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"Master in Public Health (MPH) in Public health Nutrition" 2014-15

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A. Introduction

MPH in Public Health Nutrition is an intensive two-year course designed to provide an excellent grounding in Public Health Nutrition to strengthen each learner's knowledge and skills contributing to the development of a cadre of public health nutrition professionals. It has been designed with an inherent recognition that individuals admitted to this program have prior and current experience in the health and nutrition sectors. The program is divided into classroom-based course work and field-based practical experience in Public Health Nutrition. The exit competency of the program allows the individuals to demonstrate their proficiency and mastery of the program competencies in the real-world application in the form of a facility and community based project. The project assignment is to be undertaken as a core part of the course curriculum.

The course provides systematic coverage of major topics in the area of Public Health Nutrition based on international standards. It is appropriate for health science and nutrition science graduates who want to pursue a career in the area of Public Health Nutrition. The course is designed based on latest international evidence and standards in Public Health Nutrition.

The course curriculum is designed with technical support from UNICEF, and experts in Public Health Nutrition belonging to academia and medical education.

B. Program Rationale

Public Health Nutrition is a core pillar of human rights and development and concrete, large-scale programming not only can reduce the burden of under nutrition and deprivation in countries but also can advance the progress of Nations. The national level data in India (NFHS-3 2005-2006) indicates that among children under-five, 20 per cent (25 million) suffer from wasting due to acute under nutrition; 43 per cent (55 million) are underweight and 48 per cent (61 million) children are stunted due to chronic under nutrition.

Under nutrition jeopardizes children's survival, health, growth and development, and it slows national progress towards development goals. Under nutrition is often an invisible problem. There is a critical window of opportunity to prevent under nutrition by taking care of the nutrition of children in the first two years of life, girls during adolescence, and mothers during pregnancy and

lactation – when proven Public Health Nutrition interventions offer children the best chance to survive and reach optimal growth and development.

In light of the above context, the policymakers, program planners and national and international experts are concerned about the health and nutritional status of women and children in the country, and its impact on the country's economic progress. This has resulted in the design and implementation of national flagship programs such as the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), restructuring and universalization of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) with quality, special plans to address health and nutrition issues in the most vulnerable populations in rural, tribal and urban areas. The scenario calls for a large number of skilled professionals trained both in Public Health and Nutrition to contribute to improved planning and implementation of the national flagship programs.

Until recently most health and nutrition professionals have been contributing independently with limited impact on addressing critical issues related to maternal-child health and nutrition, and other public health problems at scale. It was increasingly felt that there was a strong need to develop a comprehensive approach to build capacities of professionals in Public Health Nutrition. Therefore, there is a need to offer a master's program (MPH) in Public Health Nutrition.

C. Overall goal:

To provide health and nutrition practitioners/professionals with a broad background and training in Public Health Nutrition, and prepare them for career opportunities in a public health nutrition setting.

D. Aims and Objectives of the course:

- To provide a sound understanding of the science of nutrition and public health.
- To provide advanced knowledge and skills in Public Health Nutrition.
- To provide a scientific basis for assessment and management of nutritional problems of vulnerable populations.
- To build capacities to undertake research projects in the area of Public Health Nutrition.

• To enhance knowledge and skills for improved program planning, management and evaluation of programs in a Public Health Nutrition setting.

The selection procedure for the post graduate courses will be carried out in accordance with the **Rules and orders issued by MUHS, Nashik from time to time.**

E. Eligibility Criteria

- 1. All candidates, who have passed final year, Graduate Health Sciences examination and completed /completing internship training from a recognized institute included in the respective Council Acts or a graduate in life sciences with a fulltime postgraduate masters degree in streams falling under the respective councils.
 - Graduates of Health Sciences MBBS/ BAMS/ BHMS/B Pharm/BSc Nursing/BPTh
 - MSc Nutrition/Biochemistry/Health Science
 - Preference would be given to candidates with experience in the area of Public Health/Nutrition
 - Medical officers in service will be considered who are granted permission through proper channel.

