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**POSTGRADUATE ASSESSMENT POLICY
(For MD, MS, MPhil & FCPS Programs)
Nishtar Medical University, Multan**

1. Title

This policy shall be called:

Postgraduate Assessment and Examination Policy of Nishtar Medical University (NMU)

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- MD Programs
- MS Programs
- MPhil Programs
- FCPS Trainees registered in affiliated hospitals of NMU
- In compliance with:
- Regulations of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council
- Rules of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (for FCPS)
- HEC guidelines (for MPhil where applicable)

3. Principles of Assessment

Assessment at NMU shall be:

- Competency-based
- Continuous and summative
- Transparent and fair
- Aligned with learning outcomes
- Documented and auditable

4. Assessment Plan

Assessment shall consist of:

A. Formative Assessment (Continuous Internal Assessment)

Weightage: **20–30%** (for MD/MS/MPhil, where applicable)

Includes:

- Logbook evaluation
- Workplace-Based Assessment (Mini-CEX, DOPS, CBD)
- Case presentations
- Journal clubs
- Morbidity & Mortality participation
- Research progress monitoring
- Attendance (minimum 80%)

Formative assessment is mandatory but primarily used for feedback and eligibility to appear in final exam.

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B. Summative Assessment (Final Professional Examination)

Weightage: 70–80%

Structure for MD/MS:

1. Theory Examination
2. 2–4 written papers
 - MCQs, SAQs, SEQs
 - Passing required in each paper
3. Clinical/Practical Examination
 - Long case
 - Short cases
 - OSCE/OSPE
 - Viva voce
4. Thesis Evaluation (where applicable)
5. External examiner review
 - Plagiarism check ($\leq 19\%$ similarity index recommended)
 - Defense/Presentation

Structure for MPhil:

- Course Work Examination
- Minimum 24 credit hours
- GPA ≥ 3.0 required
- Comprehensive Examination
- Research Thesis
- External evaluation
- Public defense
- Publication requirement (if mandated)

For FCPS Trainees:

Assessment conducted by CPSP:

- Intermediate Module
- Final Examination
- Dissertation/Research Component
- NMU shall ensure:
 - Training logbook verification
 - Supervisor certification
 - Internal progress monitoring

5. Passing Criteria

For MD/MS:

- Minimum **50% in each theory paper**
- Minimum **50% in clinical/practical component**
- Aggregate minimum **60% overall** (recommended for quality assurance)
- Separate passing in thesis

Failure in one component requires re-appearance in that component only (as per university rules).

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For MPhil:

- Minimum CGPA: 3.0/4.0
- Pass comprehensive exam
- Thesis approved by external examiner
- Successful defense

For FCPS:

As per CPSP regulations. NMU does not declare final FCPS result but certifies training completion.

6. Eligibility Criteria to Appear in Final Examination

Candidate must:

- Complete prescribed training duration
- Maintain minimum 80% attendance
- Submit completed logbook
- Submit approved thesis (where applicable)
- Obtain Supervisor and Head of Department certification

7. Re-Examination Policy

- Maximum attempts as per PMDC/University regulations
- Minimum gap of 6 months between attempts (if applicable)
- Fresh examination fee required

8. Standard Setting and Moderation

- Question papers reviewed by internal moderation committee
- External examiners mandatory
- Post-exam item analysis (for MCQs)
- Result approval by Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASR) / Academic Council

9. Declaration of Results

- Results notified officially by Controller of Examinations
- Marks sheets issued within prescribed timeframe
- Confidentiality strictly maintained

10. Appeal / Review of Assessment Results

A candidate may apply for:

A. Rechecking (Within 15 days of result)

Includes:

- Re-totaling
- Verification of unmarked questions
- Does NOT include:
- Re-evaluation of answers

B. Formal Appeal

Grounds for appeal:

- Procedural irregularity
- Examiner bias
- Maladministration

Procedure:

- Written application to Controller of Examinations
- Payment of prescribed fee
- Review by Examination Review Committee
- Decision within 30 days

Decision of Academic Council shall be final.

11. Academic Misconduct

Includes:

- Plagiarism
- Cheating
- Fabrication of logbook entries
- Research misconduct
- Penalty may include:
- Failure in examination
- Suspension
- Cancellation of registration

Plagiarism shall be handled as per HEC guidelines.

12. Quality Assurance

- Annual review of assessment system
- Student feedback collection
- External examiner reports review
- Alignment with PMDC standards

13. Transitional Clause

Until approval of University Statutes:

- This policy shall operate under NMU Act and Government rules
- In case of conflict, PMDC/CPSP regulations shall prevail

14. Review of Policy

This policy shall be reviewed every three years or earlier if required by regulatory authorities.

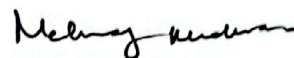


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