

## ***Section - I***

### **Goals and General Objectives of Postgraduate Medical Education Program**

#### **Goal**

The goal of postgraduate medical education shall be to produce a competent specialist and / or a medical teacher as stated in the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations 2000 and its amendments thereof [May2013]

- (i) Who shall recognize the health needs of the community, and carry out professional obligations ethically and in keeping with the objectives of the national health policy.
- (ii) Who shall have mastered most of the competencies, pertaining to the specialty, that are required to be practiced at the secondary and the tertiary levels of the health care delivery system.
- (iii) Who shall be aware of the contemporary advances and developments in the discipline concerned.
- (iv) Who shall have acquired a spirit of scientific inquiry and is oriented to the principles of research methodology and epidemiology, and
- (v) Who shall have acquired the basic skills in teaching of the medical and paramedical professionals.

#### **General Objectives**

At the end of the postgraduate training in the discipline concerned the student shall be able to:

- (i) Recognize the importance of the concerned specialty in the context of the health need of the community and the national priorities in the health sector.
- (ii) Practice the specialty concerned ethically and in step with the principles of primary health care.
- (iii) Demonstrate sufficient understanding of the basic sciences relevant to the concerned specialty.
- (iv) Identify social, economic, environmental, biological and emotional determinants of health in a given case, and take them into account while planning therapeutic, rehabilitative, preventive and promotive measures/strategies.
- (v) Diagnose and manage majority of the conditions in the specialty concerned on the basis of clinical assessment, and appropriately selected and conducted investigations.
- (vi) Plan and advice measures for the prevention and rehabilitation of patients suffering from disease and disability related to the specialty.
- (vii) Demonstrate skills in documentation of individual case details as well as morbidity and mortality data relevant to the assigned situation.
- (viii) Demonstrate empathy and humane approach towards patients and their families and exhibit interpersonal behavior in accordance with the societal norms and expectations.

- (ix) Play the assigned role in the implementation of national health programs, effectively and responsibly.
- (x) Organize and supervise the chosen/assigned health care services demonstrating adequate managerial skills in the clinic/hospital or the field situation.
- (xi) Develop skills as a self-directed learner; recognize continuing educational needs, select and use appropriate learning resources.
- (xii) Demonstrate competence in basic concept of research methodology and epidemiology, and be able to critically analyse relevant published research literature.
- (xiii) Develop skills in using educational methods and techniques as applicable to the teaching of medical/nursing students, general physicians and paramedical health workers.
- (xiv) Function as an effective leader of a team engaged in health care, research or training.

### **Statement of the Competencies**

Keeping in view the general objectives of postgraduate training, each discipline shall aim at development of specific competencies, which shall be defined and spelt out in clear terms. Each department shall produce a statement and bring it to the notice of the trainees in the beginning of the program so that he or she can direct the efforts towards the attainment of these competencies.

### **Components of the PG Curriculum**

The major components of the PG curriculum shall be:

- Theoretical knowledge
- Practical/clinical Skills
- Training in writing thesis/research articles
- Attitudes, including communication.
- Training in research methodology, medical ethics & medicolegal aspects
- Teaching skills to the undergraduates, juniors and support teams

Source: Medical Council of India, Regulations on Postgraduate Medical Education, 2000. [amended upto May 2013]

### **Eligibility for Admission:**

Eligibility requirements for Post Graduate Diploma and Degree Courses are: -

1. The candidates seeking admission to these courses should have passed MBBS from the college recognized by Medical Council of India.

Eligibility requirements for Post graduate degree in superspeciality courses, M.Ch./D.M are:

The candidate seeking admission to these courses should have passed MS/MD from the college recognized by Medical Council of India.

2. As per the requisitions of statutory bodies, as laid out in post graduate regulations 2000 of Medical Council of India and its amendments thereof, the minimum percentage of marks in the entrance test conducted by the University for eligibility for admission to Post Graduate courses in broad specialties and super specialties shall be 50 percent for candidates belonging to General category and 40 percent for the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. Eligibility for persons with locomotor disability of lower limbs category ranging from 30-70% will be 45 percent.

