

Institutional Recognition in an Era of Change in Higher Education

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Why are we discussing this topic?

- Transnational education
 - Joint degrees
 - Institutional affiliations
 - Modes of instruction, including distance, on-line, television, correspondence, etc.
 - Accreditation organizations
 - Quality assurance systems
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The Good Old Days ...

Institutional recognition was
based on

- Approval by the Ministry of Education to operate
 - Conferral of degree-granting authority
 - Governmental recognition to operate as a higher education or professional institution
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What is new under the sun?



Fundació Politècnica de Catalunya:
la formació continua

El rector de la Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

a proposta del director acadèmic de la Fundació Politècnica de
Catalunya atorga el present

Títol de màster

a



en consideració a l'aprofitament dels estudis
seguits en el programa de màster

DISSENY D'APLICACIONS MULTIMÈDIA

en què ha obtingut la qualificació de NOTABLE

La persona interessada

Sandra Ester Bonazza Cadenas

El rector

Josep Ferrer Llop

Barcelona, 21 de febrer de 2005

Programa promogut des del Departament d'Expressió Gràfica a l'Enginyeria

Número Registre 2005.M.00690.0047

a propuesta del director académico de la Fundació Politècnica de
Catalunya otorga el presente

Título de máster

en consideración al aprovechamiento de los
estudios seguidos en el programa de máster

DISEÑO DE APLICACIONES MULTIMEDIA

en el que ha obtenido la calificación de NOTABLE

El director del programa

Josep Maria Monguet Fierro

Programa promovido desde el Departament d'Expressió Gràfica a l'Enginyeria



Fundació Politècnica de Catalunya
la formació continua



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Certificado número 706 / 2004

CERTIFICACIÓN ACADÉMICA PERSONAL

Teresa Garcia i Giral, Directora de Economía y Organización de la Fundació Politècnica de Catalunya,

CERTIFICO: Que **F [REDACTED] r**, con DNI núm. **[REDACTED]**,

se ha matriculado en el Programa Máster

Diseño de Aplicaciones Multimedia

de las asignaturas y los créditos siguientes, y que ha obtenido las cualificaciones que se especifican:

Curso académico: 2001-02

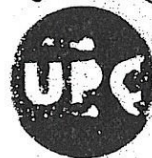
<u>Asignatura</u>	<u>Créditos</u>	<u>Cualificación</u>
Comunicación Multimedia	7.5	7 - Notable
Creación y Organización de Empresas Multimedia	7.5	7 - Notable
Diseño Interactivo	7.5	7 - Notable
Programación de Aplicaciones Multimedia	7.5	7 - Notable
Proyectos de Producción Multimedia	7.5	7 - Notable
Tecnología Multimedia	7.5	7 - Notable

Y para que conste, firmo este certificado a petición de la persona interesada
Barcelona, 13 de Diciembre de 2004

Directora de Economía y Organización

Teresa Garcia i Giral

Fundació



Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) & Fundacio Politècnica de Catalunya - Spain

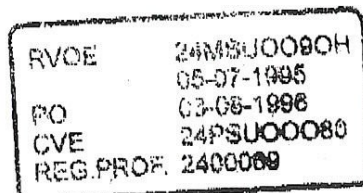
Questions	Facts
Who is in control of the program?	The University is recognized.
Who issues the document?	The Fundacio offers the program and issues the documents.
Is the Fundacio a division of the University?	Web site provides link to Fundacio.
What is the significance of the wording of the degree?	Master is a title for an unofficial degree program.

UNIVERSIDAD ABIERTA

R.V.O.E. 05/07/95, 15/08/98 CVE. INST. 24MSU00080 P.O. 03/06/96 REG. PROF. 2400089

Asunto: **Constancia de Término de Estudios**

A quien corresponda:



El suscrito, responsable del departamento de Control Escolar de la Universidad Abierta hace, constar por medio de la presente que:

Cursó y aprobó satisfactoriamente en esta Institución, la totalidad del plan de estudios de la carrera de **Sociología**.

