

Accreditation Visit of Food Science and Human Nutrition & Dietetics Degree Program at Ziauddin University Karachi

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Ziauddin University is HEC recognized degree awarding institution which was founded in the memory of Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, a renowned academician, philosopher, mathematician and political figure. His vision was to spread quality education amongst the Muslims of the subcontinent. The first step towards the development of an academic arm of the Ziauddin Group was taken in 1986 when the School of Nursing was established and recognized by Pakistan Nursing Council. The school was transformed into the College of Nursing in 2009 and is offering various programs for graduate and undergraduate students since then. In August 1994, the Government of Sindh granted permission for the establishment of the Dr. Ziauddin Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences. By the virtue of this ordinance, the institute could grant its own Postgraduate degrees and diplomas. A year later in October 1995, the Sindh Assembly passed an Act (VI of 1995) for the establishment of Ziauddin Medical University which was given the Charter as Ziauddin University vide 'The Ziauddin University' (Amendment ACT 2003) on December 13, 2005.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs NAEAC, Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman, Department of Applied Sciences, Hamdard University, Karachi and Dr. Syed Ghufuran Saeed, Associate Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Karachi as member conducted Accreditation visit of FST & HND degree programs.

Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Campus Director and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Science, Technology and Management, Prof. Dr. Sumaira Farooqui, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Registrar and Director QEC received the guests. Prof. Dr. Nida Hussain, Pro-Chancellor, Ziauddin University Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams. She chaired the inaugural session in the conference room. Campus Director presented a brief overview of the University.

Then AICs moved directly to relevant departments, where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs of respective departments. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session of the visit, program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Sumaira Farooqui, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Saad Jawaid Khan, Principle, College of Engineering & Technology and HoDs/officials/faculty members. Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

