

Accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) at Nishtar Medical University, Multan

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Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar, The Governor of the Punjab announce the decision of government of Punjab to establish a medical college and hospital at Multan on 31st December 1950. It was named as Nishtar Medical College and Hospital to honor Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar. Foundation stone of the College & Hospital was laid by him on 28th April 1951 and college started functioning from 1st October, 1953 with 80 beds hospital. Currently there are 1700 beds. This college was given the charter of university in May 2017. The HND degree program was started in 2019 as hybrid program between two universities (MNSUAM & NMU) and since then 02 batches passed out. MNSUAM provides the logistics and hostel facilities in addition to regular classes at MNSUAM while Nishtar Medical University provides internship facilities and held health related subject classes. There are 15 faculty members in HND and allied disciplines. University has its own hospital where HND students get practical training.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Chairman Department of Food Safety and Quality Management, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan as members conducted accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree program of Nishtar Medical University, Multan.

Prof. Dr. Ahmar Hussain, Registrar Nishtar Medical University, Multan, Prof. Dr. Nasreen Siddiqui HoD, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND), Nishtar Medical University (NMU), Multan and faculty members of HND department received the guests. Prof. Dr. Abdul Sattar Anjum, Principal College of Allied Health Sciences, NMU, Multan formally welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. The inaugural session was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Ahmar Hussain, Registrar, NMU presented an overview of the institute and shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities, achievements made so far. During the inaugural session, Registrar, Principal, Director QEC, HoD and other faculty members were present. Later, Prof. Dr. Mehnaz Khakwani, Vice Chancellor, Nishtar Medical University, Multan joined the session and formally welcome the guests. A detailed presentation was presented by Prof. Dr. Nassreen Siddiqui, Chairperson, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND), NMU, Multan briefed the AIC in detail about working of the HND department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. At the end VC presented a NMU souvenir to Secretary NAEAC.

Later, AIC visited respective departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library and faculty offices. AIC members held meetings with students to get an insight teaching/learning environment in the department. AIC also held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

In the exit meeting, Program evaluator shared his observations with the Prof. Dr. Ahmar Hussain, Registrar, NMU, Multan, Principal, Director QEC, HoD, HND and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Ahmar Hussain thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates produced.