Se extiende la presente constancia de término de estudios a solicitud del interesado para los usos personales y legales que al mismo convengan, en la ciudad de San Luis Potosí, S.L.P. a los veintiséis días del mes de abril del año dos mil cinco.

Atentamente



Mtra. Martha Aguilar Almaraz

Dpto. de Control Escolar



UNIVERSIDAD ABIERTA

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MEY

A quien corresponda:

El suscrito Ing. Fernando Hernández Montoya MBA, Vice-Rector de la Universidad Abierta,

Hace Constar

Que la C. [REDACTED] ha cursado y aprobado la totalidad de las materias correspondientes al plan de estudios de esta Universidad para obtener la Licenciatura en Sociología con las siguientes calificaciones:

METODOLOGIA DEL APRENDIZAJE	10	(DIEZ)
CIENCIAS DE LA COMUNICACIÓN	10	(DIEZ)
TALLER DE LECTURA Y REDACCIÓN	10	(DIEZ)
INTRODUCCION A LA FILOSOFIA	10	(DIEZ)
TEORIAS SOCIALES	10	(DIEZ)
TEORIAS DE LA HISTORIA	9	(NUEVE)
HISTORIA CONTEMPORANEA I	9	(NUEVE)
HISTORIA CONTEMPORANEA II	9	(NUEVE)
ANÁLISIS DE LA SOCIEDAD I	10	(DIEZ)
ANÁLISIS DE LA SOCIEDAD II	10	(DIEZ)
ANÁLISIS DE LA SOCIEDAD III	10	(DIEZ)
SOCIEDAD MEXICANA	9	(NUEVE)
TEORIA SOCIAL I	8	(OCHO)
TEORIA SOCIAL II	8	(OCHO)
TEORIA SOCIAL III	8	(OCHO)
TEORIAS SOCIOLOGICAS I	9	(NUEVE)
TEORIAS SOCIOLOGICAS II	9	(NUEVE)
TEORIAS SOCIOLOGICAS III	8	(OCHO)
DEMOGRAFIA	9	(NUEVE)
ANTROPOLOGIA SOCIAL	9	(NUEVE)
PSICOLOGIA SOCIAL	10	(DIEZ)
METODOS DE INVESTIGACIÓN	8	(OCHO)
INGLES I	10	(DIEZ)
INGLES II	10	(DIEZ)
INGLES III	10	(DIEZ)
INGLES IV	9	(NUEVE)
SISTEMA OPERATIVO WINDOWS	10	(DIEZ)
PROCESADOR DE TEXTOS	9	(NUEVE)
HOJAS ELECTRÓNICAS	8	(OCHO)
GRAFICADORES	8	(OCHO)

Se extiende la presente para los usos y fines legales que convengan al interesado, en la Representación de la Universidad Abierta en Chicago, al 1er. día del mes de Octubre del año 2003.

"Por un ser humano incompleto, conciente de su incomplitud"

Ing. Fernando Hernández Montoya MBA
Vice-Rector de la Universidad Abierta



UNIVERSIDAD
ABIERTA
ILLINOIS, USA

Universidad Abierta – Mexico & Branch in Chicago, USA

Questions	Facts
Who issues the document?	The Secretary of Education in the Mexican state indicated that the recognition only pertains to institutions in that state.
Who owns the institution?	Operations outside of the state are not authorized.
Under whose authority does the institution operate?	

TRANSCRIPT

NAME : [REDACTED]
 NRIC / PASSPORT NO. : [REDACTED]
 PROGRAMME : **DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**
 (DBMD2 0328A)
 PROGRAMME DURATION: 7 April 2003 to 2 October 2003

EXAMINATION RESULTS

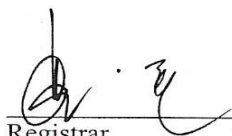
Principles of Business Management	A
Business Accounting & Finance	A
Business Law	C
Fundamentals of Information Technology	A
Organisational Behaviour	B
Principles of Marketing & Production Management	C
Principles of Economics	A
Business Statistics	A

AWARDED : DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

The Diploma in Business Management is specially designed to impart comprehensive managerial skills and knowledge to participants and equip them with an understanding of business operations in a changing business environment.

