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BMC
Batterjee Medical College

Admission and Academic Success Targets for the Bottom Financial Quintile (Bottom 20%)

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Batterjee Medical College	Policy & Procedures
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Policy on Admission and Academic Success Targets for the Bottom Financial Quintile

1. Purpose & Strategic Alignment:

In explicit alignment with the SDG 1 (No Poverty), Batterjee Medical College (BMC) is committed to eradicating barriers to higher medical education. This policy establishes strict institutional targets and frameworks dedicated to the admission, retention, and successful graduation of students who fall into the bottom 20% of the national household income group.

2. Aims & Strategic Targets:

BMC has established the following targets to ensure access, support and successful completion for this socioeconomic group:

2.1 Admission Target: To actively increase accessibility for economically disadvantaged demographics, BMC sets explicit admission targets for the bottom financial quintile that BMC aims to ensure that at least **(10%)** of the **annual newly admitted cohort** belongs to the bottom 20% of the household income group in Saudi Arabia.

2.2 Student Success and Graduation Targets: Ensuring that students from the bottom 20% of the household income group complete their studies without dropping out due to financial or academic pressure is a core institutional priority. BMC sets strict retention and success targets to prevent dropout due to financial pressure. BMC aims to achieve a **graduation and completion rate of at least 85%** for those students, ensuring their success rate is strictly equal to or higher than the overall student body average and their successful transition into the healthcare workforce without being hindered by financial hardships.

3. Implementation Strategies:

To achieve these admission and graduation targets, BMC implements the following initiatives:

3.1 Admission:

- **Targeted Outreach:** Collaborating with Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, national charities and social organizations to identify and recruit eligible high-potential students.
- **Financial Barrier Removal:** Waiving initial admission and application fees for applicants presenting proof of low-income status.

3.2 Student Success and Graduation

- **Academic Advising and Retention (Student Success):** Assigning dedicated academic advisors and offering targeted mentorship and early-warning tutoring systems for students from the bottom financial quintile to prevent dropouts and ensure they meet the graduation targets.

4. Action, Monitoring and Reporting:

4.1 The Admissions & Registration Department and the Student Affairs Department will continuously track the socioeconomic background of applicants to ensure the admission target is met.

4.2 The Academic Advising Unit and the Student Counseling Center implement an "Early Warning System" to monitor the academic and psychological well-being of this cohort, providing mandatory free tutoring and personalized mentoring if their GPA drops below a safe threshold.

4.3 Academic progression, retention rates, and graduation rates of this cohort are monitored annually to evaluate the effectiveness of the completion target.

5. Eligibility and Strict Verification

To access the specific admission quotas and success tracking programs, applicants must verify their inclusion in the **bottom 20% of the household income group** via one of the following:

- **Social Security Beneficiary Proof:** Official documentation from the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development.
- **Certified Income Statement:** Government-issued salary certificates proving the total household income falls within the lowest national economic quintile.
- **Orphan Documentation:** Legal documentation proving placement in state-sponsored social care.

6. Review and Revision:

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the Department to ensure it remains effective and compliance with current laws. Revisions will be documented and communicated to all relevant stakeholders.

Synopsis

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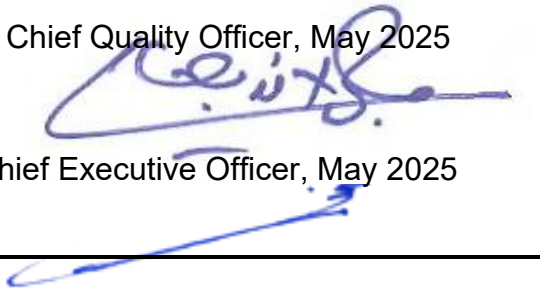

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