



News From The Accreditation Council Of Trinidad And Tobago

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ACTT streamlines its quality enhancement service. Launches 'The Quality Institute'

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) established by an Act of parliament as the principal body in Trinidad and Tobago for the quality assurance of post secondary and tertiary level institutions, programmes and awards, is committed to supporting higher education institutions in their quest to provide quality programmes to the nation's citizenry.

With this in mind, on Wednesday February 25, 2015, at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre; ACTT launched The Quality Institute initiative. The Quality Institute initiative seeks to streamline the quality enhancement services provided by ACTT through the consolidation of training (Seminars and Workshops) offered to higher education institutions, institutional personnel, quality assurance professionals and other stakeholders operating in Trinidad and Tobago's tertiary education sector.

Rodney Amar, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training speaking on behalf of Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, stated that: *"Our institutions must remain at the forefront of technological paradigm shifts. Our employers must become more closely integrated with our institutions of higher learning. Today, this initiative augers well for the promotion of Total Quality Thinking and it is my aspiration that it will support fitness for purpose in the delivery of education and training to our people"*.

The establishment of The Quality Institute is in keeping with ACTT's continued drive to foster a culture of quality in higher education. The training that will be offered through The Quality Institute is as follows:

- Preparing the Self-Study for Registration
- Guiding the Self-Study Process for Institutional Accreditation
- Transnational Programme Recognition
- Institutional Governance and Administration Workshop

- Managing Institutional Finances
- Strategic Planning for Higher Education and Training Institutions
- Quality Management Systems for Institutional Effectiveness
- Developing Policies for Higher Education Institutions
- Effective Teaching and Learning
- Designing Student Assessment
- Programme Design and Development
- The Forensics of Academic Credential and CV Fraud
- Calculating Credits and Determining the Level of Academic Programmes
- External Evaluator Training
- Report Writing for Team Chairs
- Professional Development for External Evaluators
- Quality in Tertiary Education (QuiTE) Awards Workshop for Institutional Applications
- Quality in Tertiary Education (QuiTE) Awards Workshop for Individual Applications

The benefits of The Quality Institute to higher education institutions include:

- access to relevant training by institutions to enhance the quality of their operations and programmes
- provision of information that assists the institution prepare for quality review exercises from quality assurance bodies
- effective preparation of the personnel involved in quality review and verification processes

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Note: ACTT is the regulatory body for quality assurance in Higher Education. The primary services offered by ACTT are Conferment of Institutional Title, Registration of Higher Education Institutions, Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions and Programmes, Recognition of Programmes and Awarding Bodies, Equivalence Assessment, Programme Approval and Quality Enhancement Support for Institutions.