

Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree Programs at Iqra University- Karachi

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Iqra University (IU) is one of the leading private-sector university in Pakistan. The university inception occurred in 1998 and was chartered by the Government of Sindh vide Sindh Government Ordinance No.VI of 2000. The university has earned its name and fame in national and international ranks through best educational practices and stringent quality measures, evident by its placement among the top universities worldwide by the QS and Times Higher Education agencies. In addition, IU is placed in the highest HEC university category of W4. The university is well-equipped with qualified faculty members, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, professional administration and a current student count of more than 15,000 students.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Shahina Naz, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of . Syed Ali Raza, Director Academics, Mr. Yousuf Jamil, Director QEC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masroor, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences and Dr. Tooba Mehfooz, Head of the Nutrition and Dietetics program received and welcomed the guest and AIC team. The visit started with the presentation given by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masroor, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences regarding the attributes and major achievements of Iqra University, Karachi. After the briefing, Dr. Tooba Mehfooz presented on the distinguishing aspects of the Human Nutrition and Dietetics program being offered at the campus and constant up-grading for the best educational experiences for all the students. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.

AIC visited the departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After 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 of the visit, the program evaluator/expert shared her observations with the Campus Director. In this session Director QEC, Dean, HoD and faculty members were also present. Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza, Director Academics, thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

