

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Iqra University, Karachi

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Iqra University (IU) is one of the leading private-sector university in Pakistan. The university's inception occurred in 1998 and was chartered by the Government of Sindh vide Sindh Government Ordinance No.VI of 2000. The university has earned its name and fame in national and international ranks through best educational practices and stringent quality measures, evident by its placement among the top universities worldwide by the QS and Times Higher Education agencies. In addition, IU is placed in the highest HEC university category of W4. The university is well-equipped with qualified faculty members, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, professional administration, and a current student count of more than 15,000 students.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at North Campus (IUNC), Karachi. Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza, Director Academics, Iqra University, Karachi, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masroor, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Iqra University, Karachi and Dr. Tooba Mehfooz, HoD, HND, Iqra University, Karachi received and welcomed the guests Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Aman Ullah Malik, Ex-Dean, UAF and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza, Director Academics, Iqra University, Karachi presented an overview of the institute and shared the salient accomplishments of the university, the distinguishing aspects of the Human Nutrition and Dietetics program being offered at the campus, and constant upgradation for the best educational experiences to all the students. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized “Agriculture and nutrition share a common entry point “food”. Food is a key outcome of agriculture activities and a key input into good nutrition for the health and strength of all people. The field of Human Nutrition & Dietetics is closely connected with food consumption, health services, healthy environment and adequate child caring practices”.



Further he pointed out that many institutions are offering Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC has been entrusted by HEC to accredit of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also highlighted the five major and two minor criteria in addition to different steps involved in the accreditation process.

Students and faculty members of the department of HND degree program attended the seminar. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Tooba Mehfooz. She acknowledged the efforts of the council's team and affirmed the application of NAEAC standards for betterment of profession. Prof. Dr. Ali Raza, Director Academics, Iqra University, Karachi presented the honorable guests with commemorative shields and souvenirs and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

