

Pre-accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) at Pir Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute of Medical Sciences (PAQSJIMS)- Gambat Khairpur Mirs

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PAQSJIMS is a teaching hospital, rated as first level of a medical center by the Department of Health, Govt. of Sindh. From 1934 to 1980 it was a dispensary having only OPD facilities which in 1980 become Taluka Hospital. By the efforts and devotion of Dr. Rahim Bux Bhatti, Medical Superintendent in 1997 THQ was declared a MODEL TALUKA HOSPITAL by Michigan State University World Bank. On September 10, 2003 honorable Governor Sindh announced up-gradation Gambat THQ to Pir Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute of Medical Sciences and placed under the administrative control of Sindh Province. In 2005 project was approved to strengthen PAQSJIMS and to start Medical College. PAQSJIMS was finally upgraded to Self Degree Awarding Institute. The act was passed on April 12, 2011. Honorable CM Sindh announced PAQSJIMS as "INDEPENDENT DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTE". Currently, there are fourteen faculties in the institute.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq, Department of Food Science & Technology, MNS- University of Agriculture, Multan as member conducted Pre-accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree program of PAQSJIMS, Gambat.

Prof. Dr. Allah Bux Ghanghro, HoD, Department of HND, PAQSJIMS, Gambat received the guests on February 06, 2023. The inaugural session was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Haresh Chand, Principal, Gambat Medical College (GMC), Gambat welcomed the team and presented an overview of the institute and shared the accomplishments of the institute. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and achievements made so far. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana appreciated the academic efforts and contributions of Capt. (R) Dr. Rahim Bux Bhatti, Director, PAQSJIMS, Gambat. During the inaugural session, Registrar, Director ORIC, Director Admissions, QEC represent, Incharge BS degree program/HoD of HND, Faculty members and administrative members were present.

Afterwards, AIC visited the HND department where detailed presentation and discussion was held. Prof. Dr. Allah Bux Ghanghro, HoD, Department of HND briefed AIC in detail covering the faculty strength, infrastructure and number of students graduating on yearly basis besides research projects executed by the department. AIC also visited the departmental labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, food processing hall and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction. Subject experts also held individual meetings with students to get an insight teaching/working environment in the department. The team also visited the different departments and medical wards (Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Oncology & others) of the adjoined Teaching Hospital which are providing the facility of interaction between the students of HND and patients regarding the nutritional assessment and dietetic planning chart of the indoor and outdoor patients.

In the exit meeting, Program evaluator also shared his observations with Dr. Shamim Bhatti, Registrar, PAQSJIMS, Gambat, HoD, HND and other faculty members. Dr. Shamim Bhatti thanked NAEAC team for their two 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.

