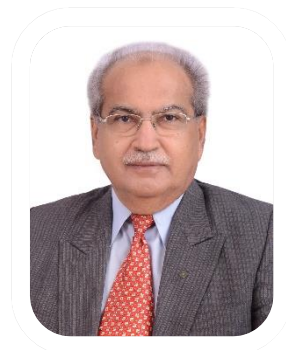




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CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

The Council has prepared an online newsletter for the period from January-June 2023 containing all activities. I am pleased to share with you that the readers have highly appreciated the Council's efforts for disseminating current and future activities along with the challenges. The Council has always encouraged the readers to share their feedback for further improving the newsletter's format and structure. Despite, the limited financial resources, the Council has been continuously making its efforts to ensure the quality of teacher education programmes offered in both the public and private sector through accreditation process. However, many teacher education programmes, especially in the public sector are not yet accredited which is a major concern of the Council. It is a moral and academic responsibility of all providers of teacher education programmes to apply for accreditation of their teacher education programmes for ensuring quality of programmes and graduates. In this regard, the Council has been approaching the providers to get their teacher education programmes accredited but the response, especially from the public sector teacher education colleges is very low which eventually defeating the Council's initiatives. In the best interest of prospective teachers, the providers must comply with the HEC's policy regarding accreditation for quality assurance purpose. The quality of teaching highly depends on the quality of teacher education programmes for preparing prospective teachers in the country who are capable of meeting 21st century learning needs of students.

Look forward to receiving providers' cooperation for getting their teacher education programmes accredited.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING ON UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY

A meeting of the Chairpersons of the Accreditation Councils was organized by the Academic Division, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan to finalize the undergraduate education policy on January 12, 2023 at NAHE Hall, HEC, Islamabad. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary, NACTE attended the meeting on behalf of the Chairperson, NACTE. The revised undergraduate education policy was shared with the participants. The representatives of the Accreditation Councils shared their suggestions for further improvement.

WORKSHOP ON REVISION OF ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK

A workshop for the revision of accreditation framework was organized on January 16-17, 2023 at NACTE Secretariat, Islamabad. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saeed, Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, Minhaj University Lahore, Dr. Shamsa Aziz Associate Professor, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Dr. Huma Lodhi, Assistant Professor, University of Education, Lahore and Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary NACTE, Islamabad were the participants of the workshop. Dr Muhammad Memon, Chairperson NACTE attended online the workshop and addressed the participants and shared necessary guidelines. The accreditation standards, indicators of accreditation standards and tools were reviewed for their relevance. The revised draft of the standards, indicators, tools will be presented in the next meeting of the Council.



TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN AFFILIATED COLLEGES

The Council Secretariat gathered information about the teacher education programmes being offered in the affiliated colleges/institutions. In response to letter from NACTE, fifty three (53) universities provided data about their affiliated colleges. It was found that 241 colleges were affiliated with 53 universities were offering 673 teacher education programmes. However, data collection is in progress.



ORIENTATION MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS HEADS/FACULTY OF INSTITUTIONS

The Council arranged orientations of the heads and faculty of the following sixteen (16) teacher education institutions to apprise them of the accreditation requirements and processes. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary NACTE visited the universities and institutions for orientation of the heads and faculty about the accreditation standards, tools, procedures and other relevant information followed by Q&A session:

- Division of Education, University of Education, Lahore
- Pir Mehar Ali Shah, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi
- Fazaia Bilquis College of Education for Women, PAF, Rawalpindi
- University of Turbat, Turbat
- University of Gawadar, Gawadar
- University of Sufism and Modern Sciences, Bhit Shah
- University of Management and Technology, Lahore
- Punjab College, Lahore
- Ghazi National Institute of Engineering and Sciences, D.G Khan
- Ghazi University. D.G Khan
- Hazara University. Mansehra
- Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Bagh
- University of Poonch, AJK
- Air University, Islamabad
- Govt College for Elementary Teachers, Female, Kotli
- GC University, Faisalabad

ACCREDITATION VISITS

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

Sr. #	Institute Name	Program Name	Evaluators
1	Division of Education, University of Education, Lahore	1. B.Ed. (1.5 Years) Secondary	Prof. Tayyaba Zarif Dr. Muhammad Nadeem Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood
		2. B.Ed. (Hons) Evening	
		3. B.Ed. Secondary (1.5 Years) Evening	
		4. B.Ed. (Hons)	
2	Pir Mehar Ali Shah, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi	5. B.Ed. (Hons)	Prof. Dr. Safdar Rehman Ghazi Dr. M. Ramzan
		6. M.Phil. Education	Dr. Muhammad Abiodullahi Dr. M. Iqbal
		7. Ph.D Education	
3	Fazaia Bilquis College of Education for Women, PAF, Rawalpindi	8. B.Ed. (Hons)	Dr. Fozia Khawaja Prof. Dr. Rizwan Akran Rana
		9. B.Ed. (2.5 Years)	
4	University of Turbat, Turbat	10. B.Ed. (Hons)	Dr. Mian Hamid Hasssan Dr. Abdul Nasir Kiazai Dr. M. Khalid Mahmood
		11. M.A Education	
5	University of Gawadar, Gawadar	12. B.Ed. (Hons)	Dr. Mian Hamid Hasssan Dr. Abdul Nasir Kiazai Dr. M. Khalid Mahmood
		13. B.Ed. (2.5 Years)	
		14. B.Ed. (1.5 Years)	
6	University of Sufism and Modern Sciences, Bhit Shah	15. B.Ed. (1.5 Years)	Prof. Dr. Farida Iodhi Dr. Kamal Haider
7	University of Management and Technology, Lahore	16. Ph.D Education	Prof. Dr. Umer Ali Khan Dr. Fauzia Ajmal Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood
		17. M.Phil. Education	

