

THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI -600 032

**REGULATIONS FOR THE POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH
JOURNALISM**

1.SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT : These regulations shall be called
**THE REGULATIONS FOR THE POST - GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN “ PUBLIC
HEALTH JOURNALISM”.**

2. REGISTRATION: A candidate admitted into Post-Graduate Diploma Courses in any of the affiliated Institutions of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai shall register with the University by remitting the prescribed fees along with the application form for registration duly filled in and forwarded to the Controller of Examinations of this University through the Head of the affiliated institution with in the stipulated date. The candidate's name must be registered in the University within 3 months from the date of his/her admission.

3. ELIGIBILITY: Candidates for admission to the **One year Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Journalism Course** shall be required to possess the following qualifications:

- Any Undergraduate degree from a recognised University acquired as a full-time student (10+2+3 to 5yrs pattern)
- Tamil journalists are encouraged to apply
- Service candidate can also apply

Number of Seats: 8

Method of selection:

Interview & Entrance Examination depending upon the applications received.

4. . AGE LIMIT:

No upper age limit for Admission

5. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE:

Candidates who have passed any qualifying examination other than the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University shall obtain an “Eligibility Certificate” from this University by remitting the prescribed fees along with the application form and required documents before seeking admission to any one of the affiliated institutions. The application form is available in the University website :web.tnmgrmu.ac.in.

6. DURATION OF THE COURSE : The period of certified study and training for the Post - Graduate Diploma course shall be **ONE YEAR**.

7. COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSE:

The course shall commence from **1st September** of the academic year. Cut off date for Admission is **30th September every year**.

8. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION:

English shall be the Medium of Instruction for all the Subjects of study and for examinations for the **POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN “PUBLIC HEALTH JOURNALISM”**.

9. CURRICULUM:

The Curriculum and the syllabus for the course shall be as prescribed in these regulations and are subject to modifications by the Standing Academic Board from time to time.

10. CUT-OFF DATE OF THE COURSE:

- i) **30th September of the year concerned**
- ii) The candidates admitted upto **30th September** of the Academic Year shall be registered to take up the **1st year examination during October of the next year**.

11. COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION:

15th October

If the date of commencement of Examination falls on Saturdays, Sundays or declared Public Holidays, the examination shall begin on the next working day.

12. WORKING DAYS IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR. :

Contact classes will be conducted on 2nd and 4th week of every month. Out of 24 weeks, 21 weeks (90%) of the contact classes should be attended by the candidates to appear for the University examination.

13. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATIONS:

No candidate shall be permitted to appear for the Examination unless he/she put in 90% attendance during his/her period of study and training in the affiliated institution recognized by this University and produces the necessary certificate of study, attendance and progress from the Head of the Institution by maintaining log book.

14. MAINTAINENCE OF LOG BOOK:

Every Post-graduate Diploma candidate shall maintain a record of skills he has acquired during the one year training period certified by the various Heads of Departments he has undergone training.

The candidates should also be required to participate in the teaching and training programme of the institute.

In addition, the Head of the Department shall involve their post-graduate candidates in Seminars, Journal Clubs, Group discussions and conferences.

The Head of the Department shall scrutinize the Log Book once in every three months.

At the end of the course, the candidate should summaries the contents and get the Log Book certified by the Head of the Department.

The Log Book should be submitted at the time of practical examination for the scrutiny of the Board of Examiners.

15. MIGRATION/TRANSFER OF CANDIDATES:

A student studying in **POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA COURSE IN “PUBLIC HEALTH JOURNALISM”** can be allowed to migrate/transfer to another institution of Allied Health Science under the same or another University.

Under extraordinary circumstances, the Vice Chancellor shall have the powers to place any migration/transfer he/she deems fit before the Governing Council and get its

approval for grant of permission/ratification for Migration/Transfer to the candidates undergoing the course of study in affiliated institutions of this University.

16. RE-ADMISSION AFTER BREAK OF STUDY: The regulations for re-admission are as per the University Common Regulation for Re-admission after break of study for all courses.

17. VACATION: There is no vacation

18. METHOD OF SELECTION: Through Interview & Entrance Examination

19. Format of the Course

1. Contact Classes

The candidates during the course will attend contact classes scheduled every fortnightly which would be covering at least a total duration of 80 hours at The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai/ collaborating institutes undergoing training in core syllabus.

2. Project (internal evaluation): The candidate should choose their In-Field project/research programmes upon discussion & written approval by their supervisors on the topics listed above and start their project development by 3rd month of their course such that conduct & complete it before 10th month. During 11th month, project report is to be submitted by the candidate at DoE and Report shall be evaluated internally. Publication of the project report in a journal (news magazine or science journal) on a public health topic is an expected deliverable prior to appearing in the theory examination. Diseases of public health importance (Infectious diseases/ NCD)

- Public health emergencies
- National Health Programmes
- Environmental health
- Health Behaviour
- Data Journalism

3. Practicals: 1) Critique of published works; Critical appraisal (tracking right source of information, appraising the evidence & contextualization of news) **2) Lab Journal** Critique of lab journals & awards **3) News Report**

Internal Assessment

- **Internal Assessment: Class test and project**

20. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION- **THEORY PAPER:**

At the end of the Academic Year, the candidates would need to appear for theory examinations (Three papers), One practical Examination and Viva-voce for One Elective project

First year	Theory paper	IA		Theory		Practical		Viva	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
Paper I	Introduction to Health Journalism and Health Law	50	25	100	50	100	50	50	25
Paper II	Introduction to Human Health	50	25	100	50				
Paper III	Diseases of Public Health Importance	50	25	100	50				
Paper IV	Project (Application of public health journalism)	Project Evaluation		Presentation / Viva					
		100	50	50	25				

DISTRIBUTION OF THE THEORY MARKS

Type of Questions	Distribution of Marks	Total Marks
Long Essays	2 x 20	40
Short Notes	10 x 6	60

TOTAL 100 MARK AND MINIMUM PASS MARK 50

PROJECT & VIVA

Project		Viva Voce			Total
Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
100	50	50	25	150	75

