

QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY

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Introduction

Circomedia Academy is dedicated to delivering high-quality education and training in circus arts and physical theatre at both Higher Education (HE) and Further Education (FE) levels. This policy outlines our commitment to upholding the highest academic standards through rigorous quality assurance processes. We adhere strictly to the policies and procedures set forth by Bath Spa University and Pearson, ensuring consistent and robust marking, moderation, and academic standards. Additionally, we place significant emphasis on the student voice, incorporating feedback from termly Staff-Student Liaison Committees (SSLCs) to enhance the student experience.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our HE and FE programmes are founded on rigorous, comprehensive curricula designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their

chosen careers. Curriculums are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect current best practices and developments in the fields of circus arts and physical theatre. Our teaching staff are industry professionals with extensive experience and qualifications, committed to delivering high-quality instruction. We support ongoing professional development to ensure innovative and effective teaching methods.

Student Support

We recognize the diverse strengths, challenges, and aspirations of our students and provide tailored support to meet their individual needs. Support services include academic advising, career guidance (IAG), financial aid advice, and access to health and wellness resources. By fostering a supportive and inclusive environment, we empower students to succeed academically, personally, and professionally.

Student Voice

The student voice plays a central role in our quality assurance processes. Termly Staff-Student Liaison Committees provide a structured platform for students to share their experiences, feedback, and suggestions. Feedback from these meetings is carefully considered and informs ongoing programme enhancements.

Assessment and Evaluation

We are committed to rigorous and transparent assessment and evaluation processes that align with university and college standards. Assessments undergo internal and external moderation (by the External Examiner) to ensure consistency, transparency and fairness. Student learning outcomes are evaluated through multiple methods, including:

- Course and module evaluations
- Skills assessments
- Module pass rates
- Degree achievements
- Performance evaluations

The data collected informs continuous improvements to our programmes, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for professional success.

Continuous Improvement

Our institution is committed to a culture of continuous improvement. We regularly review and assess our programme, and use feedback from students, faculty, external examiners, and industry professionals to identify areas for improvement. We are committed to implementing changes that will enhance the quality and effectiveness of our programme, and to maintaining our position as a leader in circus education.

Accreditation and Standards

Our HE programmes are accredited by Bath Spa University, and our FE programmes align with Pearson's standards for the BTEC Diploma & Extended Diploma. We partner with City of Bristol College to ensure that our links with Pearson are maintained to the required standards. These accreditations ensure that our curricula, faculty, student support services, and assessment processes meet or exceed national academic standards. We actively participate in the quality assurance activities required by these partnerships to uphold our reputation as a leader in circus arts education.

Conclusion

We participate fully in the quality assurance and improvement activities and follow the quality policies and procedures mandated by Bath Spa University and City of Bristol College as part of our partnership agreements.