One Year Post Graduate Diploma Course (PGDC) in FOOD SAFETY AND CONTROLS

This PGDC is being supported by European Union (EU) funded Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA II) Program and implemented by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) which aims at strengthening the capacity of Pakistan to participate in international trade.

MISSION STATEMENT
“Transformation of human health status and enhancement of international trade in foods through better food safety practices”

COURSE INTRODUCTION
Food safety is not just an issue of law enforcement, it also relates to the health and safety of the people, to the nation's image and to bilateral and even multilateral political relationships. The safety and quality of food is a major concern for consumers, retailers, manufacturers and regulators. High profile incidents have highlighted the need for effective management systems and regulatory frameworks for food safety at the local, national and international levels. Current PGDC is aimed at improving post-harvest practices. Increasingly, professionals within this field require specialized knowledge and skills to help them identify and effectively manage risks. In response to these challenges, this PGD has been designed to meet the development needs of international food safety specialists working in commerce and industry and enforcement agencies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
The objectives of this PGDC program are:
1. to provide graduates with practical skills that enable them to develop, implement and audit food safety management systems
2. to ensure safety and quality of food products as per mandatory legal requirements and voluntary standards including export regulations
3. to enhance human resources for facilitation of production of safe foods and enhance domestic and export market access

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
University will accept applications from candidates having B.Sc. (Hons.) 4 year course / M.Sc. in Biological Sciences (16 years education).

HOW TO APPLY?
Application forms after the payment of Rs. 1000 in National Bank Ltd., University of Agriculture, Faisalabad Branch, can be obtained from the Office of Director General, National Institute of Food Science and Technology (Main Campus), University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

WHO SHOULD STUDY?
This program is seen to be of particular relevance to those wishing to polish their expertise in food safety management. The program is also of relevance to students with a general enforcement background or food industry background who wish to specialize in food safety.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
The qualified diploma holders will be absorbed in food industry, government and semi-government organizations as well as in new openings such as:
1. Food Safety Officers and Food Inspectors in Punjab Food Safety and Standards Authority (>3500 posts to be filled in next 2-3 years)
2. National Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services
3. Ministry of National Food Security and Research
4. Food Business Operations (through-out food-supply chain)
5. Resturants and Hotels
6. Flight Kitchens, Airports & Sea-ports
7. Armed Forces
8. Health Institutions/Hospitals
10. Food Certification and Auditing Bodies

ADMISSION PROCEDURE
Candidates will appear in an entry test that will comprise of two parts; General & Technical. Qualifying marks will be 50% in each part.
Candidates who have already passed NTS based GAT test may be exempted from the general part of entry test. Selection will be based on merit however; University holds the right to give special consideration to deserving candidates.

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