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# Message from Chairperson

I am pleased to present On behalf of the entire the Council's biannual newsletter covering July through December upon all teacher edu-2024, documenting our cation providers key activities, achievements, and challenges. The Council team deserves our highest com- gramme accreditation mendation for their ex- processes. The quality emplary work during this period. This publination has become a cation serves the essen- matter of significant tial purpose of keeping public discourse, and all stakeholders informed about Council initiatives, which have received substantial recognition.

Council staff, and myself, I urgently call across both public and private sectors to expedite their proof education in our this quality is fundamentally dependent on teacher preparation standards. Any further

delay in securing pro-



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gramme accreditation will adversely impact teacher preparation quality, ultimately compromising educational outcomes nationwide.

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# NACTE Chairperson and Secretary Participate in National Curriculum Review Committee Meeting

Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Chairperson of the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE), and Dr. Shamsa Aziz, Secretary of NACTE, along with Council member Prof. Dr. Ayaz Muhammad Khan, played a key role in the National Curriculum Review Committee (NCRC) meeting held from October 29th to 31st, 2024 at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) in Islamabad. The meeting focused on the discipline of education and saw active participation from various stakeholders.

Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood led the opening and closing sessions of the meeting, setting the stage for productive discussions on key agenda items. The agenda included a comprehensive review of existing education programs, discussions on the Teacher Education Roadmap, and deliberations on the nomenclature of BS Education and B.Ed degrees.

The meeting featured group discussions and presentations, with a special focus on the challenges and opportunities in teacher education under the new Undergraduate Education Policy. Participants also worked towards finalizing the structure and scheme of 4-year B.Ed programs, as well as B.Ed 2.5 and B.Ed 1.5 programs.

The NCRC meeting served as a crucial platform for stakeholders to collaborate and contribute to the development of a robust and standardized teacher education curriculum in Pakistan. The outcomes of the meeting are expected to have a significant impact on the future of teacher education in the country.







#### NACTE Staff Meeting

Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Chairperson of the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE), convened a meeting with NACTE staff at the Vice Chancellor's Office, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad, to discuss ongoing matters and organizational activities.

During the meeting, Chairperson NACTE expressed his satisfaction with the staff's performance and their dedication to maintaining high standards in teacher education accreditation. He particularly emphasized the importance of continuing their commitment to excellence in strengthening the quality of teacher education programs across Pakistan.

A significant highlight of the meeting was the formal welcome extended to Dr. Shamsa Aziz, who has recently been appointed as the Secretary of NACTE. Chairperson NACTE congratulated Dr. Shamsa Aziz on her appointment and expressed confidence that her expertise would contribute significantly to NACTE's mission.

The meeting focused on various ongoing projects and future initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of teacher education in Pakistan. The chairperson reaffirmed NACTE's commitment to maintaining rigorous accreditation standards and promoting excellence in teacher education programs nationwide.

### Accreditation Committee Meetings

The 20th meeting of the National Accreditation Committee was held on July 11, 2024, at 9:30am at the Council Hall, VC Secretariat, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Chairperson of the Council chaired the meeting. The accreditation committee reviewed and recommended fifteen (15) programmes for Zero accreditation. The Accreditation Committee reviewed twenty-seven (27) programmes for Formal accreditation and recommended levels (W, X,Y, Z) of Formal accreditation. On the whole, the members found the meeting very productive.







## 21st Council Meeting

The National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) held its 21st Council meeting held on July

11, 2024 at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad. The meeting marked a significant transition in leadership as Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood chaired his first session as the newly appointed Chairperson of NACTE.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood paid tribute to the outgoing Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, acknowledging his valuable contributions to strengthening the council's role in maintaining educational standards across Pakistan.



During the proceedings, the Council Secretary presented nine comprehensive agenda items for thorough discussion and deliberation. A key outcome of the meeting was the Council's approval of accreditation levels as recommended by the accreditation committee, reinforcing NACTE's commitment to maintaining high standards in teacher education programs.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with council members expressing satisfaction over the productive discussions and decisions made under the new leadership. The smooth transition in leadership and efficient handling of crucial agenda items demonstrated NACTE's continued commitment to excellence in teacher education accreditation.









# 22 nd Council Meeting

The National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) convened its 22nd Council meeting at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood.

A significant highlight of the meeting was the warm welcome extended to the newly appointed Council members. The Council also approved the recommendation of the selection board for the selection of the secretary NACTE.

Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood expressed confidence in the enhanced capabilities that the new members would bring to the Council, emphasizing their role in furthering NACTE's mission of maintaining high standards in teacher education. The meeting concluded with a mutual exchange of appreciation between the Chair and Council members, highlighting the collaborative spirit that defines NACTE's operations.











