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Dear Mr Morta

**APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION**

We refer to your application for accreditation submitted to the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) of the Council on Higher Education (CHE) for accreditation of the following programme and site of delivery:

NAME OF PROGRAMME	SITE OF DELIVERY
BSc (Hons) Structural Biology	Modderdam Road, Bellville, Cape Town

As you are aware, in terms of the *Higher Education Act* (Act No 101 of 1997), the HEQC performs the quality promotion and quality assurance functions of the CHE, which includes accrediting programmes of higher education.

The CHE is an independent statutory body established by the Higher Education Act, no. 101 of 1997. The CHE advises the Minister of Education on all higher education issues and is responsible for quality assurance and promotion through the Higher Education Quality Committee.  
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The following process was followed with respect to your application:

- The application was screened for completeness.
- The application was peer reviewed and evaluated.
- The HEQC Secretariat verified the findings reflected in the peer review report.
- Your institution's written application and the findings of the peer review were considered by the Accreditation Committee of the HEQC at a meeting held on **31 October 2007/1 November 2007**. This Committee consists of senior academics and managers at both public and private higher education institutions, HEQC Board members, DoE representatives, HESA representatives, representatives from professional councils and sector education and training authorities (SETAs).

In the case of the **BSc (Hons) Structural Biology** programme submitted by your Institution, the Accreditation Committee decided that the programme is **PROVISIONAL LY ACCREDIT ED WITH CONDITIONS**. The recommendation made by the Accreditation Committee appears in the attached report.

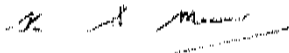
**Please note that a comprehensive report on the steps taken to address the conditions set must be submitted on or before 31 July 2008.** The report submitted will be evaluated to verify if the conditions set have been met. A site visit will be scheduled if required. A report outlining the outcomes of the evaluation of the condition will be send to you on completion of the process towards October 2008.

**Please note that the Higher Education Qualifications Framework was promulgated and gazetted (Gazette 30353) on 5 October 2007 and will come into effect on 1 January 2009. The policy applies to both public and higher education institutions. ([www.che.ac.za](http://www.che.ac.za) – Policy Update).**

You are reminded that the following three conditions must at all times be satisfied. You may not recruit and enrol students until all three processes have been satisfied.

- ¼ Registration of your qualifications with SAQA on the NQF.
- ¼ Accreditation of your institution and learning programmes by the HEQC;
- ¼ The programme is approved by the DoE as part of your institution's PQM.

Yours sincerely



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HEQC REPORT

NOVEMBER 2007

Name of Institution	University of Western Cape
Provider Type	Public
Programme	BSc (Hons) Structural Biology
NQF level	7
Credits	130
Mode of delivery	Contact
Site of delivery	Modderdam Road, Bellville, Cape Town
HEQC – Ref number	H/H20/E005CAN

It is recommended that the programme can be **provisionally accredited** with the following conditions:

1. The Institution should clarify how the entire course will be assessed and the final mark calculated and whether the marks for the entire course will be made available to the postgraduate examination board. (Criterion 6).
2. The Institution should provide information on the qualifications of the staff who will be assigned to the programme (Criteria 3 and 4).

**Recommendation:**

A compulsory research project to facilitate further research and articulate with higher level qualifications should be included as a compulsory part of the programme.

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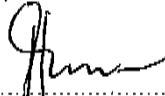
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On behalf of the **University of Western Cape** I/ We accept/reject the recommendation of the Accreditation Committee regarding the accreditation of the programme with conditions as set out in the accreditation report dated 13 November 2007.

Signed on this 20 day of November 2007 at BEWILLE

In CAPE province, South Africa by Dr. J. MUGEN

In his/her capacity as authorized signatory of the institution and witnessed by two senior management personnel/governing body members of the institution. Names and address of all signatories must be given in full.



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AUTHORISED SIGNATORY ON BEHALF OF THE INSTITUTION

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In WESTERN CAPE province, South Africa by THE REGISTRAR

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