Eligibility for Foreign / PIO / NRI students will be based on qualifying examination marks.

### **The MCI norms to qualify for Admissions**

Candidates seeking admission to these Post Graduate Degree courses should have passed M.B.B.S. recognized by Medical Council of India or equivalent qualification and should have obtained permanent Registration from the Medical Council of India or any of the State/ Medical council or candidate should register the same within one month from the date of admission, failing which the admission of the candidate shall be cancelled. Provided that in the case of a foreign national, the MCI may on the payment of prescribed fee for the registration, grant temporary registration for the duration of post graduate training restricted to the medical college/ institute to which the applicant is admitted for the time being exclusively for post graduate studies; provided further, that temporary registration to such foreign national shall be subjected to the condition that such person is duly registered with appropriate registering authority in his /her country wherefrom he has obtained his basic medical qualification ,and is duly recognized by the corresponding Medical Council or concerned authority.

If the candidate fails to fulfill the relevant eligibility requirements as mentioned above he/she will not be considered eligible for admission for Medical Postgraduate Degree and Diploma Courses even if he/she is placed in the merit list of BLDEU-PGET/BLDEU-SUPERSPECIALTY ET.

### **Obtaining Eligibility Certificate by the University before making Admission**

Candidate shall not be admitted for any postgraduate degree/diploma course unless he/she has obtained and produced the eligibility certificate used by the University. The candidate has to make an application to the University with the following documents along with the prescribed fee:

1. MBBS pass/degree certificate issued by the University.
2. Marks cards of all the university examinations passed MBBS course.
3. Attempt Certificate issued by the Principal

4. Certificate regarding the recognition of the Medical College by the Medical Council of India.
  5. Completion of internship certificate.
  6. In case internship was done in a non-teaching hospital, a certificate from the Medical Council of India that the hospital has been recognized for internship.
  7. Registration by any State Medical council and
  8. Proof of SC/ST or OBC or physically handicapped status, as the case may be.
- In addition to the above mentioned documents, candidate applying for admission to superspeciality courses has to produce degree/pass certificate of MD/MS degree with prescribed fee.

### **Intake of Students**

The intake of students to each course shall be in accordance with the ordinance in this behalf.

### **Course Duration**

a. M.D. / M.S. Degree Courses:

The course of study shall be for a period of 3 years consisting of 6 terms including examinations. For Candidates possessing recognized two year Postgraduate Diploma in the same subject the duration of the course shall be two years including examinations. (MCI PG REG 2000 10:1)

b. D.M/M Ch Degree Courses; (MCI PG REG 2000, 10:2)

The duration of these courses shall be for a period of 3 years including examinations.

c. Diploma Courses:

The course of study shall be for a period of 2 years consisting of 4 terms including examinations (MCI PG REG 2000, 10.3).

### **Training Method**

The postgraduate training for degree/diploma shall be of residency pattern. The post graduate shall be trained with graded responsibilities in the management and treatment of patients entrusted to his/her care. The participation of the students in all facets of educational process is essential. Every candidate should take part in seminars, group discussions grand rounds, case demonstration, clinics, journal review meetings, CPC and clinical meetings.. Every candidate should be required to participate in the teaching and training program of undergraduate students. Training should include involvement in laboratory and experimental work, and research studies. Basic medical sciences students should be posted to allied and relevant clinical departments or institutions. Exposure to applied aspects of their learning should be addressed Similarly, clinical subjects' students should be posted to basic medical sciences and allied specialty departments or institutions.

Training of superspeciality should follow similar pattern. In addition, they have to be trained in advanced techniques of diagnosis and treatment pertaining to their specialty, participate actively in surgical operations [M.Ch] as well.

