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Comprehensive Lifelong Learning & Community Education

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Policy on Lifelong Learning & Community Education

1. Purpose & Strategic Alignment:

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education), Batterjee Medical College (BMC) is committed to fostering a culture of lifelong learning. This comprehensive policy establishes the institutional framework for providing equitable access to educational resources, hosting public educational events, offering vocational training, and conducting community outreach.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all BMC campuses, library facilities, digital repositories, community-facing educational forums, vocational training programs, and outreach initiatives directed at individuals not formally enrolled in the college's degree programs.

3. Policy Statement

BMC views its academic expertise and educational infrastructure as shared societal assets. The college mandates the systematic provision of barrier-free learning opportunities, public health education, and professional upskilling to support continuous self-directed learning, ensuring that no individual is left behind.

1) Public Access to Educational Resources (SDG 4.3.1)

To eliminate barriers to academic knowledge, BMC guarantees structured access to its learning resources for the public:

- **Physical Library Access:** The BMC Central Library mandates specific weekly operating hours for external community members, alumni, and independent researchers to access physical reference books and study zones via a free "Community Reader Pass."

- **Digital Open Access:** BMC maintains an open-access institutional repository containing non-confidential research, public health publications, and faculty-authored educational modules that are freely accessible to the global public.
- **Facility Utilization:** External non-profit organizations and health NGOs may book BMC lecture halls and computer labs for community-focused educational workshops at fully subsidized or nominal cost-recovery rates.

2) Public Events and Community Forums (SDG 4.3.2)

BMC systematically disseminates health literacy and academic awareness through public-facing events:

- **Programmed Public Forums:** BMC commits to hosting major annual educational symposiums (e.g., the Sustainable Health Impact Forum and Mental Health Innovation Forum) open to the public, industry professionals, and cross-sector organizations free of charge.
- **Ad Hoc Community Events:** The college supports dynamic, student-led public health campaigns in commercial centers, public parks, and partner institutions to address emerging community health priorities.

3) Vocational Training & Executive Education (SDG 4.3.3)

To support workforce readiness and continuous professional upskilling, BMC provides targeted non-degree training programs:

- **Accredited CPD Programs:** BMC's Training and Development Center regularly offers Continuous Professional Development (CPD) courses and clinical skill-building workshops accredited by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS), available to external healthcare practitioners.
- **Executive Education:** The college designs short-term, non-degree executive programs focusing on emerging market needs (e.g., healthcare administration and public health management) to support community professionals seeking career advancement.

4) Educational Outreach Beyond Campus (SDG 4.3.4)

BMC mandates the active projection of its academic resources beyond the physical campus to directly serve local schools and communities:

- **Programmed School Outreach:** BMC establishes structured, multi-week educational partnerships with local school directorates (e.g., the Research

Literacy Initiative) to deliver foundational science, ethics, and research methodology training to high school students.

- **Voluntary Student-Run Schemes:** BMC actively empowers its official student clubs (e.g., Dental Club, Nazaha Club, Volunteering Club) to organize and execute ad hoc outreach programs, including preventative health demonstrations, oral hygiene campaigns, and anti-corruption awareness in local neighborhoods and charitable organizations.

5) Lifelong Learning Access Guarantee (SDG 4.3.5)

BMC ensures that the transformative power of lifelong learning is universally accessible. Access to all public resources, events, vocational training, and outreach activities defined in this policy is guaranteed for all individuals.

- **Strict Non-Discrimination:** BMC explicitly prohibits discrimination or restriction of access based on ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status, or gender.
- **Inclusive Environments:** BMC mandates that all public lifelong learning events provide equitable gender access (e.g., parallel or integrated seating as culturally appropriate), ensure physical accessibility for persons with disabilities, and actively welcome international residents and expatriate communities.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Deanship of Student Affairs, Library Services, and the Training Center will jointly generate an annual "Lifelong Learning Impact Report." This report will document visitor access metrics, public event attendance, outreach locations, and demographic inclusivity to ensure full compliance with the access guarantees.

5. 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.

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