# Concluding contract of secretary

The National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) marked the conclusion of Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood's contract as Secretary of the Council. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood completed his term of service, during which he made significant contributions to the Council's operations and development.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood played a vital role in strengthening NACTE's accreditation processes and his expertise to revise the NACTE's accreditation standards and maintaining quality in teacher education programs across Pakistan. His dedication to the Council's mission has been instrumental in advancing the quality of teacher education in the country.

term as Secretary

The Chairman NACTE, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, acknowledged Dr. Muhammad

Khalid Mahmood's services and expressed gratitude for his commitment to the Council's objectives during his

# Joining of new secretary NACTE

The National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) has announced the appointment of Dr. Shamsa Aziz as its new Secretary. Dr. Shamsa Aziz, a distinguished academic and researcher, assumed her responsibilities at NACTE's head-quarters in Islamabad.

The appointment of Dr. Shamsa Aziz has been met with widespread appreciation from the academic community, recognizing her extensive experience and contributions to the field of education. Her appointment is expected to bring new perspectives and strengthen NACTE's vision of ensuring quality teacher education across Pakistan.



Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Chairman NACTE, welcomed Dr. Aziz to her new role, expressing confidence that her expertise would significantly contribute to the Council's objectives and future

# **Accreditation Visits**

The Council's external evaluators visited the following teacher education institutions to gather the relevant information for accreditation purposes. Both the external evaluators and providers of teacher education programmes found these visits quite rewarding and productive.

| Sr.# | Name of Institution  | City                             | Province            | Program Name                |
|------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1    | Scholars College of Sciences & IT Gojra                            | Muzaffarabad                     | AJK                 | B.Ed. (Hons) Secondary      |
| 2    | Dir college of sciences  | Dir                              | KPK                 | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 3    | Iqra Girls College, Education                                      | Sargodha                         | Punjab              | BS Education                |
| 4    | Govt. Islamia Graduate College Women Eid<br>Gah Road Faisalabad    | Faisalabad                       | Punjab              | B.Ed. (Hons) Elementary     |
| 5    | Government Graduate College  | Samundri                         | Punjab              | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 6    | Govt. Graduate College, Gojra Road                                 | Jhang                            | Punjab              | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 7    | Khan Muhammad khan College of Education                            | College of Education Bhimber AJK | AJK                 | B.Ed. (2.5 Years)           |
|      | J  |                                  |                     | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 8    | The Aspire Education College Bhimber                               | Bhimber                          | AJk                 | B.Ed. (1.5 Years) Secondary |
| 9    | University of the Punjab   | Lahore                           | Punjab              | B.Ed. Secondary             |
|      |  |                                  |                     | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 10   | Kinnaird College for women   | Lahore                           | Punjab              | M.Phil. Education           |
| 11   | Royal College of Management sciences                               | Gujranwala                       | Punjab              | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 12   | Islamia College of Peshawar  | Peshawar                         | KPK                 | B.Ed. (Hons.)               |
| 13   | F.C. College Lahore  | Lahore                           | Punjab              | BS Education                |
| 14   | Public School & College  | Skardu                           | Gilgit<br>Baltistan | BS Education                |
| 15   | University of Education, Multan Campus                             | Multan                           | Punjab              | B.Ed. (1.5 Years) Secondary |
| 16   | Capital college Yazman   | Yazman                           | Punjab              | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 17   | The Islamia University of Bahawalpur                               | Bahawalpur                       | Punjab              | BS Special Education        |
| 18   | University of Wah  | Wah                              | Punjab              | Ph.D                        |
| 19   | Ziauddin University College of Education<br>North Campus           | Karachi                          | Sindh               | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
| 20   | DHA College School System (DHACSS)<br>College for Women Phase VIII | Karachi                          | Sindh               | B.Ed. (2.5 Years) Secondary |
| 21   | AL Ghazali University  | Karachi                          | Sindh               | B.Ed. (1.5 Years)           |
|      |  |                                  |                     | B.Ed. (2.5 Years)           |
|      |  |                                  |                     | B.Ed. (Hons)                |

# **Consultative Meetings**

The consultative meetings were organized with nine (09) teacher education institutions to discuss accreditation process and requirements. Dr Shamsa Aziz, Council Secretary gave a detailed briefing on the accreditation standards, tools, procedures and other relevant information, followed by Q&A session. The following institutions participated in the consultative meetings:

- University of the Punjab, Lahore
- Kinnaird College for women, Lahore
- Islamia College of Peshawar, Peshawar
- F.C. College Lahore, Lahore
- The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Bahawalpur
- University of Wah, Wah Cantt
- Ziauddin University College of Education, Karachi
- DHA College School System (DHACSS) College for Women Phase VIII, Karachi
- AL Ghazali University, Karachi

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### Glimpse of Activities





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