<u>MARKS</u>	<u>GRADING</u>
80% and above	A Distinction
70% – 79%	B Credit
60% – 69%	C Good
50% – 59%	D Pass
Below 50%	F Fail
50% and above	D@ Pass on resit
Below 50%	F@ Fail on resit


 Registrar
 Examination



26 November 2003
 Date

25 June 2004

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This letter serves to inform you that [REDACTED] (NUS ID: [REDACTED] 072) is a full-time student taking the **Advanced Diploma in Business Management** programme jointly conducted by the **University of Bradford** (UK) and the **Management Development Institute of Singapore** (MDIS).

Ms Wang had completed the following modules during her course of studies:

MODULES

GRADES AWARDED

Marketing Management	C
Financial Management	B
Business Information Systems	D
Business Economics	C
Management of Human Resource & the Practice of Management	B
Production & Operations Management	C

GRADE	MARKS
A – Distinction	80% & Above
B – Credit	70% – 79%
C – Good	60% – 69%
D – Pass	50% – 59%
F – Fail	Below 50%
D@ – Pass on resit	Above 49%
F@ – Fail on resit	Below 50%

Please contact the undersigned at 6419 3158 if you need further clarification to the above.

Lee Ling Choo
Assistant Manager
Examinations Unit



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Management Development Institute of Singapore & University of Bradford - UK

Questions	Facts
Who issued the diploma?	Credential is jointly issued by the University of Bradford and MDIS.
Who is responsible for teaching, setting and marking examinations?	MDIS is not a degree-granting institution in Singapore.
Who is responsible for faculty selection and supervision?	University of Bradford is a recognized degree-granting institution in UK.

Instituto de Artes Liberales

Introduction

Master of Arts

Bridge Year Program

Bachelor of Arts

Master of Arts

Admission and Enrollment

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The Master's Program in Liberal Arts allows students to further their university studies through postgraduate specialization in a field of their choice.

The M.A. Program requires students to take **75 credits** over 3-4 semesters, generally 2 academic years.

Students can choose from a series of specializations offered by the Departments of the University or design a program based on particular interests or needs. Possible itineraries include, but are not limited to:

European Studies
Spanish Golden Age Literature
Medieval Studies
Contemporary History
Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language
Spanish Literature
Philosophy
Cultural Management
History of Art
Journalism
Public Relations
Audiovisual Communication
Economics
Law
Education
Political and Social Studies

Study Program

In the first year, students will generally enroll in 45 credits of theoretical courses in their field of specialization. The student can request the convalidation of credits for graduate courses taken at another University. After passing the required courses, the student has to prepare, under the direction of a supervisor, an M.A. thesis which he or she will defend before a committee. This project is assigned 30 credits.

To access the requirements for Admission and Enrollment, [click here](#).

Application deadline: April 30, 2008

Instituto de Artes Liberales. E. Central. Universidad de Navarra. Pamplona 31080. España. email: artesliberales@unav.es



Universidad de Navarra
CERTIFICACIÓN ACADÉMICA PERSONAL

Curso: 2006-2007
Registro: 20302

FACULTAD DE FILOSOFÍA Y LETRAS
MASTER OF ARTS EN LENGUA Y LITERATURA

D. Gonzalo Robles González, Secretario General de esta Universidad, certifico que, conforme a la documentación que obra en la secretaría a mi cargo:

Dña. [REDACTED], nacida el 9 de diciembre de 1975, en Eureka (California, Estados Unidos de América), de nacionalidad estadounidense, con pasaporte 85107562, ha cursado con las calificaciones y en los cursos académicos que a continuación se indican, los siguientes estudios:

