

## **National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council**



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Nishtar Medical University, Multan

November 18, 2021

The Governor of the Punjab Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar made the announcement on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1950 in a public meeting that the government of Punjab has decided to establish a medical college and hospital at Multan. It was named as Nishtar Medical College and Hospital to honor Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar. Foundation stone of the College & hospital was laid by Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1951 and college started functioning from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1953 with 80 beds hospital.



Agriculture and nutrition share a common entry point "food". Food is a key outcome of agriculture activities and a key input into good nutrition for the health and strength of all people. The field of Human Nutrition & Dietetics is closely connected with food consumption, health services, healthy environment and adequate child caring practices.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted on November 18, 2021 at Nishtar Medical University Multan. Prof. Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Kamran Siddiqui, Chairperson, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND), Nishtar Medical University, Multan welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC and held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Rana Altaf Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, Nishtar Medical University, Multan to discuss various aspects of applied research and mutual interest. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Kamran Siddiqui, Chairperson, HND, presented an overview of the institute and shared the salient accomplishments of the university/institute. Dr. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. Manny institutions are offering Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. To serve this purpose, NAEAC has been entrusted accreditation of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also highlighted the four major and three minor criteria in addition to different steps involved in the accreditation process.

Students and faculty members of the department of HND attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Rana Altaf Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, Nishtar Medical University, Multan thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.



