

Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institution

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Quality in Higher Education

Fitness for the purpose

Institutional Capacity & Process that **facilitate attainment** of the learners.

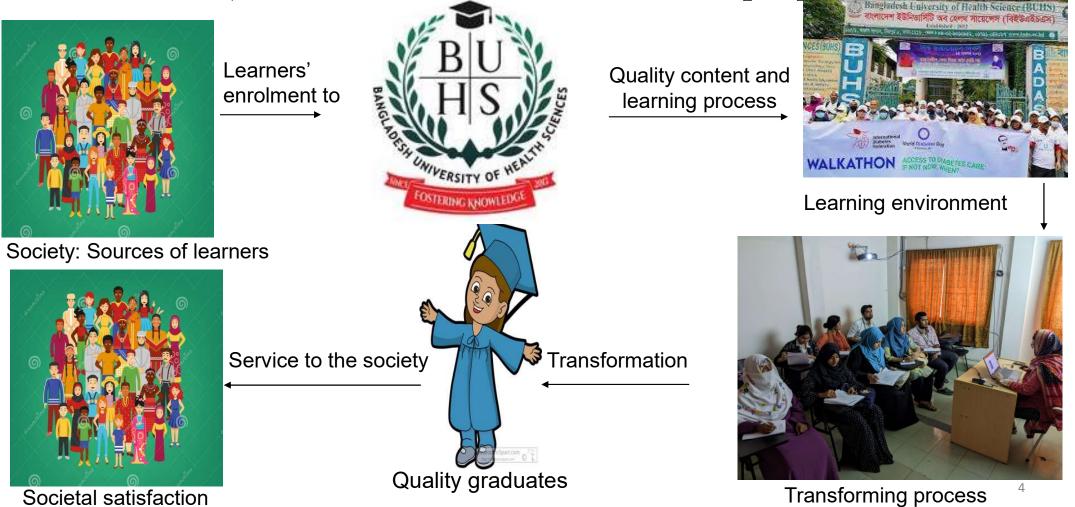
Fitness of the purpose

Attainment by the graduates in terms of knowledge, skills (abilities), and attitudes (values and dispositions) that can meet the needs of society.



Quality in BUHS

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Societal satisfaction



Quality in BUHS

Stakeholders Requirements/Expectation

Processes



Inputs

Quality Learners

Need based Curricula Competent Academics Adequate physical facilities Conducive Learning environment Financial Resource Planning & Budgeting Effective Teaching-Learning Appropriate Assessment Continuous professional development Student support services Research Self Assessment

Competent graduates Technologies

Outputs

Stakeholders Satisfaction



Quality Graduates

Graduates with essential and enduring knowledge, abilities (skills), and attitudes (values and dispositions) that constitute integrated learning to meet the **needs of the society.**

Graduates must have-

- discipline specific essential knowledge and critical understanding .
- ability to apply learned knowledge and understanding effectively outside the context.
- ability to work with others (communicate, coordinate, guide, negotiate, persuade).
- ability to learn actively and continuously (life-long learning), think critically (analyse, judge/evaluate, solve problems).
- ability to perform civic duties (regulate own self, act with integrity, listen others, care others, manage time, build team).



What is Quality Assurance (QA)?

- QA is a continuous process of systematic management, monitoring and review (internal and external) of performance of institution and/or programs thereafter addressing the weaknesses accordingly for continuous improvement.
- Systematic review encompasses self-evaluation of programs and institutions followed by external evaluation.



Objective of Quality Assurance (QA)

The overall objective of the quality assurance system is that the students should **achieve the best possible learning outcomes** in relevant educations and **personal development** that prepare them for working life in a changing society.



- What are the purposes of the BUHS? ... Mission & objectives
- How should the BUHS do the job? ... Strategic planning
- Is BUHS doing the right things in the right ways? ... Documentation
- How BUHS done the job? ... Assessment & Evaluation



Critical questions to be addressed for QA

- How can BUHS do the job better? . Improvement planning
- How best BUHS can approach the issues/key areas? ... Benchmarking
- What and how does an academic program BUHS contribute to the development and growth of its students? Feedback



Why is Quality Assurance (QA)?

- QA establishes quality academic culture.
 - safe learning environment,
 - collegial environment,
 - teachers', staff's and students' satisfaction,
 - equity in education (equal opportunities for efficient and effective use of educational resources for all),
 - real learning opportunities for group of learners who have traditionally been excluded (inclusive education),
 - Adequacy (can measure change over time and progress toward performance or outcomes),



Why is Quality Assurance (QA)?

