

Message from Chairperson

Dear Readers,
Greetings!

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Council has published an online Quarterly Newsletter 2020 for sharing with the stakeholders the current and future activities and seeking their feedback for further improvement.

Since my induction as Chairperson in July 2019, the launch of an online Newsletter and an online Journal on Accreditation of Teacher Education has been my priority, however, the Council has been able to launch the online Quarterly Newsletter in 2020. The Council has also been making efforts to launch an online Journal on Accreditation of Teacher Education for which the Council will approach the researchers, practitioners, policymakers, faculty and others for seeking their articles for review by the experts.

My predecessors, Prof. Dr. Munawar Sultana Mirza and Prof. Dr. Riaz Ul Haq Tariq have already developed a viable roadmap for the Council for which I am thankful to their professional and intellectual contribution. I am pleased to share with you that the stakeholders have shown a considerable interest in seeking accreditation of their undergraduate and graduate teacher education programmes which indicates their trust in the Council. Up till now, 400 programmes have been accredited and 65 programmes are in the process.

The quality of any education system can't exceed the quality of its teachers and the quality of teachers highly depends on the quality of teacher education programmes which require rigorous quality assurance processes. Indeed, the Council staff deserves our heartfelt congratulations on the publication of the online Quarterly Newsletter 2020 which will become an ongoing activity of the Council.

Looking forward to work together for the improvement of quality of teacher education to raise quality of teachers in the country.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon
Chairperson, NACTE



National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, Pakistan

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NACTE

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Vision

Serve as a national resource to accredit and certify teacher education programmes based on the National Accreditation Standards underlying the framework of the National Professional Standards of Teacher Education.

Mission

Promote excellence in teacher education through evidence-based accreditation of teacher education to ensure quality of programmes for preparing professionally competent teachers.

Core Values

- Quality
- Innovation
- Equity
- Impact



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Upcoming Activities

ACCREDITATION VISITS

The Council Secretariate is planning to organize visits of the institutions which have applied for an accreditation of their teacher education programmes.

REVISING NACTE STANDARDS, TOOLS & PROCEDURES

The Council has formed a committee comprising of the council members and renowned educationists to review/update accreditation standards, tools and procedures to accredit teacher education programmes.

REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES & ROADMAP

Based on the feedback received from the evaluators and other stakeholders there is a dire need to review the teacher education programmes, and teacher education roadmap in the country. The new “Undergraduate Education Policy 2020” of HEC has also necessitated to revise the existing teacher education programmes and align them with the new policy.

REVIEW OF PROPOSAL FOR BRIDGING COURSES FOR SEEKING ADMISSION IN M. PHIL/PHD (EDUCATION)

The Aga Khan University, Institute of Educational Development, Karachi submitted a proposal for bridging courses for the candidates from other disciplines who are seeking admission to M.Phil./PhD Education programmes. The Council has formed a committee to review the proposal.

COUNCIL MEETING

Secretariate is planning 18th meeting of National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education in first quarter of the year 2021.

Current Activities.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2030

The Council has prepared its Strategic Plan 2030 which contains goals, action plan, budget etc. to strengthen the institutional performance. The Strategic Plan will be presented in the next Council meeting for an approval.

ACCREDITATION VISITS

The Council organized eleven (11) accreditation visits between October 2020 and December 2020. Six (06) visits were related to zero accreditation of teacher education programmes and five (05) visits were related to formal accreditation of teacher education programmes.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

The positions of Programme Manager and Admin & Accounts Officer were advertised nationwide in the daily ‘Nawa-e-Waqt’ and ‘The News’ on November 22, 2020. Last date of receipt of application was December 10, 2020 and the recruitment against the positions is under process.

ACADEMIC AUDIT

The first academic audit of the Council was conducted on December 10, 2020 and the report seems to be quite encouraging.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

The financial audit of the Council by HEC Audit Committee is under process.

WEBSITE

The NACTE website has been updated with new outlook which has been highly appreciated by the users.

MEETING OF ALL CHAIRPERSONS OF HEC COUNCILS WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HEC

A meeting of all Chairpersons of the Councils with the Executive Director, HEC was held on November 5, 2020 at Lecture Hall, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. The Chairperson NACTE, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon made a presentation on the Council activities, and achievements.

CONCLUDING CONTRACT OF SECRETARY, PROGRAMME MANAGER, ACCOUNTS OFFICER AND OFFICE BOY

The contract of Dr. Irshad Ahmad Farrukh, Secretary NACTE, concluded on March 15, 2020. The contract of Ms. Uzma Shakoor, Programme Manager, Mr. Muhammad Zakeria, Accounts Officer and Mr. Azmat Hussain, Office Attendant concluded on December 31, 2020. The Council highly appreciates their contribution.



Dr. Irshad Ahmad
Farrukh



Ms. Uzma Shakoor



Mr. Muhammad
Zakria



Mr. Azmat
Hassan

JOINING OF NEW SECRETARY NACTE

Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, a senior academic and researcher joined as Secretary NACTE on March 16, 2020. His induction has been widely appreciated by the academic community.