ASIGNATURAS DE LIBRE ELECCIÓN

	Créd.	Car.	Curso Acad.	Modo	Convoc.	Núm.	Calif.
Créditos genéricos convalidados	1,50	LE	2003-2004	CV	Ordin		--
La comedia Palatina en el siglo de oro	3,00	LE	2002-2003	CC	Ordin	1	ST
Literatura ascética y mística	4,50	LE	2002-2003	CC	Ordin	1	ST
Literatura española moderna y contemporánea I	7,50	LE	2002-2003	CC	Ordin	1	NT
Literatura española moderna y contemporánea II	7,50	LE	2002-2003	CC	Ordin	1	NT
Modelos literarios del Barroco	6,00	LE	2002-2003	CC	Ordin	1	NT
Modelos literarios del siglo XX (II)	6,00	LE	2002-2003	CC	Ordin	1	NT
Teoría de la literatura	9,00	LE	2002-2003	CC	Ordin	1	NT

Grado de Master (30 créditos de carácter obligatorio): realizados los ejercicios en la Universidad de Navarra el 18 de diciembre de 2004, obtuvo la calificación de Sobresaliente cum laude.

Resumen de créditos superados:

	CF	TR	OB	OP	LE	TOTAL
Créditos exigidos en la titulación		0,00	30,00	0,00	45,00	75,00
Créditos superados de la titulación		0,00	30,00	0,00	45,00	75,00

Ha superado los créditos obligatorios y de libre elección de la titulación.

La nota media que corresponde a este expediente es: 2,92 (valoraciones de 0 a 4 de acuerdo con el criterio establecido en el Real Decreto 1044/2003, de 1 de agosto, anexo I, n. 4.5, B.O.E. 11-09-2003).

Ha finalizado en Diciembre de 2004 los estudios conducentes al TÍTULO PROPIO DE MASTER OF ARTS EN LENGUA Y LITERATURA, que ha sido expedido el 12 de junio de 2006.

Leyenda: Créd.: Créditos, Car.: Carácter, Curso Acad.: Curso Académico, Modo: Modo de obtención, Convoc.: Tipo de convocatoria (Ordin.: Ordinaria, Extra.: Extraordinaria), Núm.: Número de convocatoria, Calif.: Calificación.

Carácter: TR: Troncal, OB: Obligatoria, OP: Optativa, LE: Libre elección, CF: Complemento de formación.

Modo de obtención: CC: Cursada en el centro, PI: Cursada en un programa de intercambio, CP: Adaptada por cambio de plan, TE: Adaptada por traslado de expediente, RC: Reconocida por convalidación de los mismos estudios cursados anteriormente, CV: Convalidación.

Calificaciones: RE: Renuncia, NP: No presentado, SP/SS: Suspenso, AP: Aprobado, NT: Notable, ST/SB: Sobresaliente, MH: Sobresaliente (Matrícula de Honor), CV: Convalidado, EX: Exento.

Universidad de Navarra

– Spain

Questions	Facts
Is the program designed for foreigners?	Not a regular national degree -more like a titulo propio.
Are domestic students allowed to enroll in the program?	Institutes de Artes Liberales is a unit of the university.
Does the program lead to a regular degree?	Program for foreigners & Spanish students.
	Education beyond basic native language training.
	University-issued grade report - correct format and correct terminology.



It is hereby certified that



was admitted to the degree of

**BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (EDUCATION)
(WITH HONOURS)**

Class two, Division two

of this University at a Congregation held on

Tuesday 8 July 2003

Vice-Chancellor

Registrar

THE UNIVERSITY OF
WARWICK

21.12.04

Name:

Address:

P.O. Box 69117
NAIROBI

Date of Birth:

18.07.73

Previous Qualifications:

A Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) Arts, with Second Class Honours from Moi University in 1998.

Course:

A four module Bachelor of Philosophy in Education, BPhil (Ed), Honours course, part-time over 2-5 years, taught by University of Warwick staff in Nairobi, Kenya from September 2000 to June 2003.