Sr. #	Institute Name	Program Name	Evaluators
8	Punjab College, Lahore	18. B.Ed. (Hons.) Morning	Dr. M. Khalid Mahmood Dr. Fouzia Ajmal
		19. B.Ed. (Hons.) Evening	
9	Ghazi National Institute of Engineering and Sciences, D.G Khan	20. B.Ed. (1.5 Years)	Dr. M. Khalid Mahmood
10	Ghazi University. D.G Khan	21. B.Ed. (1.5 years)	Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Majoka Dr. Muhammad Saeed Khan
11	Hazara University. Mansehra	22. BS Education (4 Years)	Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Baig Muhammad Zafar Iqbal
12	Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Bagh	23. B.Ed. (Hons.) 4 Years	Dr. Zarina Akhtar Mr. Muhammad Saeed
13	University of Poonch, AJK	24. B.Ed. (Hons.)	Mr. Muhammad Saeed
14	Air University, Islamabad	25. M.Phil. Education	Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Akhtar Dr. Huma Lodhi
		26. B.Ed. (Hons) Evening/ Self Support	
15	Govt College for Elementary Teachers Female, Kotli, AJK	27. B.Ed. (Hons.)	Dr. Tanveer Afzal Dr. M. Azhar
16	GC University, Faisalabad	28. B.Ed. (1.5 Years)	Dr. Amir Hashmi Dr. Syed Abbas Rizvi
		29. B.Ed. (Hons) Elementary	
17	Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, Sibi	30. B.Ed. (Hons.) Elementary 4 Years	Dr. Abdul Nasir Kiazi
		31. B.Ed. (Hons.) Secondary 1.5 Years	
		32. B.Ed. (Hons.) Secondary 2.5 Years	



18TH ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The 18th meeting of the National Accreditation Committee was held on March 16, 2023, at 9:30am at the Council Hall, VC Secretariat, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Chairperson of the Council chaired the meeting. The accreditation committee reviewed and recommended six (6) programmes for Zero accreditation. The Accreditation Committee reviewed thirty-four (34) programmes for Formal accreditation and recommended levels (W, X, Y, Z) of Formal accreditation. On the whole, the members found the meeting very productive.



20TH COUNCIL MEETING

The 20th meeting of the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) was held on March 16, 2023, at 11:30am at the Council Hall, VC Secretariat, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Chairperson, National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) chaired the meeting. The Council Secretary presented twelve (12) agenda items for deliberations and decision-making. The Council approved the accreditation levels recommended by the accreditation committee. On the whole, the members found the meeting very productive.



Group Photo, 20th NACTE Council Meeting, held on March 16, 2023 at AIOU, Islamabad

STAFF MEETING

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Chairperson NACTE chaired a staff meeting on March 16, 2023. The Secretary of the Council shared a report on the follow-up of the previous meeting decisions. He also presented progress on the accreditation visits. The revision of teacher education accreditation framework was also discussed and appreciated.

NATIONAL STUDY ON TEACHER QUALITY

The National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) has planned a nation-wide study on teacher quality in collaboration with the Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. This study will be conducted to ascertain the quality of working school teachers at all levels in the country. The findings of the study will be used as a baseline for policy making and planning. Research group has been constituted and sub-groups have been working on different aspects of study such as, instruments development and sampling. The matter regarding study funding was discussed in the 20th council meeting in which it was decided that *The AIOU and the Council will explore possibility of allocating some funds to conduct a large-scale study on teacher quality.*

COMPLETION OF TENURE OF CHAIRPERSON, NACTE

Dr Muhammad Memon, Chairperson NACTE will conclude its tenure of four years on July 9, 2023. During his tenure, Council was further strengthened and process of accreditation of teacher education programmes was streamlined. During his tenure, a number of new initiatives such as strategic development plan, HR manual, online newsletter, annual planner, online registration for accreditation, research journal etc. were taken. The number of accredited teacher education programmes also increased to ensure the quality of teacher education programmes which indicates the stakeholders' recognition of accreditation process. The teacher education roadmap was also revised by HEC and the Council's contribution was highly appreciated.

STAKEHOLDER REFLECTIONS

The National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) is the first ever body in Pakistan that aims to improve teacher education in the country. Within a short period, NACTE's team of professionals worked tremendously to improve teacher education within a transformative agenda. My learning experience through participation in the accreditation process was quite rewarding...

This experience with the team gave me a significant opportunity to critically examine teaching and learning techniques with a different lens. I think such interactive opportunities with the professionals will help the faculty to think about how to better facilitate the learners in future.

Transforming teacher education highly demands innovative ways of knowing... NACTE can assist teachers in becoming critically reflective practitioners...NACTE can play a pivotal role in reconceptualizing teacher education with new trends in teacher education and giving feedback to the policymakers to improve teacher education policies and programs



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Group Photo, 20th NACTE Council Meeting, held on March 16, 2023 at AIOU, Islamabad



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The future activities include.

- Hold external evaluator training
- Completion of research study on the quality of teacher in Pakistan
- Completion of review of the accreditation standards, tools, indicators
- Accreditation visits
- Launch Research Journal
- Hold national policy dialogue/conference

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