

Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND degree Program at Gulab Devi Educational Complex- Lahore

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Gulab Devi Hospital was initially conceived by a prominent Hindu political leader of Punjab in 1928 who built a memorial hospital/treatment facility to perpetuate the memories of his beloved mother Gulab Devi. This small 28 bedded facility over the years has now grown to become a 1500 bedded hospital dealing with chest and cardiac ailments. The Institute of Human Nutrition & Dietetics was established in 2016 under Gulab Devi Educational Complex (GDEC), Lahore. The institute focuses to improve human health by training future leaders in the fields of Dietetics and Nutritional Sciences. The Institute offers BS (4 years) program affiliated with Government College University Faisalabad designed to produce high caliber graduates and researchers.

An Accreditation Inspection Committees (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree program at Gulab Devi Educational Complex, Lahore.

Dr. Abid Ali, Project Director, Dr. Roquyya Gul, Director, Faculty of Life Sciences, Dr. Ammara Waqar, Director, QEC, and Mr. Mateen Ahmad, HoD, Department of HND, GDEC, Lahore received and formally welcomed the AIC team members. The inaugural session was held in the Committee Room where Dr. Abid Ali, Project Director briefed about the institute and especially about history of Gulab Devi Educational Complex, Lahore and Dr. Mateen Ahmad, HoD, Department of HND, GDEC, Lahore presented a detail departmental presentation about Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.

After presentations, AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, sports facilities for female students and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session, team members shared their observations with Dr. Roquyya Gul, Director, Faculty of Life Sciences, GDEC, Lahore. This session was attended by Director QEC, HoD and other faculty members of the department. Dr. Roquyya Gul thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by the AIC would be implemented to augment the standard of education and to enhance the skills of the HND graduates.

