

## Pre-Accreditation/Zero Visit of HND degree program at Saint Mary's College-Gujranwala

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Saint Mary's College (SMC) was established in Gujranwala since 1979. It is registered under the Punjab Charity Act 2018 having registration number PBGRW-6884055823662557. The institution takes pride in its alumni, who have excelled in various fields and have made significant contributions to society. The HND degree program was initiated in 2017, currently 135 students are enrolled and 4 teaching faculty (3 MPhil & 1 DND) in HND Department.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Iqbal, Chairman Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore as member conducted accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree programs at Saint Mary's College (SMC) Gujranwala.

Khurram Yousaf, Director Campus, Saint Mary's College (SMC), Mr. Abir Shamshad, Vice Principal, Ms. Ghazal Shafiq, Head QEC, Dt. Fatima Shahid, HoD, Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Mr. Ihtsham Ali, Community & Internship Director and other faculty members received and welcomed the guests. The inaugural session was held in the Admin Office where Khurram Yousaf, Director Campus, SMC chaired this session. Dt. Fatima Shahid, HoD, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics briefed about the institute and especially about HND degree program. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and rubrics (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.

After presentation given by Dt. Fatima Shahid, HoD, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics, 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 environment in the department. Two major activities including curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty were carried out in the afternoon session. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment in the institute. The faculty was satisfied however there is a need to augment the student intake.

In the concluding session, Khurram Yousaf, Director Campus chaired the concluding session where program evaluator/expert shared his observations. This session was also attended by Vice Principal, Head QEC, HoD and other faculty members of the department. Khurram Yousaf thanked NAEAC team for their daylong 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.

