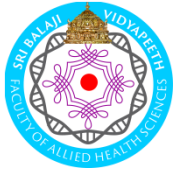


# SRI BALAJI VIDYAPEETH

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## POLICIES ON ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE COURSES OFFERED UNDER FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

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### **PREAMBLE:**

Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Deemed to be University, established under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, Accredited by NAAC with A Grade offers various courses under the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Nursing Sciences and Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

"Allied Health Professions are a distinct group of health professionals who apply their expertise to prevent disease transmission, diagnose, treat and rehabilitate people of all ages and all specialties. Together with a range of technical and support staff they may deliver direct patient care, rehabilitation, treatment, diagnostics and health improvement interventions to restore and maintain optimal physical, sensory, psychological, cognitive and social functions." - Organisation of International Chief Health Professions Officers (ICHPO).

In March 2011, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare nominated the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) as its technical partner and constituted the National Initiative for Allied Health Sciences (NIAHS) secretariat with a mandate to develop a framework to improve allied health training, education and regulation in the country. (Yet to be notified by Government of India).

Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth has introduced several innovative need based courses under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels keeping in mind the initiative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. In an era marked by expanding global job opportunities, these courses are bound to create an awareness among the students to suit themselves in the Health Care Team. Curricula have been designed in an objective manner and are aimed at cognitive, affective and psychomotor domains of learning. Furthermore certain of these courses are designed in Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) made to suit the convenience of the students.

The Undergraduate courses mainly concentrate in creating professionals who form the part of the Health Care Team. The role of these professional is to ably assist the doctor in treatment as well as prognosis and in many a times form the core professional of the team.

The Postgraduate courses mainly aim at shaping a graduate into a full professional. Also these postgraduate courses helps the graduates as well as the postgraduates to acquire specific skills on various adjunct therapies and techniques.

### **SUPPLY AND DEMAND:**

The starting of the new courses will entirely depend on

- a. Demand for the course as seen by the enrolment at other institutes.
- b. Employability after the qualification.

At present, the shortage of quality human resources is one of the major challenges faced by the public health domain in India. To redress the imbalance in human resources, the Working Group on Medical Education Training and Manpower Training of the Planning Commission (1984) prioritised training of para professional and auxiliary personnel as follows:

- Training and development of auxiliary health professionals
- Training and development of para health professionals
- Basic and pre-service/induction training in health care and health management
- Continuing education in health profession education.
- Undergraduate and Postgraduate allied health professionals in conventional and novel subject areas including Clinical research Medical Music Therapy, Yoga Therapy and Health Professions Education.

Many new health occupations (Physicians Assistant, Optometrists, Medical Imaging Technologists, Laboratory Technologists etc) have access over several common features in Allied Health Sciences including Basic Medical Sciences which are being effectively addressed. These processes have received support from administrators who are constantly searching for economic qualified and quality labour.

Service users are becoming more empowered through the consumerism of health, which has resulted in better access to information and user-consultation in service development and delivery. Each of these factors has the potential to influence the roles of existing professional groups and presents a challenge to workforce planners. In India, students are not aware of all the allied health courses available in the medical education system. Their career choices are generally influenced by their parents and peer groups, who themselves are unaware of the prospects in this area. By understanding that an entry-level position is just a first step, youth can realistically plan for their future and have a better understanding of what is needed

for long-term success. This approach also benefits employers who need a steady inflow of workers at all levels of their organisation.

### **POLICY ON ELIGIBILITY, ADMISSION, & COURSE DURATION OF CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, DEGREE AND M.Phil. COURSES:**

At Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, we empower the departments of all the constituent colleges to contribute to the development of innovative, need, value based and job oriented courses taking into considerations the interests of the stake holders.

**The Undergraduate Degree courses (B.Sc)** are presently being offered under the conventional mode. The duration of the course will be Three years with a compulsory internship of 1 year (Non Stipendary) in any of the tertiary health care institute of the University/ Trust. The degree will be awarded only upon the successful completion of the course including the internship period. 80 percent of attendance is mandatory for appearing at the University Examinations. The maximum time limit for completion of the course will be Six years. However, the Dean - Research and AHS has the discretionary powers to extend the course duration on Valid grounds (Health, Maternity, Natural Disaster, etc).

The First year of B.Sc (AHS) courses will be common for all the disciplines. Though the disciplines will be provisionally allotted at the time of admission itself, upon successful completion of the First year the candidates may opt for a change in the discipline or the college which will be permitted depending on the vacancy and on merit based on the First year marks (inter se merit).