### **Attendance, Progress and Conduct**

A candidate pursuing degree/diploma course should work in the concerned department of the institution for the full period as a full time student. No candidate is permitted to run a clinic/laboratory/nursing home while studying postgraduate course

Each year shall be taken as a unit for the purpose of calculating attendance. Every student shall attend symposia, seminars, conferences, journal review meetings, grand rounds, CPC, case presentation, clinics and lectures during each year as prescribed by the department and not absent himself / herself from work without valid reasons. Every Candidate is required to attend a minimum of 80% of the training during each academic year of the post graduate course. This shall include assignments, assessment of full time responsibilities and participation in all facets of educational process. Provided further, leave of any kind shall not be counted as part of academic term without prejudice to minimum 80% attendance of training period every year. Leave benefits shall be as per university rules.

A post graduate student pursuing degree course in broad specialties, MD, MS and superspeciality courses DM, M.Ch would be required to present one poster presentation, read one paper in national/state conference and to present one research paper which should be published/accepted for publication/sent for publication during the period of his postgraduate studies so as to make him/her to be eligible to appear at the university degree examinations. (MCI, PG 2000, 13.9)

Any student who fails to complete the course in the manner stated above shall not be permitted to appear for the University Examinations.

### **Monitoring Progress of Studies**

The learning process of students should be monitored through continuous appraisal and regular assessment. It not only helps teachers to evaluate students, but also students to evaluate themselves. The monitoring is done by the staff of the department based on participation of students in various teaching / learning activities. It may be structured and assessment done by using checklists that assess various aspects.

The learning out comes to be assessed include:

- Personal Attitudes,
- Acquisition of Knowledge,
- Clinical and operative skills, skills of performing necessary tests/experiments
- Teaching skills.

## **Personal Attitudes:**

The essential items are:

- Caring attitude, empathy
- Initiative in work and accepting responsibilities
- Organizational ability
- Potential to cope with stressful situations and undertake graded responsibility
- Trust worthiness and reliability
- To understand and communicate intelligibly with patients and others
- To behave in a manner which establishes professional relationships with patients and colleagues
- Ability to work in team
- A critical enquiring approach to the acquisition of knowledge

The Methods used mainly consist of observation. Any appropriate methods can be used to assess these. It is appreciated that these items require a degree of subjective assessment by the guide, supervisors and peers. However every attempt should be made to minimize subjectivity.

## **Acquisition of Knowledge:**

Lectures: Lectures/theory classes as necessary may be conducted. It is preferable to have one class per week if possible. They may, be employed for teaching certain topics. Lectures may be didactic or integrated.

- a) Didactic Lectures: Recommended for selected common topics for post graduate students of all specialties. Few topics are suggested here.
  - Bio-statistics
  - Use of library,
  - Journal review
  - Use of computers,
  - Appropriate use of AV aids
  - Research Methods,
  - Search of literature,
  - Rational drug therapy
  - Medical code of Conduct and Medical Ethics
  - National Health and Disease Control Programmes
  - Communication skills etc.
  - Bio medical waste

These topics may preferably taken up in the first few weeks of the 1<sup>st</sup> year commonly for all new postgraduates. The specialty wise topics can be planned and conducted at departmental level.

- b) **Integrated teaching:** These are recommended to be taken by multidisciplinary teams for selected topics, eg. Jaundice, Diabetes mellitus, thyroid diseases etc. They should be planned well in advance and conducted.

**Journal Review Meeting (Journal club):**

The ability to do literature search, in depth study, presentation skills, use of audio – visual aids, understanding and applying evidence based medicine are to be focused and assessed. The assessment is made by faculty members and peers attending the meeting using a checklist

**Seminars / symposia:**

The topics should be assigned to the student well in advance to facilitate in depth study. The ability to do literature search, in depth study, presentation skills and use of audio – visual aids are to be assessed using a checklist.

**Clinico-Pathological conferences:**

This should be a multidisciplinary case study of an interesting case to train the candidate to solve diagnostic and therapeutic problems by using an analytical approach. The presenter(s) are to be assessed using a check list similar to that used for seminar.

**Medical Audit:** Periodic morbidity and mortality meeting be held. Attendance and participation in these must be insisted upon. This may not be included in assessment.

