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TITLE AND APPLICABILITY

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The Policy on courses offered at Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at SBV would henceforth be known as **SBV POLICY ON COURSES OFFERED UNDER FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES - 2017**.

PREAMBLE

Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Deemed-to-be-University, established under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, accredited by NAAC with “A” Grade offers various programs under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences. These programs include Bachelors, PG Diploma, Masters Programs and M.Phil., besides, Ph.D. Programs.

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.

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 were designed on Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) made to suit the convenience of the students and promulgate academic flexibility. The Undergraduate courses mainly concentrate on creating competent professionals who form an integral part of the Health Care Team.

The Postgraduate programs mainly aim at shaping a graduate into a fully conversant professional. Also, these postgraduate programs said in the acquisition of specific skills on various adjunct therapies and techniques.

PURPOSE

The Allied Health Sciences programs have epitomized rapid growth in the chosen profession because of its diverse applications in the health care industry. The jobs and responsibilities of the Allied Health care professionals signify their duties in aiding clinicians by meeting the technical, administrative enhancements to core health care providers namely the clinicians. The policy is applicable to all the courses and programs offered under the purview of Allied Health Sciences. These programs are under the control of the Principal, AHS of SBV. The coordinator of AHS courses offered at the off-campus will assist the Principal, AHS. The main purpose of the policy is to depict the various academic programs in Allied Health Sciences.

SCOPE

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 following 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 address the pronounced imbalance in human resources, the Working Group on Medical Education Training and Manpower Training of the Planning Commission (1984) has laid priority based emphasis on training of Para professional and auxiliary personnel as follows:

Several health occupation (Physicians Assistant, Optometrist, Medical Imaging Technologist, Laboratory Technologist, etc.) have access over several common features in Allied Health Sciences including Basic Medical Sciences which are effectively being addressed. These processes have received support from administrators who are constantly searching for qualified and quality labor.

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 organization.

DETAILS OF ACADEMIC COURSES AND PROGRAMS

The details relating to Eligibility, Admission and Requirement for the Course, Duration of the courses, Fees Structure, Examinations, etc., will be specified on year to year basis through Prospectus and Brochures as approved by the Board of Management.

Sanctioned/Available Seats under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (Undergraduate & Postgraduate Courses)

Sanctioned seats for the Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences essentially denote the actual number of approved seats based on the ratification accorded by the statutory board, the Board of management. However based on the supply demand ratio, as well as the prevailing trend for that particular year, filling up of seats during the previous academic year, the actual number of seats available in the UG and PG program offered under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences will be notified following the approval of the Board of Management. The Notified seats for that particular academic year and the program (UG/PG) will signify the actual number of seats deemed available for that particular year.

The Undergraduate Degree courses (B.Sc.,) are presently being offered under the Choice Based mode affirming academic flexibility. The duration of the course will be Three years with a compulsory internship of 1 year (Non-stipendiary) 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 or twice the duration of the course. However, the Principal of AHS, based on the approval of the Vice-chancellor has the discretionary powers to extend the course duration on valid grounds (Health, Maternity, Natural Disaster, etc).

Lateral Entry

Candidates who have acquired a Diploma of two years in the concerned subject from a recognized 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. Such of those candidates who have completed their Diploma Course through Distance Education mode are not eligible to seek admission through Lateral Entry mode.

Summative Evaluation (University Examination) would be based on the theory and practical examinations conducted by SBV. During an academic year, only two examinations are permissible, namely the Main and Supplementary - at six monthly intervals.

Certificate courses are being offered under CBCS with a maximum of 8 credits. 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 specified discipline and earning the due credits, the candidate can appear at the University Examinations in the relevant Postgraduate Diploma offered

under the faculty of Allied Health Sciences. The certificate courses are offered under the Department/Centre levels and hence are not University level academic endeavors.

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 a 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 Numbers) 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 a 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 specialty from SBV or any other recognized 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).

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) programs is being offered under CBCS mode. The duration of the course will be one Year (48 Weeks)/two years comprising of 96 weeks. The Content delivery involves a unique and objective combination of seminars, assignments, mentoring, portfolio, Research Project, dissertation 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 M.Phil., will be Postgraduate degree from a recognized University, relevant to the chosen discipline and Postgraduate Diploma from Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth or the institute recognized by SBV with a CGPA of 6 or above. Fellowship such as FAIMER or FIME will also be considered eligible for M.Phil., program 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-Research and AHS has the discretionary powers to extend the course duration on valid grounds (Health, Maternity, Natural Disaster, etc).

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

INVOLVEMENT OF MEDIA, IF ANY

Advertisement of various academic courses and programs in AHS in the regional, national newspapers would be enabled after obtaining the approval accorded by the competent authority.


INVOLVEMENT, IN CASE OF ANY MAJOR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS CONCERNING EXTERNAL AGENCIES:

No financial commitment from/to the external agencies. However, the nominal expenditure involved in facilitating advertisements in the print media would be based on the amount sanctioned by the Office of The GM (Administration) and following the approval accorded by the Vice Chancellor.

ENQUIRIES

All the enquiries should be addressed to the Principal AHS with a copy marked to and Registrar.

APPELLATE AUTHORITY The appellate authority is the Vice Chancellor of SBV.

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