



## Differential Validation

(Major Programme Changes – Type A)

### Report of the Review Panel

<b>Programme Reference Number:</b>	M069
<b>Faculty/School(s):</b>	Faculty of Business
<b>Department(s):</b>	Tourism and Sport

#### Details of Programme(s) Reviewed (include embedded awards):

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Award Type:</b>	<b>NFQ Level:</b>	<b>ECTS:</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Delivery Mode:</b>
Diploma in Sports Coaching	SPA	7	60	1 Year	Blended

<b>Date of Review:</b>	22 November 2024
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#### Review Panel

<b>Panellist Role</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
Chair	Dr	Breda McTaggart	ATU	Head of Faculty of Business and Social Sciences
External Academic/Industry Discipline Expert*	Mr	Jack Cooney	GAA	National Player Development Lead
Academic/Head of Department	Dr	Leonard Taylor	ATU	Head of Department of Social Science, ATU
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Registrar (VPAAR) Nominee/Academic Secretary	Mr	Declan Courell	ATU	Assistant Registrar, ATU

\*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.

Nicola Dunnion HOD
Karl Lacey Lecturer
Ronan Doherty Lecturer
Aron Kyles Lecturer
Paul Fisher Lecturer
Claire Healy QA team

## Summary of Proposed Modifications

The proposed modifications are as follows:

1. Remove “Performance Analysis” module and replace with “Coaching Behaviour” (10 ECTS)
2. Remove “Principles of Strength and Conditioning” modules and replace with “Sport Coaching Practice” (10 ECTS)
3. Remove “Psychology of Sports Coaching” module and replace with “Reflective Practice for Sports Coaching” (10 ECTS)
4. Introduction of an embedded award: Certificate in Sports Coaching
5. Adjustment of blended delivery hours, i.e. increase in online hours for modules that have been replaced

## Rationale for Modifications

Through the work of the WBL Manager in Sport, and through conversations with governing bodies and sporting organisations regarding current sport programme portfolio at ATU, there is a desire for a shorter SPA in the area of coaching. Feedback received is that volunteers within these organisations do not want to undertake 60 ECTS of a course, but rather a programme shorter in length.

The programme team identified that some of the modules within the Diploma in Coaching required updating to stay abreast of current philosophies and trend in sport coaching and wish to make these adjustments.

## Findings

### Overall Finding

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

### Reason for Overall Finding

Excellent submission. Well done to all colleagues. The team provided a huge amount of information in the document to allow us to undertake the review. Answers to questions raised were relevant and provided additional and rich insight into the programmes and its future.

### Conditions

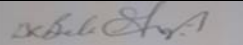
None

### Recommendations

The programme has huge potential. The panel suggest the team to consider the wider regional aspect and how might the face-to-face component be delivered to broader national and perhaps international audience.

## Report Approval

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

<b>Signed:</b> 	
<b>Name</b> Differential Validation Panel Chair	<b>Date 22 11 2024</b>