- QA ascertains quality and relevance in education.
- QA ensures learners mobility.
- QA empowers universities to achieve their objectives.
- QA ensures continuous quality improvement (CQI).
- QA produces graduates with best possible attributes.
- QA ascertains accreditation of the program and/or institution by QA agencies that may lead to international recognition.
- QA enhances employability

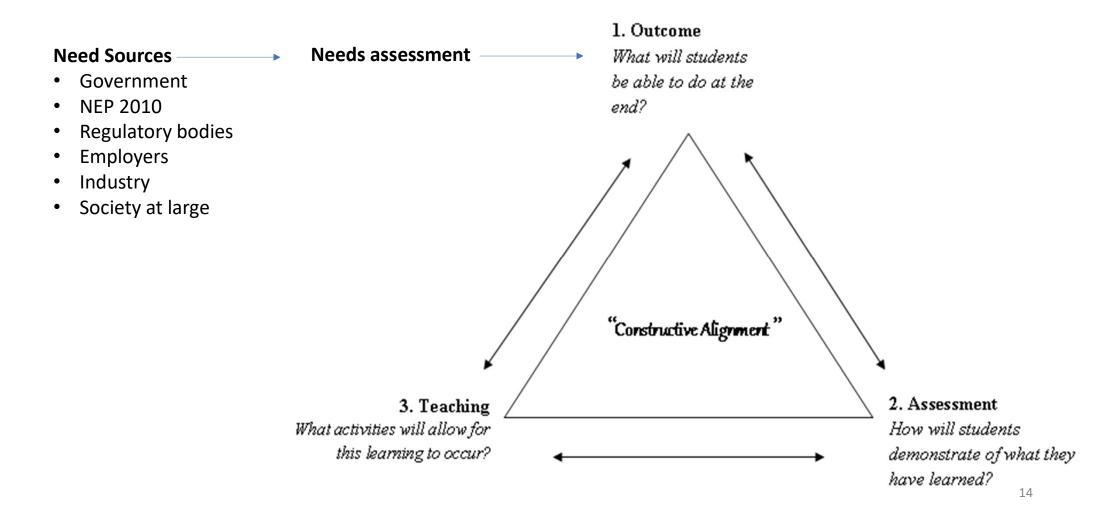
How do we do QA?

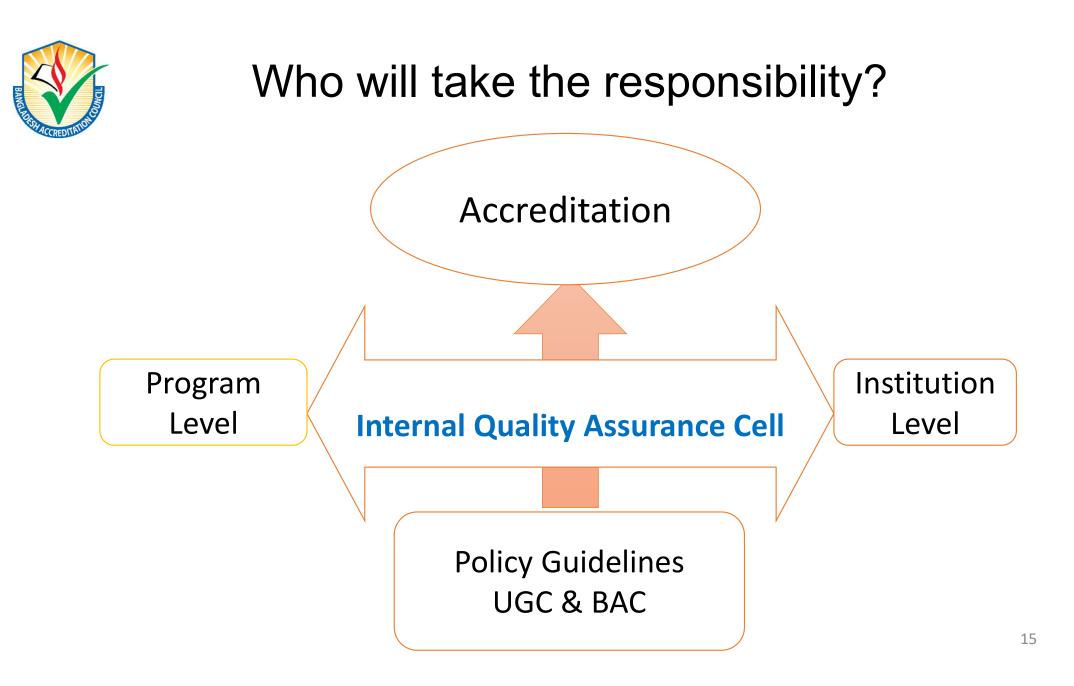
Using BNQF

What is BNQF?

