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## Notification

Sub: Amendment to ordinance pertaining to Bachelors in Public Health (BPH)
Ref:1) Recommendations of Board of Studies in Allied Health Sciences, through its meeting dated 06.05.2015.
2) Approval of Academic Council through its meeting dated 28.05.2015
3) Approval of Syndicate in its $113^{\text {th }}$ Meeting held on 26.06 .2015
4) University Notification no. AUTH/BPH/070/2013-14 dated 06/03/2014
5) University Notification no. AUTH/100SYN/BPH/253/2012-13 dated 29/09/2012

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 35(2) of RGUHS Act 1994, the Syndicate in its $113^{\text {th }}$ meeting held on 26/06/2015, is pleased to notify the amendment to ordinance pertaining to Bachelors in Public Health (BPH) as shown in Annexure appended herewith.

The Ordinance shall come into force from the academic year 2015-16.


To:
The Principals of colleges affiliated to RGUHS conducting
Bachelors in Public Health (BPH) course.
Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Bangalore $-\mathbf{- 5 6 0} 001$.
2. Principal Secretary to Government, Health \& Family Welfare Department, (Medical Education), Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore -560 001.
3. The Director, Department of Medical Education, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore - 560009.
4. PA to Vice-Chancellor / Registrar / Registrar (Eva.) / Finance Officer.
5. Director, Curriculum Development Cell.
6. The System Analyst, RGUHS to host it on RGUHS Website.
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Amendments to Bachelors in Public Health curriculum

| Existing | Amendment |
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| Candidates for admission to BPH course should have completed higher secondary level or preuniversity college ( $10+2$ ) in science stream with Physics, Chemistry and Biology as basic courses or candidates completing a 3 year Diploma in Allied Health Sciences after $10^{\text {th }}$ or candidates completing 2 years Diploma in Allied Health Sciences after pre-university college (10+2) <br> or <br> Equivalent course established under law Considered equivalent thereto by RGUHS. <br> The minimum $40 \%$ marks obtained. In case of SC/ST candidates a pass in $10+2$ or equivalent. | Candidates for admission to BPH course should have completed higher secondary level or pre-university college $(10+2)$ in any stream <br> ( note: candidates from other than science stream will undergo a bridge course of 2 months in college, where there will be no exams for this) or candidates completing a 3 year Diploma in Allied Health Sciences after 10th or candidates completing 2 years Diploma in Allied Health Sciences after preuniversity college (10+2) <br> or <br> equivalent course established under law Considered equivalent thereto by RGUHS. <br> The minimum $40 \%$ marks obtained. In case of SC/ST candidates a pass in $10+2$ or equivalent. |
|  | Lateral entry: Candidates who have completed 3 years Diploma in any health sciences, or diploma in public health/community medicine can join 3rd semester directly provided they have undergone training in minimum of three topics mentioned in semester 1 and 2 of BPH curriculum of RGUHS or any equivalent topics related to public health. <br> Candidates eligible for lateral entry should undergo an entrance test (mcq) conducted by the affiliated colleges. <br> For passing the test, the candidate has to obtain minimum of $50 \%$ marks. <br> Any candidate who does not obtain $50 \%$ marks can reappear after 3 months once again for the entrance test. |

## Declaration of pass

For I to VII semester a candidate shall secure a minimum of $50 \%$ marks in each paper in university examination to be declared as pass. In case of VIII semester a candidate shall secure a minimum of $50 \%$ marks in each paper and $50 \%$ of marks in viva voce to be declared as pass. A candidate securing less than $50 \%$ of marks as described above shall be declared to have failed in the examination. Failed candidate may appear in subsequent examination after paying fresh fee to the university.

Class/ Rank shall be declared for the examinations on the basis of aggregate marks secured by a candidate at each of these examinations.

- A successful candidate obtaining $60 \%$ and more and less than $75 \%$ of the marks of the grand total aggregate in the first attempt shall be declared to have passed these subjects in first class.
- A successful candidate obtaining $50 \%$ and more and less than $60 \%$ of the marks of the grand total aggregate in the first attempt shall be declared to have passed these subjects in Second class.
- A candidate who passes an examination in more than one attempt shall be placed in Pass Class irrespective of the percentage of marks secured.