Qualification:

A Bachelor of Philosophy in Education, BPhil (Ed), with Lower Second Class Honours (2ii), was awarded by the University of Warwick in June 2003.

Course Content:

(November 2000):
IE626

Science for the Primary Years

Grade:
52%

(July 2001):
IE631

Language, Literature and Learning in the
Primary School

50%

(December 2001)
IE624

Teaching Mathematics Across the Primary
Age Range

53%

(March 2003)
IE607

Dissertation:
'Examining the factors contributing to poor performance
in mathematics at secondary school level in Kamukunji
Division in Nairobi District, Kenya.'

51%

P. N. Butson

Mrs Pat Butson
Administrative Officer
Quality Assurance

THE UNIVERSITY OF
WARWICK

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Please contact the References Secretary :
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The University of Warwick
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Tel: 024 76 522894
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Email: StudentReferences@warwick.ac.uk

University of Warwick

– UK & Kenya

Questions	Facts
Who are the faculty?	University of Warwick is a recognized degree-granting institution in the UK.
Who designs examinations?	University of Warwick faculty teach and examine students in Kenya.
Who administers examinations?	

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INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSAL UNIVERSITY
Calle 55, Via Veneto
El Cangrejo
República de Panamá

Student Name

Student Number

Date of Registration

May 19, 2005

Previous Education

Year

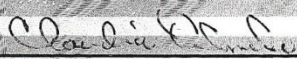
School

Degree Sought Here

A.A. in Spiritual Counseling

Date of Graduation

30-Apr-07

Course	Number	Course Title	Grade	Credits	Grd. Pt.	
REL	200	Introduction to Religion	A	3	12	
PSY	110	Introduction to Psychology	A	3	12	
SOC	110	Introduction to Sociology	B	3	9	
PSY	225	Health Psychology	A	3	12	
BIO	112	Principles of Biology I	A	3	12	
BIO	113	Principles of Biology II	A	3	12	
MAT	210	Health Care Mathematics	A	3	12	
COU	256	Counseling Ethics	A	3	12	
HIS	121	Western Civilizations	A	3	12	
ENG	100	Strategies for Success	A	3	12	
HIS	201	US History	A	3	12	
PSY	233	Social Psychology	A	3	12	
COU	232	Families & Relationships	A	3	12	
HCP	225	Healthcare Counseling	A	3	12	
ENG	110	Humanities	A	3	12	
ENG	201	English Literature	A	3	12	
ENG	232	English Composition	B	3	9	
GEO	115	World Geography	A	3	12	
GEO	240	Human Geography	A	3	12	
MAT	120	College Mathematics	B	3	9	
						THIS RECORD BECOMES AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT ONLY WHEN IT BEARS THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRAR 
Overall GPA: 3.85 Magna Cum Laude				60	231	
Awarded Degree A.A. in Spiritual Counseling						Date: April 30, 2007
LAST LINE OF TRANSCRIPT						

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW 93.380, THIS INFORMATION IS TRANSFERRED AT THE REQUEST OF THE STUDENT, BUT ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT NO OTHER PARTY WILL BE PERMITTED TO HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE STUDENT.

This record has been released according to provisions of the family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Release of this record or disclosure of its contents to any third party without the written consent of the student is prohibited. Possession of this record requires compliance with FERPA.

NOTE: the information that follows represents current University policies. Questions regarding historical University policies and/or transcript notation should be addressed to the Office of the Registrar.

COURSE CREDIT

A semester unit is a credit of two hour per week for one term (8 to 10 weeks). The majority of the University's courses are three (3) semester hours.

COURSE NUMBERING AND CLASSIFICATION

The first letters of the course code indicates the department in which the course is offered. The first digit of the course number indicates the year level of the course: 100 – first undergraduate year; 200 – second undergraduate year; 300 – third undergraduate year; 400 – fourth undergraduate year with graduate credit for graduate students: 500 & 600 – masters level; 700 & 800 – doctoral level; 900 - doctoral capstones and dissertation.

