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HKPA Declaration: Physiotherapy Certificate Course

It has been brought to our attention that certain organization is starting a course with a title including the term “Physiotherapy Certificate”. The Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association (HKPA) would like to express our concerns on the use of such term in the course title, because the public may easily misunderstand that the completion of such course would make one eligible to become a physiotherapist in Hong Kong.

Physiotherapy is a regulated profession in Hong Kong. Only those who are registered with the Physiotherapists Board are allowed to practice physiotherapy in Hong Kong. For new local applicants, only those who hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Physiotherapy awarded by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University or other Bachelor degree in physiotherapy programs accredited by the Physiotherapists Board are eligible for registration in Hong Kong.

Completion of the “Physiotherapy Certificate Course” or other sub-degree courses bearing a similar term above certainly does not meet the eligibility criteria for registration with the Physiotherapists Board. HKPA strongly urges avoidance of using the term “Physiotherapy Certificate” in the course title. To prevent confusion among the public, it would be more appropriate to use the term “Physiotherapy Assistant” in the course title.

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香港物理治療學會聲明: 物理治療學證書課程

我們注意到某些組織正在開始一門課程，其課程名稱包括“物理治療學證書”一詞。香港物理治療學會表達我們對使用該詞於課程名稱內的關注，因公眾或會誤以為完成該課程後，即可在香港成為物理治療師。

物理治療在香港是受規管的專業。只有在物理治療師管理委員會註冊的人士，才可以在香港從事物理治療工作。對於新的本地申請人，只有持有香港理工大學頒授的物理治療學學士學位或物理治療師管理委員會認可的物理治療學學位課程者，才有資格在香港註冊成為物理治療師。

修畢上述“物理治療學證書”課程或其他採用類似詞彙的非學位課程，肯定未能符合物理治療師管理委員會所規定的註冊資格。香港物理治療學會強烈呼籲任何個人或組織，在開辦這些課程時，應該避免使用“物理治療學證書”或類似詞彙於課程名稱中。避免導致公眾混淆，我們認為在課程名稱中使用“物理治療助理”一詞會更合適。

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