**Clinical Skills:** Day to Day Work: Skills in outpatient and ward work should be assessed periodically. The assessment should include the candidates' sincerity and punctuality, analytical ability and communication skills

**Clinical Meetings:**

Candidates should periodically present cases to his peers and faculty members. This should be assessed using a check list.

**Group discussions:** Group discussions are one of the means to train and assess the student's ability to analyse the given problem or situation, apply the knowledge and make appropriate decisions. This method can be adopted to train and assess the competency of students in analyzing and applying knowledge.

**Death review meetings/Mortality meetings:** Death review meetings is important method for reflective learning. A well conducted morbidity and mortality meetings bring about significant reduction in complications, improve patient care and hospital services. They also address system

related issues. Monthly meetings should be conducted with active participation of faculty and students. Combined death review meetings may be required wherever necessary.

### **Clinical and Procedural Skills:**

The candidate should be given graded responsibility to enable learning by apprenticeship. The performance is assessed by the guide by direct observation. Particulars are recorded by the student in the log book.

### **Teaching Skills:**

Candidates should be encouraged to teach undergraduate medical students and paramedical students, if any. This performance should be based on assessment by the faculty members of the department and from feedback from the undergraduate students

### **Work diary / Log Book:**

Every candidate shall maintain a Work Diary/Log Book and record his/her participation in the training programs conducted by the department such as journal reviews, seminars, etc. Special mention may be made of the presentations by the candidate as well as details of clinical or laboratory procedures, conducted by the candidate. A well written and validated Log Book reflects the competencies attained by the learner and points to the gap which needs address. This Log Book shall be scrutinized by concerned teachers periodically and certified, by the Head of Department and Head of the Institution, and presented during University Practical / Clinical examination.

### **Periodic tests:**

In case of degree courses of three years duration ( MD/MS, DM, M.Ch), the concerned departments may conduct three tests, two of them be annual tests, one at the end of first year and the other in the second year. The third test may be held three months before the final examination. The tests may include written papers, practical / clinical and viva voce.

One of these practical/clinical tests should be conducted by OSPE (objective structured practical examination or OSCE (objective structured clinical examination) method.

.Records and marks obtained in such tests will be maintained by the Head of Department and sent to the University, when called for,

In case of diploma courses of two years duration, the concerned departments may conduct two tests, one of them be at the end of first year and the other in the second year three months before the final examination. The tests may include written papers, practical /clinical and viva voce.

One of these practical/clinical tests should be conducted by OSPE or OSCE method.



**Records:** Records and marks obtained in tests will be maintained by the Head of the Departments and will be made available to the University or MCI.

**Procedure for defaulter:**

Every department should have a committee to review such situations. The defaulting candidate is counseled by the guide and head of the department. In extreme cases of default the departmental committee may recommend that defaulting candidate be withheld from appearing the examination, if she/he fails to fulfill the requirements in spite of being given adequate chances to set himself or herself right.

**Dissertation:** Every candidate pursuing MD/MS degree course is required to carry out work on a selected research project under the guidance of a recognized post graduate teacher. The results of such a work shall be submitted in the form of a dissertation.

The dissertation is aimed to train a post graduate student in research methods and techniques. It includes identification of a problem, formulation of hypothesis, search and review of literature, getting acquainted with recent advances, designing of a research study, collection of data, critical analysis and comparison of results and drawing conclusions.

Every candidate shall submit to the Registrar (Academic) of the University in the prescribed proforma, a synopsis containing particulars of proposed dissertation work within six months from the date of commencement of the course on or before the dates notified by the University. The synopsis shall be sent through the proper channel.

Such synopsis will be reviewed and the dissertation topic will be registered by the University. No change in the dissertation topic or guide shall be made without prior approval of the University.

The dissertation shall be written under the following headings:

1. Introduction
2. Aims or Objectives of study
3. Review of Literature
4. Material and Methods
5. Results
6. Discussion
7. Conclusion
8. Summary
9. References
10. Tables
11. Annexure

The written text of dissertation shall be not less than 50 pages and shall not exceed 150 pages excluding references, tables, questionnaires and other annexure. It should be neatly typed in double line spacing on one side of paper (A4 size, 8.27” x 11.69”) and bound properly. Spiral

binding should be avoided. The dissertation shall be certified by the guide, head of the department and head of the Institution.