GRADING SYSTEM

The following grades are used: A, excellent; B, good – minimum passing in courses for graduate credit; C, fair in undergraduate courses; D, minimum passing in undergraduate courses; and F, failed. Additional grades include CR, credit; NC, no credit; P, pass; and NP, no pass. The following marks are also used: W, withdrawn, IP, in progress; UW, unofficial withdrawal; MG, missing grade; IN, incomplete, and, IX lapsed incomplete.

A system of grade points is used to determine a student's grade point average. Grade points are assigned to grades as follows for each unit in the credit value of a course: A, 4.0 points; B, 3.0 points; C, 2.0 points; D, 1.0 point; F, 0 points; UW, 0 points; and IX, 0 points. Marks of CR, NC, P, NP, W, IP, MG and IN do not affect a student's grade point average.

There are five categories of class level and GPA (Undergraduate & Graduate); Certification, Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctoral. CERTIFICATE level programs are student not actively pursuing a degree plan with the University, but instead are involved in an educational program whose goal is to gain certification in a particular field. ASSOCIATE level is comprised of Freshman (30 units earned) and Sophomore (30 to 60 units earned). BACHELORS level is comprised of Junior (60 to 90 units earned) and Senior (90 to 120 units earned or above). MASTERS level is comprised of any graduate level coursework attempted while pursuing a master's degree (30 to 72 units earned). DOCTORAL level is comprised of any graduate level coursework attempted while pursuing a doctoral degree (60 to 90 units earned).

TRANSFER CREDIT

Coursework accepted from other institutions is summarized into undergraduate and graduate areas. The summary information includes the number of units and GPA. All transfer institution(s) and dates of attendance do not appear on the transcript.

GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Universal University issues grades on a Grade Point Average (GPA) system. Students must maintain the following Grade Point Average in order to become eligible to receive a degree with honors: Summa Cum Laude, 4.0 overall GPA; Magna Cum Laude, 3.8 – 3.99 overall GPA; Cum Laude, 3.5 – 3.79 overall GPA. Honors are reflected on the graduate's official transcript.

ACCREDITATION

Universal University of Holistic Spirituality is a recognized university in Florida according to section 1005.06 (1) (f), Florida Statute and is a Florida non-profit spiritual educational institution. Universal University, IN CONSORTIUM WITH International University of Panama, is a national fully accredited school.

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International University – Panama

Questions	Facts
How much importance do we place on claims of association?	International University of Panama is a recognized degree-granting institution.
	Universal University is not a recognized degree-granting institution.

Questions to consider...

Legal Considerations

- Which entity is responsible for bestowing degree-granting authority in a country?
 - Does legislation exist that allows degree-granting authority to be controlled by an entity outside of the country?
 - Can a degree-granting institution in one country award degrees earned in a second country?
 - If so, under which circumstances?
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Quality Control

- Which country is responsible for quality control of a degree-granting institution?
- Which entity is responsible for quality control of a degree-granting institution?
- Can a degree be considered recognized even if it is offered at an institution that does not have degree-granting authority? If so, under which circumstances?
- Is the mode of instruction significant? Distance, television, correspondence, on-line, evening, etc.

Credentials

- Is the credential one that is authorized to be awarded in the country?
- If the credential is not authorized to be awarded in the country, what is its legal status in the country?
- Can the credential be used for employment purposes, but not for further education?
- Who issued the document?
- Is the document in the normal format of the recognized institution?

A sample policy...

Two requirements for a degree to merit recognition as a valid academic qualification:

- The degree-awarding institution must be officially recognized as degree-granting by the authorities who have jurisdiction over tertiary education in the country in which the institution operates.
 - The degree-granting institution must have taught the student who received the degree if the degree represents completion of a taught degree program. Alternatively, the institution must have set, administered, and marked (graded) the examinations passed by the student if the degree represents completion of examinations based upon self-study.
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Discussion

What must be considered when establishing transnational programs that are likely to be recognized in other countries?