## Carry over

A candidate who has appeared in all subjects of a semester in the university examination is eligible to go to the next semester provided he/she has passed in 3 subjects in the current semester. However a candidate has to clear all subjects in order to appear for the final semester

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- A candidate who passes an examination in more than one attempt shall be placed in Pass Class irrespective of the percentage of marks secured.


## Carry over

A candidate who has appeared in all subjects of a semester in the university examination is eligible to go to the next semester provided he/she has passed in minimum two subjects in the current semester.

Candidates can carryover only two
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\text { final semester to be eligible to receive } \\
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\text { time. It is to be noted that, in the event of } \\
\text { candidates completing the final semester } \\
\text { successfully but has backlog of previous } \\
\text { semesters in such cases the marks card for } \\
\text { the final semester will not be issued till } \\
\text { such time the candidates clears all the } \\
\text { backlog subjects successfully }\end{array}
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| degree |

## Teaching Faculty

Qualification and Experience required for appointment as teachers on full time basis for BPH course

Principal: MD in Community Medicine with minimum 3 years work/teaching experience

Or
MPH graduate from a recognized University with minimum 5 years work/teaching experience in relevant field

## Associate or Assistant Professor :

MPH graduate from a recognized University with minimum 4 years work/teaching experience in relevant field

Lecturer: MPH graduate from a recognized University

## Teaching Faculty

Qualification and Experience required for appointment as teachers on full time basis for BPH course

Principal: MPH/MD community medicine with a minimum of 7 years of work or teaching experience.

Or
PhD in relevant subject with 5 years of work or teaching experience.
(Note: An professor is eligible to become a principal)

Professor: MPH/MD community medicine with minimum of 7 years of work or teaching experience.

## Or

PhD in relevant subject with 5 years of work or teaching experience.

Associate professor: MPH/MD community medicine with minimum of 4 years of work or teaching experience.

## Or

PhD in relevant subject.
Assistant Professor:
MPH/MD community medicine with minimum of 2 years of work experience among which at least one year should be of teaching experience.

Lecturer: MPH/MD community medicine

Tutors: Any candidates with a recognized medical degree such as MBBS/BHMS/BAMS/BDS/BNYS/BUM
S/BPH or any other equivalent course established under law considered equivalent thereto by RGUHS

Note: For specialized subjects faculty

|  | with minimum of Bachelors degree in <br> area of specialization can teach the <br> subjects such as biostatistics, <br> epidemiology, public health nutrition, <br> health informatics, demography etc. |
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| Teaching Faculty | Teaching Faculty |
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| For intake of 10 students | For intake of 10 students |
| Principal -1 <br> Associate or Assistant professor -1 | Minimum of Two full time faculty are required, among whom one should be the principal |
| For an intake of $\mathbf{1 0} \mathbf{- 3 0}$ students: <br> Pincipal-1 <br> Associate or Assistant professor 1 <br> Lecturer 2 | The second faculty should be at least at the level of assistant professor. |
|  | For intake of 10 to 40 students |
|  | Minimum of Four full time faculty are required, among whom one should be the principal |
|  | The second faculty should be at least at the level of assistant professor. |
|  | The third and fourth should be at least at the level of lecturer. |
|  | For intake of 40 to 100 students |
|  | Minimum of 8 full time faculty are required, among whom one should be the principal |
|  | The second faculty should be at least at the level of assistant professor. |
|  | The rest should be at least at the level of lecturer. |
|  | BPH course shall be offered only by a |
|  | separate public health college that has been registered and recognized by |
|  | Government of Karnataka, not by any department of other colleges. |
|  | There shall be a separate principal and teaching staff for the said college. |


| University examination | University examination |
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| iii. Qualification and teaching experience required for appointment as an examiner for viva shall be the same as that of Professor or Associate Professor. | iii. Qualification and teaching experience required for appointment as an examiner for viva shall be the same as that of associate professor or professor. <br> iv. Qualification and teaching experience required for appointment as an examiner for theory shall be same as that of assistant professor or above. |

## Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Grade Point Average (GPA)

This BPH curriculum is competency based and follows CBCS and GPA for assessing and grading candidates. The CBCS provides flexibility and cafeteria type approach in which the students can select course of their choice from the prescribed courses. The total minimum credit points for BPH program shall be not less than 60 credits.

