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NCAHP, New Delhi, Dated:05-03-2025

To,

The Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission Distance Education Bureau Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi -110001.

Subject: Regarding offering programmes in the specialization of Psychology, Microbiology, Food and Nutrition Science, Biotechnology and Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics in ODL mode and Online mode.

This is with reference to letter received from University Grants Commission Distance Education Bureau dated 20.02.2025 by post, regarding the above cited subject.

- 2. As per Section 2(e) of the NCAHP Act 2021, "allied and health care qualification means a recognised diploma or degree possessed by an allied and healthcare professional through regular learning mode under this Act or any additional recognised course obtained thereafter...."
- 3. Therefore, any allied and healthcare programs (courses) which corresponds to the professions listed in the Schedule of the NCAHP Act, 2021 obtained through open and distance learning mode is not as per the provisions laid down under Section 2(e) of NCAHP Act, 2021. It is also to state that only "Full time Regular Professional programs (courses)" can be recognized under NCAHP Act, 2021, hence, this commission is not in a position to include any programs (courses) on ODL/Online mode under NCAHP Act 2021 as it is a direct violation of the Act laid down by the Parliament.
- 4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority, NCAHP.

Yours faithfully

(Arvind Kumar) Secretary, NCAHP