

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND degree Program at SBB Women University- Peshawar

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Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University (SBBWU), Peshawar is the first ever female university of the KP province established in 2004 via Act by the provincial Government. The university started functioning in a borrowed building in 2005 and later in 2018 shifted to its purpose built main campus spreading over an area of 400 canals. The university is offering BS, M.Phil/ MS, PhD programs in 27 departments under two faculties; Faculty of Science and Faculty of Social Sciences. There are 21 Government Girls Colleges affiliated with the university offering a range of Associate Degree and BS Degree Programs.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) at SBBWU, Peshawar on October 17, 2023. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator NAEAC visited the university. The university conveyance picked up the NAEAC members from the bus terminal. They were received by Ms. Mahwish Asmat Ullah, Deputy Director QEC, along with faculty members of Human Nutrition & Dietetics program Dr. Bushra Ahmad Assistant Professor, Dr. Rehana Masood Assistant Professor, Dr. Sidra Parvez Assistant Professor, and Dr. Aiman Umar Assistant Professor.

A formal meeting of the NAEAC members with QEC and HND faculty wherein introduction was done and discussion took place on the accreditation related matters. The seminar took place in DVC Hall at 12:00 pm and was attended by students of HND program, Departmental faculty, and QEC officials.

The session started with recitation of Holy Quran, followed by an introductory welcome address and a detailed presentation covers history, progress, and achievements of the university by the Deputy Director QEC. Later on, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC was invited to deliver his presentation and enlighten the audience with the working requirements, and benefits of accreditation with NAEAC. The guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this awareness seminar was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 substandards and impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the data of last 14 years. The presentation was followed by Question Answer session where queries of students, faculty, and QEC officials were entertained and clarity was provided upto their satisfaction.

The seminar was ended with vote of thanks by the Deputy Director, QEC on behalf of the university. The guests were presented with the souvenirs by the Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmad (TI), Vice Chancellor, SBBWU, Peshawar as a gesture of thanks and memento of the university.

