

Academic Audit
Level 4 – Audit by External Experts / Agency
Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University
Report Sheet

Period of Audit: January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Dates of Audit: July 24 & 25, 2017

Date of Report submission: July 25, 2017

Audit Panel	Names of the member
External Expert 1	Prof. V. K. Dixit, Chairman
External Expert 2	Prof. B. S. Kuchekar
(Member) Secretary	Prof. Urmil V. Dave

Criteria-wise Observations of the Expert Team:

Criteria I: Curricular Aspects, Teaching - Learning and Evaluation

Positive Points:

- PCI framed syllabus for UG and PG programmes has been adopted and implemented
- Effective Course delivery and monitoring mechanism exists
- Course websites and blogs by teachers are innovative initiatives
- Transparent and secured continuous evaluation system for students
- Effective use of ICT in teaching-learning
- Promotes inter-disciplinary teaching-learning through University Elective/s
- Supplementing classroom teaching by guest lectures and industrial visits
- Effective mechanism for redressal of student grievances

Weakness / Scope of Improvements:

- Limited academic flexibility
- Deficiency in availability of dedicated faculty for the M. Pharm. Drug Regulatory and Quality Assurance Programme

Actions Suggested:

- Attract distinguished faculty as emeritus/adjunct professors
- More interaction with professionals/faculties from outside of the institutions is desirable
- Introduce the add-on/value-added courses for widening of the supplementing knowledge-base of students.
- Academic society/club managed by faculty and students to discuss recent developments is recommended.

Criteria II: Research Publications, promotion, Consultancy, Training and Extension

Positive Points:

- Institute utilized funds availed from Nirma University to facilitate the research
- Funds from National Agencies explored for research projects
- Good facilities for undertaking research and drug development
- Satisfactory number of publications

- Good participation of teachers for faculty induction programmes and FDPs

Weakness / Scope of Improvements:

- Involvement of limited number of faculty members in research funding for major projects
- Quality of research and publications is not impressive and reflective of NIRF Ranking and NAAC Accreditation of the institute
- Revenue generation through the consultancy projects is marginal
- Participation in International level academic activities not visible
- Very less number of patents filed/granted
- Disproportionate contribution of registered research scholars in publications of the institution

Actions Suggested:

- More faculty members to strive for research availing funding from national/international agencies like ICMR, CSIR, etc.
- Innovative approach in research need encouragement for quality publications and increasing number of patents
- Strategic Plan should be developed for promoting industrial consultancy
- Joint research projects between Institute of Pharmacy, NU and Institute of Science, NU for thrust area related to 'Cancer Research' may be submitted for development of resources
- Women faculty members may think of submitting proposals related to 'women health and personal healthcare'
- Incubation centre for technology transfer may be developed

Criteria III: Student Progression - counselling

Positive Points:

- Satisfactory co-curricular, extra-curricular and extra-mural activities
- Orientation programmes are conducted
- Mentor-mentee system and counselling system is in-place
- Satisfactory working of placement cell

Weakness / Scope of Improvements:

- Less participation of students in sports activities
- Less success rate of students in GPAT examination
- Less awareness amongst students related to IDEA Lab facilities at NU as well as career opportunities

Actions Suggested:

- All GPAT qualified students should be provided with full stipend to pursue PG programme as is practiced in other Universities
- Remedial and coaching classes for preparation of GPAT examination
- Activities of the career counselling and guidance cell to be strengthened
- University level counsellor should be appointed
- Functional entrepreneurship development cell should be developed
- Time management to facilitate the participation of students in sports activities

Criteria IV: NU Policies and adherence

- Adequate representation of faculty in various committees
- Good initiatives of IQAC of Institute are visible
- Strategic plan is in-place
- Due recognition and incentives for research and publications
- Provision for Research and Development



- Central IPR Cell
- Code of Ethics in research to check malpractices and plagiarism
- Provision of stipend to limited number of GPAT qualified meritorious students