Adequate number of copies as per norms and a soft copy of dissertation thus prepared shall be submitted to the Controller of Examinations six months before final examination on or before the dates notified by the University.

The dissertation shall be valued by examiners appointed by the university. Acceptance of dissertation work is an essential precondition for a candidate to appear in the University examination.

**Guide:**

The academic qualification and teaching experience required for recognition by this University as a guide for dissertation work is as per Medical Council of India Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 and its amendments thereof. Teachers in a medical college/institution having a total of eight years teaching experience out of which at least five years teaching experience as Lecturer or Assistant Professor gained after obtaining post graduate degree shall be recognized as post graduate teachers.

A Co-guide may be included provided the work requires substantial contribution from a sister department or from another medical institution recognized for teaching/training by this University / Medical Council of India. The co-guide shall be a recognized post graduate teacher of BLDE University.

**Change of guide:**

In the event of a registered guide leaving the college for any reason or in the event of death of guide, guide may be changed with prior permission from the University.

**Schedule of Examination:**

The examination for M.D. /M.S and DM/M.Ch courses shall be held at the end of three academic years (six academic terms). The examination for the diploma courses shall be held at the end of two academic years (four academic terms).

The university shall conduct two examinations in a year at an interval of four to six months between the two examinations. Not more than two examinations shall be conducted in an academic year.

## Scheme of Examination

### M.D. /M.S. Degree

M.D. / M.S. Degree examinations in any subject shall consist of dissertation, written papers (Theory), Practical/Clinical and Viva Voce.

#### **Dissertation:**

Every candidate shall carryout work and submit a Dissertation as indicated above. Acceptance of dissertation shall be a precondition for the candidate to appear for the final examination.

#### **Written Examination (Theory):**

Written examination shall consist of **four** question papers, each of **three** hours duration. Each paper shall carry 100 marks. Out of the **four** papers, the 1<sup>st</sup> paper in clinical subjects will be on applied aspects of basic medical sciences. Recent advances may be asked in any or all the papers. In basic medical subjects and para-clinical -subjects, questions on applied clinical aspects should also be asked.

#### **Practical / Clinical Examination:**

In case of practical examination, it should be aimed at assessing competence and skills of techniques and procedures as well as testing students ability to make relevant and valid observations, interpretations and inference of laboratory or experimental work relating to his/her subject.

In case of clinical examination, it should aim at examining clinical skills and competence of candidates for undertaking independent work as a specialist. Each candidate should examine at least one long case and two short cases minimum. However additional assessment methods can be adopted which will test the necessary competencies reasonably well.

The total marks for Practical / Clinical examination shall be 300.

#### **Viva Voce:**

Examination shall aim at assessing depth of knowledge, logical reasoning, confidence and oral communication skills.

The total marks shall be 100:

- 80 Marks, for examination of all components of syllabus
- 20 Marks for Pedagogy

## **Examiners:**

There shall be at least four examiners in each subject. Out of them two shall be external examiners and two shall be internal examiners. The qualification and teaching experience for appointment as an examiner shall be as laid down by the Medical Council of India.

Criteria for declaring as pass in University Examination: A candidate shall secure not less than 50% marks in each head of passing which shall include (1) Theory, (2) Practical/clinical and (3) viva voce examination. The candidate should pass independently in practical/clinical examination and Viva Voce: vide MCI pg 2000 Reg no 14(4) (Ciii)

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 any subsequent examination upon payment of fresh fee to the Controller of Examinations.

Declaration of distinction: A successful candidate passing the University examination in first attempt will be declared to have passed the examination with distinction, if the grand total aggregate of marks is 75 percent and above.

Distinction will not be awarded for candidates passing the examination in more than one attempt.

## **D.M/M.Ch Degree**

DM/M.Ch Degree examinations in any subject shall consist of written theory papers (theory), practical/clinical and Viva voce.

