

Accreditation & Quality Assurance & Compliance NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS @ VINUNI

1. ACEN - Achieving Candidacy Approval



In Quarter 4, 2023, the BN and AQA teams achieved a significant milestone by submitting the Candidacy report in October, leading to a subsequent site visit from ACEN experts in November. The collaborative efforts of the entire university and support service units facilitated a successful visit, earning positive feedback from ACEN. The official letter, granting Candidacy for the baccalaureate nursing program as the very first University in Vietnam to attain this status, was released after the visit. With approval for the Candidacy report obtained, we are now eligible to apply for Initial Accreditation by the deadline in July 2025.

In the first accreditation project involving a collaborative team between the program and AQA team, let's reflect on **some lessons learnt**:

1 AQA-BN: Team-work spirit

The importance of listening, clear and open communication, establishing key understanding, and working together with agreed-upon mechanisms

2 At least 6 months preparation

The preparation of the self-study report should commence at least six months before the submission date, considering a report of 100 pages.

3 Expert inputs and comments

Seek expert input and comments from individuals with substantial experience in accreditation and report assessment.

4 Leverage current systems

Leverage systems to support accreditation; for instance, create a Canvas course to store the supporting documents for accreditation reviewers to access

5 Engagement with other units

Ensure engagement and collaboration from all support units and leaderships

6 Mock interview is essential

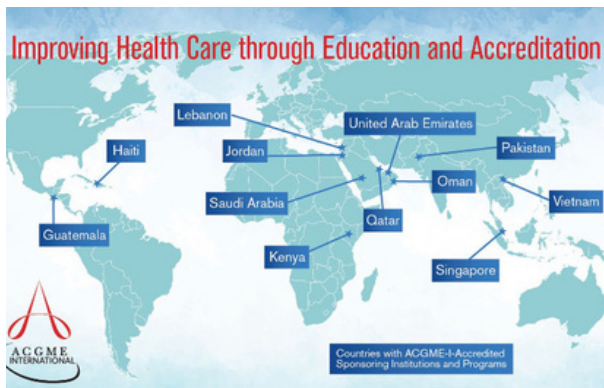
Conducting mock interviews, ideally two months before the actual visit and report submission, is deemed essential.

7 Mandatory trainings

Conduct mandatory training for students and relevant interviewees, empowering students as direct beneficiaries of the accreditation outcome.

8 Define roles during interviews

Nominate a focal point to lead relevant interview/meeting sessions with the expert team during the site visit, establishing effective collaboration mechanisms.



2. ACGME-I – Remote Accreditation Site Visit for 3 GME Programs

Following the Institutional Accreditation last July, on **November 16th - 17th - 21st**, the three GME programs successfully completed the remote site visit with Dr. Margaret Mulligan, ACGME-I Field Representative for Program Accreditation. Each of the eight-hour visits included 4 interview sessions with the Program Director and Program Coordinator; Residents; Core Faculty, DIO; and Chair of the Department (for IM only).

After the site visit, a report will be sent to the Review Committee. Review results from the Review Committee will be available in January 2024. If succeed, VinUni Internal Medicine Residency Program, General Surgery Residency Program, and Pediatrics Residency will be the first ever GME programs in Vietnam to achieve ACGME International Accreditation.

3. ASEAN-QA Final Conference - Hosted by VinUni

On **October 5th 2023**, VinUni was honored to host the final conference of “Training on Internal Quality Assurance-TrainIQA” in collaboration with the University of Potsdam and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). This regional conference brought together leaders from 30 universities in Southeast Asia, with the theme: “Developing Higher Education and Addressing External Challenges: The Role of University Management”.

Concurrently, VinUniversity had the pleasure of welcoming 40 trainees from TrainIQA program for a whole-day workshop with our esteemed QA partners on essential aspects such as Course Evaluation and Student Engagement in Quality Assurance, fostering collaborative efforts to enhance the quality of higher education.



Our target:

- Get 400 consents of each employer and academic group to send to QS for Survey Ranking 2025.
- Get 50 nominations from employers and 150 nominations from academics on the QA survey released in February.

4. QS 5 Stars Kick off

On **November 3rd**, AQA hosted a Kick-off Meeting for QS 5 Stars Strategic Goal. The meeting brought together leaders and esteemed faculty who are in the QS Survey taskforce members. During the session, we delved into the opportunities and challenges ahead as we pursue the goal of achieving QS 5 Stars in AY24-25. A crucial call for action was made to develop the nomination list for the QS Global Employer and Academic Survey. Till now, nearly 1500 contacts have been collected by colleges, AID and it's believed that this is a valuable database for further communication of VinUni to these potential partners.

Highlights in Quarter 4



Participate QS Higher ED Summit: ASIA PACIFIC 2023

in **November 7th - 9th**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, explored the intersection between universities and the future of work, and how institutions in the region can create the right outcomes for students through a more creative and considered approach to education.

Quality Assurance Committee

established in **October 2023**, chaired by Prof. David Bangsberg, and consists of members who are senior leaders and student representatives. The Committee takes responsibility for advising the Management Board on quality assurance and enhancement activities of the University.



Annual MD Meeting

on **December 26th**, focusing on:

- MD Program Governance Structure
- Curriculum Change Proposal
- Reports from Year 1-2-3-4 Chairs

Cornell Validation on CAS's Programs

After months of getting feedback and discussing back and forth with the Cornell team, two programs, a **BA in Multimedia Communication** and a **BA in Psychology** got Cornell validation on quality and standard.



VinUni-IQA Final Workshop and Certification Ceremony

The final event of VinUni-IQA training course on "**Introduction to Quality Assurance in Higher Education**", is facilitated by Prof. Dr. Nguyen Quy Thanh - Rector of the University of Education, VNU, followed by the Certificate Ceremony to congratulate **17 colleagues** from four colleges and nine departments who have successfully completed the courses.

IQA Training Course **Recap Video**

UPDATES ON VINUNI RELEASED POLICY

- 20 documents and 5 decisions were issued and updated by the Governance Unit during Quarter 4 which cover different areas and functions of VinUni.
- Roles and responsibilities for each Colleges/departments and centers are gradually being finalized!

- 9 Human Resources
- 6 Academic Affairs
- 4 Facility, Operations & Safety
- 1 Governance & Legal

Decisions on:

- Academic Advisory Board
- Scholarship and Financial Aid Policy
- Admissions Council Committee
- Standing Committees: Research Affairs, Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs, Educational Affairs, Teaching and Learning Excellence
- Admission Council

[See all VinUni's policies](#)



WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT MONTHS?

January 02 - 19

End-of-course Evaluation - Fall 2023 semester
AQA Unit

January 12

Submission Deadline of Contact List for the QS Global Survey
AQA Unit

January 19

Online Sharing about Course Evaluation with Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore
AQA Unit

January - February during exam weeks

Quality Assurance Site Check -Final Exam Quality Management & Risk Management Colleges - AQA Unit

January 23

Program Annual Review
CHS - MD