

HEIs/Parents/Students Alert Accreditation of Computing Degree Programs and Admission in NCEAC Accredited Programs

National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) was notified on February 16, 2005 by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan as a body for the accreditation of computing degree programs nationwide. Currently, NCEAC accredits BS degree programs in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Information Systems, Bioinformatics, BS Artificial Intelligence, BS Data Science, BS Cyber Security, BS Multimedia & Gaming and BS Computer Engineering. As per the bylaws of NCEAC issued by the HEC, "Accreditation shall be a **mandatory** process for all relevant academic programs offered by public and private sector institutions." The Council has accredited a total of 423 computing programs at almost all well-known and well-reputed Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)/Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) in all four provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Azad Jammu & Kashmir through 1120 accreditation visits. Several of these programs have been accredited multiple times. 237 of these programs are at Public institutions and 186 at Private institutions.

The list of NCEAC accredited computing degree programs can be found on the NCEAC website <https://nceac.org.pk/Home/AccreditedInstitutes>. All other programs offered by the HEIs/DAIs and/or their affiliated colleges are not accredited. The list of institutions who have been stopped from admitting more students due to the violations they have committed against the NCEAC decisions is also available at <https://nceac.org.pk/Home/AccreditedInstitutes>. All HEIs/DAIs and their affiliated colleges/institutions offering 4-year computing degree programs are strongly advised to get their programs accredited with NCEAC by **31st August, 2024**. Moreover, NCEAC does not permit weekend classes for undergraduate computing degree programs.

It should also be noted that after the cut-off date (31st August 2024) HEC will not attest any degree which was obtained from a non-accredited batch of an institute. All stakeholders are strongly advised to check the NCEAC website prior to getting admission in any computing degree program in the country.

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