### **Written Examination (Theory):**

Written examination shall consist of **four** question papers, each of **three** hours duration. Each paper shall carry 100 marks. Out of the **four** papers, the 1<sup>st</sup> paper in clinical subjects will be on applied aspects of basic medical sciences. Recent advances may be asked in any or all the papers. In basic medical subjects and para-clinical -subjects, questions on applied clinical aspects should also be asked.

### **Practical / Clinical Examination:**

In case of practical examination, it should be aimed at assessing competence and skills of techniques and procedures as well as testing students ability to make relevant and valid observations, interpretations and inference of laboratory or experimental work relating to his/her subject.

In case of clinical examination, it should aim at examining clinical skills, competence of candidates for undertaking independent work as a specialist. Each candidate should examine at least one long case and two short cases.

The total marks for Practical / clinical examination shall be 300.

## **Viva Voce:**

Examination shall aim at assessing depth of knowledge, logical reasoning, confidence and oral communication skills.

The total marks shall be 100:

- 80 Marks, for examination of all components of syllabus
- 20 Marks for Pedagogy

## **Examiners:**

There shall be at least four examiners in each subject. Out of them two shall be external examiners and two shall be internal examiners. The qualification and teaching experience for appointment as an examiner shall be as laid down by the Medical Council of India.

Criteria for declaring as pass in University Examination: A candidate shall secure not less than 50% marks in each head of passing which shall include (1) Theory, (2) Practical including clinical and (3) viva voce examination. The candidate should pass independently in practical/clinical examination vide: MCI pg 2000 Reg no 144-c (iii).

Declaration of distinction: A successful candidate passing the University examination in first attempt will be declared to have passed the examination with distinction, if the grand total aggregate of marks is 75 percent and above.

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 any subsequent examination upon payment of fresh fee to the Controller of Examinations.

Declaration of distinction: A successful candidate passing the University examination in first attempt will be declared to have passed the examination with distinction, if the grand total aggregate of marks is 75 percent and above.

Distinction will not be awarded for candidates passing the examination in more than one attempt.

## **Diploma Examination:**

Diploma examination in any subject shall consist of Theory (written papers), Practical / Clinical and Viva-Voce.

## **Theory:**

There shall be **three** written question papers each carrying 100 marks. Each paper will be of **three** hours duration. In clinical subjects one paper out of this shall be on basic medical

sciences. In basic medical subjects and Para clinical subjects, questions on applied clinical aspects should also be asked.

**Practical / Clinical Examination:**

In case of practical examination it should be aimed at assessing competence, skills related to laboratory procedures as well as testing students ability to make relevant and valid observations, interpretation of laboratory or experimental work relevant to his/her subject.

In case of clinical examination, it should aim at examining clinical skills and competence of candidates for undertaking independent work as a specialist. Each candidate should examine at least one long case and two short cases.

The maximum marks for Practical/Clinical shall be 200.

**Viva-Voce Examination:** Viva Voce examination should aim at assessing depth of knowledge, logical reasoning, confidence and oral communication skills. The total marks shall be 100.

Criteria for declaring as pass in University Examination: A candidate shall secure not less than 50% marks in each head of passing which shall include (1) Theory, (2) Practical / clinical and viva voce examination.

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 any subsequent examination upon payment of fresh fee to the Controller of Examinations.

Declaration of distinction: A successful candidate passing the University examination in first attempt will be declared to have passed the examination with distinction, if the grand total aggregate of marks is 75% and above. Distinction will not be awarded for candidates passing the examination in more than one attempt.

**Examiners:**

There shall be at least four examiners in each subject. Out of them, two shall be external examiners and two shall be internal examiners. The qualification and teaching experience for appointment as an examiner shall be as laid down by the Medical Council of India.

Number of Candidates per day:

The maximum number of candidates for practical / clinical and viva-voce examination shall be as under:

MD / MS Courses: Maximum of 8 per day

Diploma Course: Maximum of 8 per day

DM/M.Ch Maximum of 3 per day