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## **TITLE AND APPLICABILITY:**

### **SBV POLICY ON UNIFORM PROTOCOL FOR CONDUCT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE COURSES - 2019**

The Policy on Uniform protocol for conduct of Interdisciplinary Certificate Courses at Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth would henceforth be known as **SBV POLICY ON UNIFORM PROTOCOL FOR CONDUCT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE COURSES-2019**.

#### **PREAMBLE**

Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (SBV) is a young Health Sciences Deemed-to-be-University that came into existence on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. SBV is characteristic with respect to the manner in which the innovative, value added and job-oriented courses/programs are offered alongside the conventional, time tested courses stipulated by the Regulatory Councils.

Presently, two Medical Colleges (namely Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Pondicherry in the main and Shri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute, Kancheepuram district in the off campus) are under the ambit of SBV. Besides a Dental, Nursing and Pharmacy Higher Education Institutions are in place at the main Campus – all of them under the ambit of SBV, as Constituent Colleges. A vibrant faculty of allied Health Sciences and five designated centers located at the main campus augment the activities of the Constituent Colleges.

#### **PURPOSE**

The goals of higher education institutions are oriented towards empowering people through the development of knowledge, skills, attitude and values. Furthermore, the HEIs should be synonymous with upward economic and social stability. It is in this perspective that the Interdisciplinary programs have been planned to enrich the minds of the learners and promote creative thinking which finds limited opportunities in conventional programs.

#### **SCOPE**

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) have taken due cognizance of the fact that interdisciplinary courses and programs confer holistic perspectives on knowledge sharing as applied to higher education institutions. SBV is among the foremost Health Science Universities to have started interdisciplinary programs; in addition, to Fellowship programs and Executive Development program (Faculty Development Program).

#### **INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE COURSES**

There are exponential updates in the fields of Medical, Dental, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences as well as in Medical Education. Hence, continuous training is an essential component in a Health Sciences University. Continuing Medical Education Programs and Workshops are conducted periodically to serve this purpose. However, a certified course conducted by a Health Science University involving interdisciplinary curriculum and

resource persons with assessments and credit points is a credible and valuable modality of training. Academic flexibility is a major power vested with the Deemed Universities, wherein need based, value added and job oriented interdisciplinary certificate courses could be acceded to the existing armamentarium of Courses/programs that are under the immediate scrutiny of the Regulatory Councils/Agencies. Such courses retain the power of attracting Professionals from diverse health care background. The period of training, that is being embarked upon by a physician culminates in the acquisition of knowledge and skills.

Interdisciplinary certificate courses at SBV are diverse and are offered to candidates from all disciplines of health sciences, including Medical, Dental, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences and Medical Education.

A healthy blend of knowledge, skills and attitude would be fostered during the courses. Following completion of the courses in the relevant discipline, the candidates will be awarded certificates with credit points based on the assessment.

**Duration of Accreditation:**

The Institutes (Constituent colleges) that are accredited, as regards the conduct of the interdisciplinary certificate courses are as follows:-

1. Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Pondicherry
2. Shri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute, Ammapettai, Kancheepuram district, Tamilnadu
3. Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Pondicherry
4. Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Pondicherry
5. Shri Sathya Sai College of Nursing
6. School of Pharmacy
7. Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

The Centers that are the constituent units of SBV

1. Center for Yoga therapy Education and Research, Main campus
2. Center for Music Therapy Education and Research, Main campus
3. Central Inter-Disciplinary Research Facility, Main campus
4. Center for Health Professions Education, Main campus
5. Medical Simulation Centre, Main campus
6. Advanced Surgical Training and Research Academy, Off campus

The period of accreditation is valid for three years.

**Eligibility criteria, Periodicity and duration of courses:**

Eligibility varies from undergraduate degree to faculties, depending on the course offered. The prospectus in the university website specifies the individual course details with the eligibility criteria and mode of assessment to obtain credit points for each course.

There are a total number of 17 courses and each will be conducted twice a year, Round 1 starting from September and Round 2 from January of next year.

The courses are scheduled to be conducted during weekends, 3 days courses are scheduled for Friday to Sunday and two days courses are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

**Registration process:**

The payment of Fees shall be in the form of a Demand Draft taken in favor of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth and payable at Pondicherry or through online transfer to Account.

The Constituent Colleges where the certificate courses are in progress shall abide by the Rules and Regulations of SBV issued from time to time.

**Details on the Academic Programme and Unique features of the Interdisciplinary certificate courses:**

It is the prerogative of the host department to determine the maximum number of days, whose recommendations would be tabled for approval at the Academic Council, subsequent to endorsement by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Each Interdisciplinary certificate course is structured with syllabus, specific learning objectives, mode of assessment and credit point calculation approved by the SBV Deemed-to-be-University.

Experienced internal and external resource persons will be taking the sessions and skype sessions will be held by eminent external faculties.

All the resource material and feedback will be provided online to enable paperless activities.

These are credit-based courses. The credit hours are calculated based on the SBV policy. 16 hours of direct contact sessions is 1 credit. 32 hours of practical and 32 hours of self-study/ assignments/ projects as 1 credit each.

**Break-up of academic activities and Credits accruing to the same:**

- A. Theory class/seminar (DIRECTCONTACT): 16 hours = 1 Credit
- B. Practical/Clinical: 32 hours = 1 Credit
- C. Self- Directed Learning (SDL): 32 hours = 1 Credit

**INVOLVEMENT OF MEDIA, IF ANY**

Advertisements will be given in dailies.

**INVOLVEMENT, IF ANY, OF MAJOR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS CONCERNING EXTERNAL AGENCIES**

Expenses for the advertisements to be covered

**EXCEPTIONS, IF ANY**

Nil

**ANY OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS**

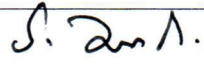
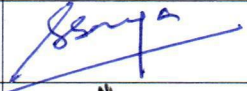

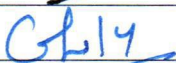
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**ENQUIRIES**

All enquiries related to this policy should be addressed to the Registrar, SBV and a copy marked to the Programme Co-ordinator.

**APPELLATE AUTHORITY:**

For all difficulties pertaining to this policy, the power to remove difficulties rests with the Vice Chancellor.

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