

## **Gratia Christian College**

### **Qualification Recognition Review on Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)**

THE FINAL REPORT BY THE ASSESSMENT TEAM

#### **Executive Summary**

An Assessment Team (AT) appointed by the Social Workers Registration Board (“SWRB” or “the Board”) reviewed the documentation submitted by Gratia Christian College (“GCC” or “the College”) and conducted an on-campus visit to GCC on 18-19 December 2025 for the Qualification Recognition Review of GCC’s Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) Programme (“BSW” or “the Programme”) in its full-time Year 1 entry mode, full-time Year 3 entry mode and part-time Year 3 entry (conversion) mode. The AT recommends not only the period of qualification recognition for the Programme but also the College’s proposal for six programme changes planned for implementation starting from the 2026/27 academic year.

#### **Assessment Team’s Recommendations**

The AT is of the view that the BSW qualification has met the basic requirements laid down in the Principles, Criteria and Standards for Recognising Qualifications in Social Work (8th edition)(PCS). It therefore recommends that the Board continue to recognise the BSW qualification awarded by GCC for another five (5) years from the 2026/27 to 2030/31 academic years, thereby qualifying its holders for registration as Registered Social Workers.

In the Interim Report, two (2) conditions concerning (i) the guidelines and procedures for supporting students with special educational needs (SEN); and (ii) the currency of the course content of “SW3201 Law for Social Workers” were set. Having considered the responses and reviewed the relevant reference materials provided by GCC (see Appendices III & IV for details), the AT is satisfied that both conditions have been fulfilled and therefore recommends that the Board lift them in the final report.

The AT also recommends that the Board approve GCC’s six (6) proposed programme changes planned for implementation starting from the 2026/27 academic year, as listed below:

- (i) Addition of three new social work major electives;
- (ii) Removal of two existing social work major electives;
- (iii) Increase in the credit value of “SW4202 Social Work Honours Project” from 3 to 6;
- (iv) Revisions to the study plans to maintain the total credit requirement of 129 following the increase in the credit value of “SW4202 Social Work Honours Project”;
- (v) Exemption from “SW3101 Practicum I” for full-time Year 3 entry students; and
- (vi) Adjustment of the maximum annual intake for the full-time Year 1 entry mode from 30 to 45 places.

In addition, the AT has made four (4) commendations and twelve (12) suggestions for enhancement to support the continuous improvement of the Programme. The next review of the qualification is scheduled for the 2030/31 academic year.

### **THE FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD**

The Board has resolved to accept the recommendation of the Assessment Team to recognise the qualification for a period of five years from the academic year 2026/27 to 2030/31 with four commendations and twelve suggestions for enhancement.