#### **Eligibility for admission:**

A candidate seeking admission in the B.Sc Allied Health Sciences courses shall be completing the age of 17 years as on December of the admission year. The candidate shall have passed the Higher Secondary Examinations conducted by the State Board or the Central Board or its equivalent.

The candidate should have studied English as one of the papers and passed the same. The candidate should have had Biology , Physics & Chemistry and have passed the same in their qualifying Examinations. Mathematics as a subject is mandatory for B.Sc Optometry, Medical Imaging Technology and Clinical Research.

The candidate should have secured 50 percent as aggregate in the subjects of English, Biology, Physics and Chemistry at the Higher Secondary Examinations. A relaxation of 5 percent in the minimum required (50%) shall be awarded to the

candidates belonging to SC/ ST communities and physically challenged candidates (Disability more than 40%). The candidates seeking relaxation should necessarily submit the relevant certificates issued by the concerned Government authorities while applying for the course and mention about the same in their application.

**Lateral entry:**

Candidates who have Diploma of Two years in the concerned subject from a recognised University can seek Lateral Entry to the second year of the concerned courses provided that they have studied Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Microbiology and Pathology as individual papers during their Diploma Course.

**Note:** The candidates who have completed their Diploma Course through Distance Education mode are not eligible to seek admission through Lateral Entry mode.

**Shorter intensive training programmes** of duration few weeks to a month or so will be conducted by the departments under the Supervision of the concerned HOD / Dean.

**Short Term Training Programme on Research Methodology** is offered under CBCS mode with a maximum of 10 credits. The duration of the programme is 25 sessions (25X 3 hrs) of Class room teaching and 25 sessions (25X 6 hrs) of practicals / assignments. The course will be conducted on every Wednesdays between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm. 80% of attendance is compulsory for appearing for the final examination. Upon successful completion of the course the University will issue a certificate as well as grade sheet. This programme is scheduled for once a year and is open for Faculty of SBV, PhD and M.Phil students of SBV and Faculty from other colleges who come under the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing Sciences and Allied Health Sciences.

Evaluation is based on the theory examination and practical examination conducted internally at the Deanery - Research & AHS.

**Certificate courses** are being offered under CBCS maximum of 8 credits per certificate is promulgated. The duration of each certificate course will be Three months. Upon successful completion the candidate has got options to exit after obtaining a course completion certificate or enroll for the next certificate course. Upon successful completion of all the Four certificates of a specific and earning the

due credits (36), the candidate can take up the Examinations for the concerned Postgraduate Diploma under the faculty of Allied Health Sciences. The certificate courses are offered under the Department/ Centre levels.

**The Postgraduate Diploma courses** are being offered under conventional as well as novel (CBCS) mode. The duration of the course will be ONE year comprising of 48 weeks. The Content delivery involves an unique and objective combination of Seminars, assignments, mentoring, portfolio and Heutagogy. The Heutagogy or self directed learning is an illustrious model facilitated by experienced faculty who provide educational modeling, coaching and scaffolding. The general eligibility for Postgraduate Diploma will be a basic degree relevant to the chosen discipline. Also the successful completion of the stipulated credits (36) pertaining to the certificate courses (4. Nos) will also be considered for the admission to PG diploma courses. 80 percent of attendance is mandatory for appearing at the University Examinations. The maximum time limit for completion of the course will be three years. However, the Dean - Research and AHS has the discretionary powers to extend the course duration on Valid grounds (Health, Maternity, Natural Disaster, etc).

**The Postgraduate Degree courses (M.Sc)** are being offered under conventional as well as novel (CBCS) mode. The duration of the course will be Two years comprising of 96 weeks. The Content delivery involves an unique and objective combination of Seminars, assignments, mentoring, portfolio and Heutagogy. The Heutagogy or self directed learning is an illustrious model facilitated by experienced faculty who provide educational modeling, coaching and scaffolding. The general eligibility for Postgraduate Degree will be a basic degree relevant to the chosen discipline.

A postgraduate diploma in the concerned speciality from SBV or any other recognised University will entitle the candidate to directly enter the second year of study laterally provided that the subjects of the First year of study were covered in the PG Diploma and had been cleared by the candidate. 80 percent of attendance is mandatory for appearing at the University Examinations. The maximum time limit for completion of the course will be Four years. However, the Dean - Research and AHS has the discretionary powers to extend the course duration on Valid grounds (Health, Maternity, Natural Disaster, etc).

