



# National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) Pakistan

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## CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE

I am delighted to present to you the Council Newsletter covering our remarkable journey from January to June 2025, a period that has been truly transformative for the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE). This edition showcases our unwavering commitment to excellence in teacher education and our collective efforts toward building a robust educational foundation for Pakistan.

The first half of 2025 has been marked by several milestone achievements that reflect our dedication to quality assurance and educational excellence. The successful organization of the Two-Day International Conference on Quality Teacher Education on May 26-27, 2025, stands as a testament to our collaborative spirit and commitment to global educational standards. This landmark event brought together over 250 education experts, policymakers, and practitioners from across the nation and beyond, creating a vital platform for meaningful dialogue on the future of teacher education in Pakistan.

Let us continue working together with renewed vigor and commitment as we strive to establish Pakistan as a leader in quality teacher education on the global stage.

With sincere appreciation and best regards,

**Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood**

**Chairperson, NACTE**

**Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University**



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## Two-Day International Conference On Quality Teacher Education

The two-day International Conference on Quality Teacher Education, held on May 26th and 27th, 2025, at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU), concluded successfully, providing a vital platform for national and international experts to deliberate on the future of teacher education in Pakistan. Jointly organized by the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) and Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), the event brought together over 250 education experts, policymakers, and practitioners. The conference was meticulously structured with Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Vice Chancellor Allama Iqbal Open University, Chairperson NACTE, and Vice Chancellor Virtual University, serving as the Patron in Chief. Dr. Shamsa Aziz, Secretary NACTE, ably led as the Conference Chair, while Dr. Naveed Sultana, Associate Professor and Chairperson Secondary Teacher Education Department, served as Conference Co-Chair. Further pivotal roles were held by Dr. Tooba Saleem, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Care and Education Department, as Conference Secretary, and Dr. Memoona Ismail, Programme Manager NACTE, as Conference Coordinator. The distinguished panel of speakers and attendees included Chief Guest Professor Dr. Anwar ul Hassan Gillani, Advisor Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) at HEC, and Professor Dr. Munawar Sultana Mirza, Professor Emeritus, University of the Punjab. The program also featured prominent figures such as Professor Dr. Qazi Waseem, Vice Chancellor of Karachi Metropolitan University. Keynote speeches and engaging parallel sessions addressed critical themes such as teacher licensing, curriculum reforms, accreditation of teacher education programs, and career pathways for educators. Participants emphasized the pivotal role of quality teacher training in national intellectual and academic development. Discussions focused on enhancing teaching standards, making the accreditation process more transparent, and aligning organizational affairs with modern educational requirements. Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, in his concluding remarks, expressed gratitude to the organizers, education experts, partner institutions, and all participants for their crucial contributions to the academic gathering's success. He reiterated NACTE's commitment to promoting quality and accountability in educational institutions, stressing the importance of interprovincial cooperation and transparency in decision-making.



## 21st Accreditation Committee Meeting

The 21st meeting of the National Accreditation Committee was held on May 28, 2025, 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 twenty-one (21) pro-programmes for Zero accreditation. The Accreditation Committee reviewed fifteen (15) programmes for Formal accreditation and recommended levels (W, X, Y, Z) of Formal accreditation. On the whole, the members found the meeting very productive.



## NACTE Council Applauds Achievements, Welcomes New Secretary at 23rd Council Meeting

The National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) held its 23rd Council Meeting yesterday, marked by acknowledgments of significant accomplishments and a warm welcome to its newly appointed Secretary, Dr. Shamsa Aziz.

The meeting commenced traditionally with a recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chairperson of NACTE Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood then formally opened proceedings, welcoming all council members and thanking them for dedicating their time. Following the welcome, the Chairperson directed the Secretary, Dr. Shamsa Aziz, to present the agenda items for the council's deliberations.