Criteria V: Innovations and Best Practices

- Team-teaching to exploit best utilization of expertise of teachers for course delivery
- Pro-active role of institute to introduce the MOOC Courses
- Use of Course website and blog for benefit of students

Overall Comments, Recommendations and Suggestions for Improvements:

- Potential of consultancy not exploited for which a rigorous strategic plan may be developed
- Academic activities for interactions with professionals from outside the institution is desirable
- Development of interactive learning environment is desirable
- More faculty members may approach for research funding to National/International agencies and industries
- Ensuring active participation of external invited experts in Faculty of Pharmacy meetings
- Registration of alumni association for making it agile
- Centre for International students may be explored for attracting international students
- Wi-fi connectivity should be ensured in the entire campus.


✓ The observations by the audit panel are shared with me.



Director Institute of Pharmacy

Date: July 25, 2017

Signature of Audit Panel:

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Period of Audit: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016 Dates of Audit: Aug. 16-17, 2017
Date of Report submission: Aug. 17, 2017

Audit Panel	Names of the member
External Expert 1	: Prof. R. Vekata Rao
External Expert 2	: Prof. Arun Sazu S. Nadkarni
(Member) Secretary	: Prof. Santosh Vora

Criteria wise Observations of the Expert Team:

Criteria I: Curricular Aspects, Teaching - Learning and Evaluation
Positive Points:

1. Usage of ICT in teaching and learning process.
2. Excellent infrastructure, extension activities

Weakness / Scope of Improvements:

1. More students centric and diversified knowledge based programme should be organised.
2. More smart classes needs to be established

Actions Suggested:

1. Management should take steps to obtain sponsorship from other sources to boost the students effective participation in knowledge based programmes.
2. Students should be encouraged to participate in more conferences/workshop/seminar at international level.
3. Personality development and skill development programmes for advocacy should be encouraged in curriculum

Criteria II: Research Publications / promotion, Consultancy, Training and Extension

Positive Points:

1. Teachers are dedicated.
2. Professional training in mentoring, counselling for students and with positive mindset

Weakness / Scope of Improvements:

1. No major projects.
2. Research output and funded projects consultancy.
3. Less effective participation in research paper, publication and participation
4. Research based training for faculty members.
5. Incorporation of interdisciplinary approach for all courses/programmes in University.



Actions Suggested:

1. A long term welfare measures to be initiated for construction of staff quarters especially for non teaching staff(sub staff)
2. More incentives to be given to the faculty to boost the scale of research activities
3. Incentives for quality publication in peer reviewed format of international/national repute.
4. Adequate financial support be given for participation in international conferences to enable the faculty to encourage and to participate in such international conferences
5. Institution should make efforts for UGC resource mobilisation, consultancy projects from different ministries of Government of Gujarat and Government of India.

Criteria III: Student Progression – counselling

Positive Points:

1. Orientation programmes are conducted
2. Effective participation of students in extra mural co-curricular activities
3. Mentoring process

Weakness / Scope of Improvements:

1. More elective courses should be introduced.

Actions Suggested:

1. More students centric activities should be undertaken
2. Medical insurance for students, premium can be collected yearly

Criteria IV: NU Policies and adherence

1. Involvement of experts for topics needing technical and practical knowledge

Criteria V: Innovations and Best Practices

1. Visit to industries/companies
2. Effective representation on institutional bodies like BOS, Academic Council, Exam Reforms Committee
3. Good number of IQAC meeting held

Overall Comments, Recommendations and Suggestions for Improvements:

1. Quality enhancements like articles by students, augment remedial programmes to weaker students, research programme progress committee
2. More MoUs with reputed Indian and foreign law schools should be executed
3. Planning meeting, action taken, departmental committee should be strengthened.
4. Management should create residential facilities for senior teachers/administrative staff

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Director
Institute of Law

Signature of Audit Panel

Date: Aug. 17, 2017