**The Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)** are being offered under novel (CBCS) mode. The duration of the course will be One Year (48 Weeks) / Two years comprising of 96 weeks. The Content delivery involves an unique and objective combination of Seminars, assignments, mentoring, portfolio, Research Project and dissertation, Heutagogy. The Heutagogy or self directed learning is an illustrious model facilitated

by experienced faculty who provide educational modeling, coaching and scaffolding. The general eligibility for M.Phil will be postgraduate degree from a recognised University, relevant to the chosen discipline and Postgraduate Diploma from Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth or the institute recognised by SBV with a CGPA of 6 or above. Fellowship such as FAIMER or FIME will also be considered eligible for M.Phil programme of Health Professions Education.

80 percent of attendance is mandatory for appearing at the University Examinations. The maximum time limit for completion of the course will be Four years. However, the Dean - Resaerch and AHS has the discretionary powers to extend the course duration on Valid grounds (Health, Maternity, Natural Disaster, etc).

Each of the course will be supervised by a designated department of the concerned institution.

#### **POLICY ON CHANGE OF NAME/DATE OF BIRTH:**

The name and date of birth of candidates will be registered in the records of the University as given in their H.S.C. Mark Statement/Transfer Certificate only. No request will be considered later, to correct the spelling of the name of the candidates.

The parents and candidates are requested to verify and confirm these entries in the H.S.C. Mark Statement / Transfer Certificate at the time of receipt of the same. Once admitted to a course of study in the University, date of birth as furnished in the HSC/School record of student and submitted to the University at the time of admission, shall be taken as final proof and no subsequent request for change of date of birth will be entertained by the University at any time under any circumstance, either during the course of study or after the completion of such study. The student should take utmost care while entering their details in SBV GAURDA portal at the time of their registration. They are responsible for any data mismatch at later stage.

Every student shall give an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by his/her parent or guardian at the time of admission.

#### **PAYMENT OF TUITION AND OTHER FEES:**

Every student shall pay tuition fee and other fee, as prescribed by the University, within the due date notified. The fees are subject to revision as per rules of the University. All fees, once paid to the University, will not be refunded or adjusted for any other purpose under any circumstance.

### **RULES FOR DISCONTINUANCE FROM COURSE OF STUDY:**

Where any student applies for discontinuance, or without any application discontinues on his/her own, from the course to which he/she has been admitted to, for any reason, either after the cut-off date prescribed by the statutory authorities/ University for admission to the first year of the course concerned or where the seat is rendered vacant without having any chance of being filled up with any other candidate from waiting list etc., such students will have to remit the tuition fee and other applicable fees for the 'entire/remaining course period'. Unless and until payment of all the prescribed fees for the entire/remaining course period is made to the University account, such student shall not be entitled to any certificate including transfer certificate, mark sheets etc., to be issued by the College/ University and to get back his/her original certificates deposited with the University at the time of admission.

All students and parent will be required to furnish a declaration agreeing to the above said conditions at the time of admission.

### **POLICY ON RAGGING:**

Ragging is strictly prohibited in the University Campus. Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth strictly enforces anti-ragging measures and the campus is free from any form of ragging. Any violation will be dealt with according to the law in force and as per directives of the Supreme Court of India.

The University has adopted the "Medical Council of India (Prevention and Prohibition of ragging in Medical College / Institutions) Regulations, 2009" and "UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009" and these Regulations shall be applicable to all students.

These Regulations are available in the University Website.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

All admissions are subject to fulfillment of all the prescribed eligibility conditions by the candidate. If it is found either at the time of admission or at a later stage, that the candidate has given false information/forged certificates or concealed material information, his/her admission shall be cancelled and the student shall be dismissed from the college immediately.

The University reserves the right to change the curriculum, course structure and the rules relating to admission, examinations, fee structure, refunds, etc.



All disputes arising in the interpretation and implementation of the provisions will be referred to the Vice-Chancellor of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth and Vice-Chancellor's decision shall be final and binding.

In respect of matters relating to or arising out of this prospectus the jurisdiction shall lie in Puducherry alone.

**FUTURE PLANS:**

It is planned to conduct an informal market survey and start 3 programmes per year under the UG (B.Sc) category and the same number under the Certificate category. PG programmes will depend mainly on innovative nature of the course and the feasibility of the stake holders.