CLOSURE OF NACTE SUB-OFFICE (LAHORE)

The Council has closed its sub-office in Lahore on December 30, 2020. All the office record, furniture and equipment were shifted from NACTE sub-office Lahore to NACTE Secretariate Islamabad on December 30, 2020. All the stakeholders are advised to make direct communication with the Council Secretariat, Islamabad.



KEY GUIDELINES FOR E-LEARNING

In order to offer online programmes the institutions may install Learning Management System (LMS) which is an integral part of e-learning process for storing all e-learning materials of programmes/courses and make accessible to the students. Following are the key guidelines for accreditation of the online programmes:

- Design and share syllabus.
- Ensure availability of lecture videos with appropriate captioning and transcription of the lecture.
- Ensure the attendance record of the students.
- Question and answer process is an integral part of the delivery of courses.
- Share reference material and online links.
- Use Online Discussion Forum.
- Use Quizzes.
- Ensure that a course has a coherent structure and the material is well organized.
- Ensure that students understand what is expected of them.
- Send regular whole-class communications.
- Be responsive to the students' difficulties.
- Ask students for seeking any clarification etc. and use Discussion Forum for student-student and teacher-student interaction.
- Virtual meet and interact by using Microsoft Team, Skype, Zoom etc.
- Make sure preview of the courses.
- Keep connectivity issues of the students from rural areas.
- Provide timely feedback to the students on their assignments.

MEETING OF CHAIRPERSON WITH NACTE STAFF



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Chairperson NACTE met with the NACTE staff on November 5, 2020 and discussed their tasks and advised them on some important matters.

Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary NACTE briefly explained the activities of the Council during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr Mahmood explained the process of accreditation data analysis and report writing based on the output of data analysis software and data verification.

It was proposed to add more external evaluators to maintain quality of data collection and assessment. Hence, it was decided to organize external evaluators' training workshops soon.

The Chairperson advised to place names of the evaluators with their profile on the Council website.



CONSULTATION MEETINGS

The consultation meetings were organized in the following five teacher education institutions to share with the heads of institutions and faculty the accreditation tools, procedures and other relevant information, followed by Q&A session.

- University of Management and Technology, Lahore
- Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore
- FC College University, Lahore
- University of Sargodha, Sargodha
- Fazaia College of Education, Lahore



Meeting with Rector of FC College, Lahore

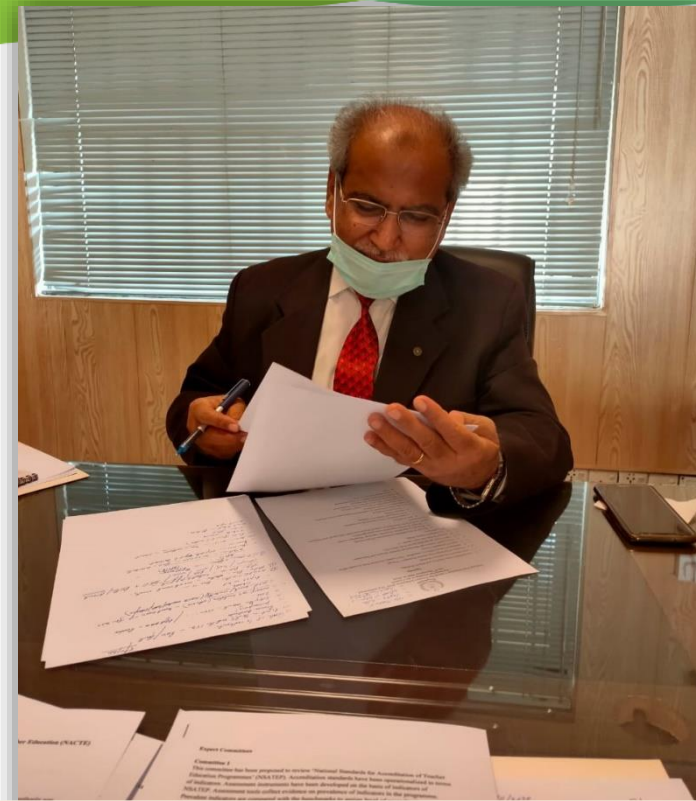
ONLINE MEETING ON PMDU CITIZEN'S PORTAL

The meeting with the Chairpersons and Secretaries of the professional councils was organized on November 23, 2020 to discuss the PMDU Citizen's Portal related issues. The Chairperson, Secretary and Programme Manager, NACTE attended the meeting. The guidelines for handling Citizen's Portal were shared by the Managing Director, Quality Assurance Agency. The performance of the Council's dashboard on the Citizen's Portal was also reviewed.

Mr. Ghulam Nabi, Director Research & Analysis Activities gave a detailed presentation on the subject on November 25, 2020.



Glimpses of Activities





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