Credit: A unit by which the course work is measured.
Credit Hours: Credit hours or unit represent a mathematical summarization of all work completed, and are not the same as the actual classroom contact or instructional hours. One credit is equivalent to 15 hours of study. It could be 3 hours of per week of scheduled class/seminar time and 4 hours of student preparation time. Most of the courses are awarded 4 credit hours. Over an entire semester, it's nearly 60 hours of class time and 120 hours of student preparation.

## Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

It's a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student in various courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all semesters. It is expressed and rounded up to two decimal places.

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): It is a measure of performance of work done in a semester. It is ratio of total credit points secured by the student in various courses registered in a semester and the total course credits taken during that semester. It shall be expressed up to two decimal places.

## Letter Grades and Grade Points

Grade Point: It is a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 4point scale.

Letter Grade: It is an index of the performance of students in a said course. Grades are denoted by letters A, B, C, D, and F.

| Percentage | Letter Grade | Grade Point |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $85 \%$ to $100 \%$ | A (Excellent) | 4 |
| $70 \%$ to $84 \%$ | B (Very Good) | 3 |
| $56 \%$ to $69 \%$ | C ( Average) | 2 |
| $50 \%$ to $55 \%$ | D ( Pass) | 1 |
| Less than $50 \%$ | F (Fail) | 0 |

For non credit courses 'Satisfactory' or 'Unsatisfactory' shall be indicated instead of the letter grade and this will not be counted for computation of SGPA/CGPA.

## Academic Assessment

The assessment would be a continuous process throughout the semester; students must pass in all the assessment process. Equal importance shall be given to all the activities and assignments given in the institution. The academic assessment of student's performance comprises of three components .Weight and percentage allotted for components for each subject is listed below.

| Component | Percentage allotted |
| :--- | :---: |
| Assignment/Projects | $15 \%$ |
| Internal Assessment | $25 \%$ |
| Final Semester Exams | $60 \%$ |
| Total percentage for each subject | $100 \%$ |

## Computation of SGPA and CGPA

The SGPA is the ratio of sum of product of the number of credits with the grade points scored by a student in all the courses taken by a student and the sum of the number of credits of all courses undergone by a student, i.e.

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\mathbf{S G P A}=\sum(\mathbf{C i} \times \mathbf{G i}) / \sum \mathbf{C i}
$$

Where Ci is the number of credits of the ith course and Gi is the grade point scored by the student in the ith course.

The CGPA is also calculated in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student overall the semesters of the program, i.e.

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\mathbf{C G P A}=\Sigma(\mathbf{C i} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{S i}) / \sum \mathbf{C i}
$$

Where Si is the SGPA of the ith semester and Ci is total number of credits in that semester.

The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcript.

Illustration of Computation of SGPA and CGPA
Example: Student "XYX". Semester 1

| Subject | Assignment | Internal <br> Assessment | Final <br> Semester <br> Exam | Total Marks |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subject 1 | 14 | 23 | 55 | 92 |
| Subject 2 | 10 | 20 | 45 | 75 |
| Subject 3 | 13 | 20 | 35 | 68 |
| Subject 4 | 09 | 18 | 30 | 57 |
| Subject 5 | 08 | 15 | 35 | 58 |

Illustration for SGPA

| Subject | Credit | Grade | Grade Point | Credit Point <br> (Credit x Grade) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Subject 1 | 4 | A | 4 | 16 |
| Subject 2 | 4 | B | 3 | 12 |
| Subject 3 | 4 | C | 2 | 8 |
| Subject 4 | 4 | D | 1 | 4 |
| Subject 5 | 4 | D | 1 | 4 |
| Total | 20 |  |  | 44 |

Thus, $\mathrm{SGPA}=44 / 20=2.2$
Illustation for CGPA

| Semester 1 | Semester 2 | Semester 3 | Semester 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Credit: 20 | Credit: 20 | Credit: 20 | NA |
| SGPA: 2.2 | SGPA: 3 | SGPA $: 4$ | NA |

Thus, CGPA $=(20 \times 2.2+20 \times 3+20 \times 4) /(20+20+20)=3.0$
Therefore as per calculation Student "XYX" CGPA is 3.0