### **Key highlights and acknowledgments dominated the meeting:**

**International Conference Success:** The Council formally acknowledged the highly successful organization of the recent two-day International Conference on Quality Teacher Education. Members commended the effort and outcomes of this significant event.

**Accreditation Efforts Recognized:** The Council expressed deep appreciation for the hard work and continuous dedication demonstrated by the NACTE secretariat staff in processing and managing the accreditation of teacher education programmes across the country.

**Dr. Shamsa Aziz Commended:** A specific resolution of appreciation was passed recognizing the substantial work and efforts undertaken by Dr. Shamsa Aziz, Secretary of NACTE, in leading the crucial revision of the accreditation standards for teacher education. The Council noted the importance of this initiative for enhancing quality



## Approval of Accreditation Standards, Tools and Procedures

The National Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) has officially approved comprehensive revisions to its accreditation standards, tools, and procedures during its 23rd council meeting, marking a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to enhancing educational quality assurance.

The newly approved framework represents a substantial update to NACTE's existing accreditation system, incorporating contemporary best practices and addressing evolving needs in teacher education. These revised standards are designed to ensure that educational institutions maintain the highest levels of academic excellence and industry relevance.

The updated accreditation standards, tools, and procedures will be made publicly available on the organization's official website in December 2025. The implementation of these revised standards will take effect for all accreditation requests submitted from January 2026 onwards.

This development reflects NACTE's ongoing efforts to strengthen the teacher education sector by establishing robust quality assurance mechanisms. The revised standards are expected to enhance the credibility of accredited programs and ensure graduates meet industry standards and market demands.

Institutions are encouraged to regularly monitor NACTE's website for detailed information about the revised standards once they become available.





## 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#.	Institute Name	Program Name	Team Leader/Member
1	Government Graduate College for Women, Gulberg, Lahore	1. B.Ed. (Hons) Secondary (4 Years)	Dr. M. Saeed/ Mr. M. Saeed
		2. B.Ed. (1.5 Years) Self Supporting	
2	College of Education, PAF, Peshawar	3. PGD	Prof. Dr. Umer Ali Khan/ Dr. Ishtiaq Hussain
3	Ghazi National Institute of Engineering and Sciences, (GNIES)	4. B.Ed. (1.5 Years)	Dr. Amjad Reba/ Dr. M. Zafar Iqbal
4	Government Elementary College of Education, Hussainabad	5. B.Ed. (Hons) Elementary (4 years)	Mr. Zubair Ahmed/ Dr. Tooba saleem
5	Institute of Education, University of Sargodha	6. BS Education	Dr. M. Khalid Mahmood/ Dr. Zarina Akhtar
		7. B.Ed. (Hons)	
6	NUML, Islamabad	8. BS Health and Physical Education	Prof. Dr. Nasreen Akhtar/ Dr. Hameed Nawaz
7	Ali Institute of Education, Lahore	9. PGD	Dr. M. Khalid Mahmood
		10. PGD (ELM)	
8	Government Girls Degree College, Rera District Bagh, AJK	11. BS Education	Dr. Mian Hamid Hassan
9	Iqra University, Karachi	12. B.Ed. (Hons)	Prof. Dr. Tayyaba Zarif/ Prof. Dr. Riffat-un-Nisa
10	The University of Lahore, Lahore	13. B.Ed. (Hons)	Dr. Fouzia Ajmal/ Dr. Syed Abdul Waheed
		14. BS Special Education	
11	Sir Syed College of Education Kotli, AJK	15. B.Ed. (1.5 Years)	Dr. M. Saeed Khan/ Dr. M. Munir Kayani
		16. 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

- Government Graduate College for Women, Gulberg, Lahore
- Government Elementary College of Education, Hussainabad
- Institute of Education, University of Sargodha
- NUML, Islamabad
- Government Girls Degree College, Rera District Bagh, AJK
- Iqra University, Karachi
- The University of Lahore, Lahore
- Sir Syed College of Education Kotli, AJK



## Glimpse of Activities









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