adapt professional practice to optimise outcomes for New Zealand communities.
Education pathway:	<p>BPolice graduates may undertake on-going, related, training/education; this may include, but is not limited to, post-graduate study.</p>
Employment and/or community pathway	<p>After successfully completing the BPolice, graduates will be able to fulfill the duties of Police Constables in a safe, effective and professional manner and have the higher order critical thinking skills to subsequently progress their careers at a high level.</p>
Content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal justice system and relevant legislation in New Zealand • Crimes and offences • NZ Police strategies and policies • The Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi and police practice • Evidence-informed decision-making and problem-solving • Critical-reflection on practice • Professional and ethical police practice • Policing within diverse communities • Road Policing • Drugs and organised crime • Policing for youth • Alcohol-related policing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family harm incidents • Incident management
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Programme specifications:

Network:	Health and Community
Practice Pathway:	Police Practice Pathway (new)
Delivery mode:	Authentic work-based model
Delivery methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large group teaching; • Case studies and simulations; • Practical demonstrations; • Small group work; • Online learning; • Self-directed learning; • Observations; • Field work experience; • Workplace learning support.
Delivery sites:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt Albert campus – Unitec, Auckland • Police College, Porirua • North Shore Policing Centre Albany Auckland • Various sites around <i>Aotearoa</i> /New Zealand for driving, firearms and tactical training
Assessment methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examinations; • Presentations; • Tests; • Portfolio; • Structured portfolio and supporting interview.
Assessment standards:	N/A

Entry requirements:

General admission requirements

- NCEA Level 3 including:
 - a. Three subjects at Level 3 or above, made up of 14 credits each, in three subjects;
 - b. Literacy: 10 credits at Level 2 or above (made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 in writing);
 - c. Numeracy: 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
 - i. Achievement standards: specified achievement standards are available through a range of subjects; or
 - ii. Unit standards: package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627 – all three required)

English language admission requirements

Applicants must have achieved a minimum standard of English as demonstrated by a minimum of eight credits at NCEA Level 2 in English (4 in Reading, 4 in Writing).

Selection Criteria

Selection will be made by NZ Police National Recruitment, using their established criteria for admission to constable training. To apply for training, individual must:

- hold a full New Zealand driver's licence;
- be a New Zealand or Australian Citizen or a New Zealand Permanent Resident;
- complete a NZ Police *Consent to Disclosure of Information Form*
- have no medical conditions that would impair their ability to carry out any policing duties;
- successfully complete NZ Police National Recruitment literacy and numeracy assessments;
- successfully complete up to 40-hour observation in the NZ Police workplace;
- successfully complete the *Introduction to Police Studies in Aotearoa/New Zealand* course (15 credits);
- successfully complete the physical appraisal test set by NZ Police;
- successfully complete an interview with NZ Police National Recruitment;
- successfully complete a safety checking process, as set out in the *Requirements for Safety Checks of Children's Workers* section of the *Vulnerable Children Regulations* (2015).

Selection process

Selection will be made by NZ Police National Recruitment with the delegated authority of Unitec to offer places to applicants.

Student profile:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This programme is open to those recruited and selected by NZ Police to become trainees. • The programme is not open to international or part-time learners.
Student destination:	Designed to lead directly to the role of Police Constable with NZ Police
Eligibility for student loans and allowances:	Learners will not be accessing student loans or allowances.
Nature of funding sought:	
Expected student intake:	Approximately 1000 learners per year will enter the degree. This will vary according to Government's annual directive on Police numbers.
EFTS:	3.0 EFTS
Programme duration (full-time):	3 year traineeship
Programme duration (part-time):	N/A
Programme duration (maximum):	5 year traineeship
Total weeks of the programme (including holiday weeks):	156
Total teaching weeks of the programme (excluding holiday weeks):	144
Total weeks of the programme per year (including holiday weeks):	52
Total teaching weeks of the programme per year (excluding holiday weeks):	48
Average directed hours per week:	5.69
Average work experience hours per week:	15.8 learning hours (see section 4.1.3, Table 3)
Average self-directed study hours per week:	3.48

Total study hours per week:	24.97 learning hours
Total programme study hours:	3600

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