

## Differential Validation

(Major Programme Changes – Type A)

### Section A

### Report of the Review Panel

<b>Programme Reference Number:</b>	M015
<b>Faculty/School(s):</b>	St Angelas
<b>Department(s):</b>	Department of Home Economics

#### Details of Programme(s) Reviewed

<b>Programme Title:</b>	Professional Diploma in Home Economics
<b>Programme Code:</b>	SG_EHOMF_Q08
<b>Embedded Awards: (Code and Title)</b>	N/A

<b>Date of Review:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
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#### Review Panel

Panellist Role	Title	Name	Organisation	Job Title
Chair	Ms	Una Parsons	ATU	Head of Faculty of
External Academic/Industry Discipline Expert*	Ms	Lorraine Byrnes	Deputy Principal	Dominican College, Galway
Academic/Head of Department	Dr	Dermot O'Donovan	ATU	Head of Department of Creative Education
Academic/Head of Department	Ms	Celine Curtin	ATU	Head of Department of Creative Arts & Media
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Registrar (VPAAR) Nominee/Academic Secretary	Ms	Carmel Brennan	ATU	Assistant Registrar

\*One or two external members of panel in total.

All external members of the panel have declared that they are independent of ATU (Atlantic Technological University), and all have declared that they have no conflict of interest.

## Programme Board

The panel met the staff listed below during the review of the proposed modifications.

Amanda McCloat	Dr Helen Maguire
Emma O'Brien	

## Summary of Proposed Modifications

The proposed changes submitted by the Programme Board are detailed here. An overall proposed reduction of 30 ECTs to the Professional Diploma in Education in Home Economics Programme /Major Programme Change consisting of the following:

- The Year 1, Semester 1 Food Studies at 10ECT module will be removed. Food Nutrition and Skills: Theory and Practice at 5ECT will be added. This will result in a reduction of 5ECT.
- The Year 1, Semester 2 Family Resource Management (FRM): The Family at 5ECT will be removed. The Family Resource Management: Home Economics Theory and Practice at 5ECT will be added. The rationale for this change is due to the integrated theoretical concepts e.g. The family, micro and macro nutrients, historical evolution of the discipline is encompassed, delivered and assessed through the module FRM: Home Economics Theory and Practice.
- Removal of the Year 1, Semester 2 Food Microbiology, Processing and Preservation (5ECT) and the Year 2 Nutritional and Sensory Sciences (5ECT) Year 2, Semester 1. Applied Food Microbiology (5ECT) will replace and merge both named modules and will be delivered in Year 2, Semester 1 of the programme.
- Removal of Year 2 modules, Food, Quality, Health and Nutrition at 5 ECT and Home Economics Practice in Everyday life at 5ECT. The rationale to remove these modules is that the indicative content does not directly inform the pedagogic approach or subject knowledge base required to teach Home Economics at second level. However, the indicative content could be engaged with if students chose to study the discipline beyond a Level 8 programme of study.
- Removal of Year 2 module, School Based Practicum (10ECT). The students engaging and completing this programme are qualified teachers, therefore, the pedagogical approaches to teaching Home Economics is and would continue to be delivered and assessed through the Home Economics Subject Specific Pedagogics module.
- Overall, it is proposed that the Year 1 of the programme will see a reduction of 10 ECT from 50 ECT to 40 ECT. Year 2 of the programme will see a reduction of 40 ECT to 20 ECT, totalling 60 ECT in line with the Teaching Council requirements.

## Rationale for Modifications

The Professional Diploma in Education in Home Economics (PDEHE) is currently comprised as a level 8 part-time 2 year 90 ECT programme. This programme initially approved in 2016-17 under University of Galway. At that time the curricular subject requirement for registration of a Post Primary Teacher of Home Economics by The Teaching Council of Ireland was to have studied 90 ECTs of specific content in the discipline Home Economics (or equivalent).

The Home Economics subject requirement for registration as a Post Primary teacher has since been revised. Therefore, the School of Home Economics, ATU St Angelas wish to gain approval for modification of the PDEHE programme to a level 8, 2-year, part-time, 60 ECT programme, in line with revised Home Economics subject registration requirements.

## Findings

### Overall Finding

Approved without changes	
Approved subject to condition(s) and/or recommendation(s)	<b>X</b>
Rejected	

### Reason for Overall Finding

The changes proposed were deemed appropriate to the overall aim of the programme which is to give students an additional teaching subject.

### Conditions

1. All modules need to correctly reflect that they are level 8 on the Approved Programme Schedule.
2. Amend the Approved Programme Schedule to show a single stage programme, with a description and diagram of the proposed delivery schedule.
3. Part-time hours should be reflected on each module to mirror full-time hours.

### Recommendations

1. Map the programme modules against the Teaching Council subject requirements to ensure that the requirements are met.
2. Further expand on the Teaching Council Registration process for graduates of this programme.
3. Clarify that while the school placement has been removed that the students still have opportunities to apply the pedagogies relevant to this discipline within the retained modules.

## Report Approval

This report has been agreed by the evaluation panel and is signed on their behalf by the chairperson.

Signed: <i>Una Parsons</i>  Name Una Parsons Differential Validation Panel Chair	Date 6.3.24
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