What is in BNQF?

Outcome based education







Quality Assurance (QA) Areas/Standards

- 1. Governance;
- 2. Leadership, Responsibility and Autonomy;
- 3. Institutional Integrity and Transparency;
- 4. Curriculum;
- 5. Teaching Learning & Assessment;
- 6. Student Admission & Support Services;
- 7. Faculty & Professional Staff;
- 8. Facilities & Resources;
- 9. Research & Scholarly Activities; and
- 10.Monitoring, Evaluation & Continual Improvement



Challenges in QA

- 1. Lack of responsive and innovative leadership.
- 2. Inadequate investment in education specially HE.
- 3. Lack of adequate infrastructure.
- 4. Inadequate knowledge about QA & Accreditation.
- 5. Quality and relevance with stakeholders needs.
- 6. Traditional mindset of the academic leaders and faculty.
- 7. Reluctant to change and unwillingness to be a changemaker.
- 8. Lack of initiative for professional development of faculty.
- 9. Politicization in academic institutions.
- 10. Lack of collegial environment.
- 11. Lack of student-friendly learning environment.



QA System

Quality Assurance System has two dimensions:

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

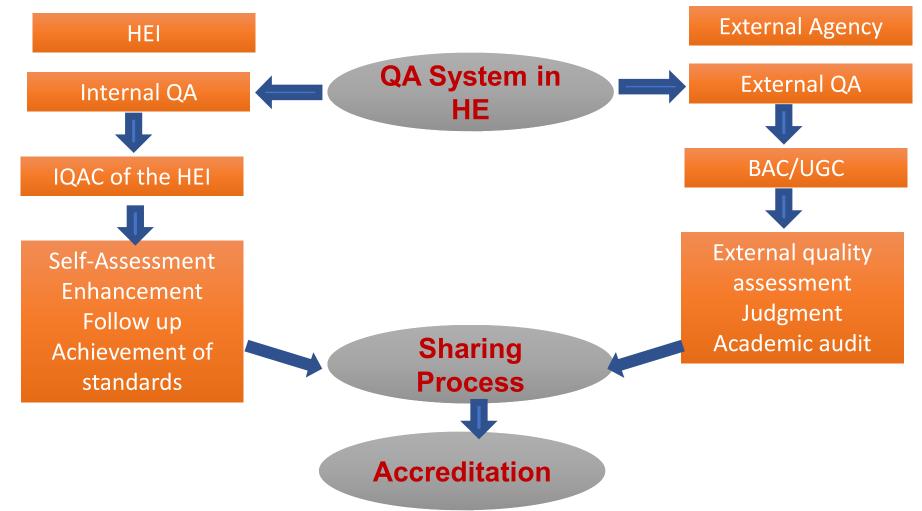
HEIs are obliged to establish an internal quality management system for assuring quality in teaching, research and organization. Based on this, the HEIs choose those approaches and arrangements which best suit their own needs.

External Quality Assurance (EQA)

EQA is done by agencies external to higher education institutions to assess IQA activities have been conducted in a consistent, safe and fair manner. It has three basic approaches: audit, assessment and accreditation.



Dimensions of QA System



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Accreditation-its purpose and goal

- Accreditation in higher education is a collegial/sharing process based on self and peer assessment.
- **Its purpose** is the improvement of academic quality and public confidence and accountability.
- **The goal** of accreditation is to ensure that institutions of higher education and their academic programs meet acceptable levels of quality.



Why Accreditation?

Accreditation is important because it:

- Helps to determine if an institution meets or exceeds minimum quality standards.
- Assist institutions in determining acceptability of transfer credits.
- Helps students to determine acceptable institutions for enrollment.
- Helps employers to determine the validity of programs of study and whether a graduate is qualified.

Important note:

Employers often require evidence that applicants have received a degree from an **accredited** institution or program.²¹

