

Keeping in view the importance of modern assessment in the field of medical education, the Learning Innovation Division, HEC under its "Orientation and Awareness Programme for Semester/Examination System of HEIs" recently organized a four-day workshop entitled "Assessment Drives Learning".

The main focus of the workshop was to develop competence in the understanding of the art that is assessment and how the skillful use of this art can improve not only the outcomes of the medical education programme but also patient care in the country.

The workshop was attended by 27 academicians and examiners of medical colleges and universities from across Pakistan, including Professors, Assistant Professors, Controllers/Deputy Controllers of Examination and other Administrative staff related to the assessment in medical institutes.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Junaid Sarfaraz Khan, Controller of Examinations, Professor of Medical Education, University of Health Sciences, Lahore.

Mr. Farmanullah Anjum, Director General (Services) HEC was the chief guest in the certificate distribution ceremony. Dr. Mubashir Malik, Senior Fellow, HEC was also present on the occasion. The participants termed the workshop a great opportunity to learn from the resource person and the fellow senior participants. Dr. Junaid Sarfaraz Khan hoped that the new things learnt during the workshop would be practically implemented by the participants.

Dr. Mubashir Malik discussed the core values of examination department as determined by the participants and resource person.

Mr. Farmanullah Anjum said that the individual plays a vital role in the development of societies.

He appreciated the initiative taken under the auspices of the Orientation Seminars on Examination/Semester System. He said that in the absence of the effective assessment system, the education system suffered a lot, but now the time has come to change the old practices and adoptnew paradigm.

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