



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte  
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Regulating Health +  
Social Care Professionals

# Programme Information Guidelines for Education and Training Providers

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## About CORU

CORU is Ireland's multi-profession health and social care regulator. Our role is to protect the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through statutory registration of health and social care professionals in the following professions.

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| Clinical Biochemists                | Physiotherapists                     |
| Dietitians                          | Podiatrists                          |
| Orthoptists                         | Psychologists                        |
| Medical Scientists                  | Radiographers & Radiation Therapists |
| Optometrists & Dispensing Opticians | Social Workers                       |
| Occupational Therapists             | Social Care Workers                  |
|                                     | Speech & Language Therapists         |

In order to meet our aim of protecting the public, we undertake a number of tasks. One of these is to work with Registration Boards for each profession to approve and monitor education and training programmes for the professions we regulate.

We have provided the following information to assist education and training providers who offer programmes in the above professions to correctly inform prospective students, current students and all interested parties about the regulatory status of their programmes.

### Use of the CORU logo

Under no circumstances may a provider use the CORU logo.

### Programme Information

All programme information, including printed and website materials, relating to an education and training programme for any of our regulated professions must be accurate and must not be misleading, false or exaggerated. The following guidelines should be implemented by education and training providers.

#### 1. Programmes not approved

The information for any programme which (a) has not applied for approval or has withdrawn an application for approval (b) has been refused approval or (c) has had approval withdrawn should not contain any reference to approval by CORU or its Registration Boards other than to state that the programme is not approved. The



following standard statement could be used;

*'This programme is not approved by CORU.'*

## **2. Programmes undergoing approval process**

If a programme has applied for approval and an approval visit is being actively organised, the programme information should not contain any reference to CORU or any of its Registration Boards other than the following standard statement which could be used;

*'This programme has made an application for approval by CORU. There is no guarantee that the programme will be approved.'*

If this statement is used it must remain in place until you have received formal written notification of the approval status of the programme from CORU.

A programme which is not approved, whether due to a withdrawal of the application/refusal of approval/withdrawal of approval must remove this statement immediately.

A programme which is approved should remove this statement immediately.

## **3. Approved programmes**

Following written notification from the Registration Board that a programme is approved, the programme information may state that the programme is approved. We 'approve' education programmes. We do not 'recognise', 'accredit' or 'validate' programmes. Programme information should reflect this terminology. Approval of a programme does not automatically entitle a graduate of the programme to enter the relevant register. We have provided a standard statement, presented below, which could be used;

*'This programme is approved by CORU.'*