The graduate/postgraduate masters degree Institute for should have been affiliated to the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Act, 1998, Deemed university or other universities as per University Grant commission Act of 1956 under section 13/A, situated in Maharashtra or outside. The candidate should have obtained registration either from the respective Council in India or Maharashtra, will be eligible to appear for MPH- Public Health Nutrition, Eligibility & Aptitude Test.

Every candidate, selected for admission shall possess recognized Health sciences degree & should have obtained permanent Registration with respective Councils of any of the State Councils in India or should obtain the receipt, to apply for the same failing which the admission of the candidate shall be cancelled.

2. Eligibility for In-service candidates will be as per criteria laid down by the respective departments of the candidates.

- 3. Domicile Certificate of Maharashtra state or Birth Certificate or School Leaving Certificate mentioning the location of candidates birth place in Maharashtra State
- 4. The candidates who are domiciled in Maharashtra and who have obtained admission under 15% quota for appropriate all India entrance examination for courses in health sciences in the college/institution situated outside Maharashtra State and who have obtained the degree from a University situated outside the State of Maharashtra will also be eligible for MPH-PHN entrance exam. Such candidates should submit certificate from the Dean/Principal of respective college stating that the candidate was admitted under 15% quota for all India entrance test for courses in health sciences, and Candidate's Domicile certificate of Maharashtra by virtue of residence.
- 5. The candidate belonging to Backward Class must have claimed so in his original application form, failing which such a claim will not be entertained subsequently.
- 6. The candidate belonging to Backward Class Category should produce the original Caste Certificate, Caste Validity Certificate and Non-Creamy Layer Certificate (wherever applicable) at the time of counselling process. A Candidate belonging to 'Creamy Layer' amongst the categories (VJ) DT -A, (NT-1) NT-B, (NT-2) NT-C, (NT-3) NT-D, OBC and SBC must note that the provision of reservation is NOT applicable to him/her. A candidate claiming benefit of reservation under these categories will be required to produce Non-Creamy Layer Certificate as specified in the Govt. Resolution No.CBC-10/2008/CR-697 MVK-5, dated 13th January, 2009. The valid certificate in prescribed Performa stating date of validity, should be submitted at the time of counselling process.
- 7. The candidate admitted for Health Sciences graduation course in reserve category on the basis of Court order for Caste claim is required to submit Caste Validity Certificate given by the Caste Scrutiny Committee. If the matter is still pending with Hon'ble Court, candidate should submit a fresh Court order, failing which the claim will not be granted and the candidate will be considered as Open category candidate.

8. Category reservations based on caste can be availed by candidates domiciled in Maharashtra only.

9. Candidate belonging to states other than Maharashtra State will be entitled for 15% quota of the total intake capacity

F. Selection Procedure:

Applications for admission to this program will be invited through advertisements on MUHS website. Application forms can be downloaded by interested candidates. The duly filled application forms along with application fees of Rs.1000/- drawn in favour of "Registrar, MUHS, Nashik" should be sent to the Department of Genetics, Immunology, Biochemistry and Nutrition MUHS, Pune Regional Centre for further processing. Eligible candidates will be called for a written test and interview. The selection will be made on the basis of a written test and an interview. Only those candidates who satisfy the eligibility criteria will be called for an interview. The candidates will be required to produce original certificates and mark-sheets at the time of interview. The final list of candidates selected to the program will be announced after conducting all the interviews.

G. Duration of the course: Two years full time.

H. Language of Course: English

I. Total number of Seats: Seats for this course will be limited to 30 only.

J. Nature of Course: Interdisciplinary, full time two years

K. Fee structure:

Application processing fees Rs. 1000/-

• The fees should be paid in two installment only of Rs. 40,000/- through D.D. in **favor of "Registrar, MUHS, Nashik",** drawn on any Branch of Nationalized bank payable at Nashik, at the time of admission, if selected.

• Eligibility & Examination fees would be charged extra.

Fee Head	Amount	Mode
Tuition Fees	Rs. 40,000/-	Annual
Development Fees	Rs. 5000/-	Annual
Eligibility Fees	Rs. 7,500/-	One time
Examination Fees	Rs. 5000/-	Annual (*subject to changes)

^{*}Students will have to pay examination fees and any other fees applicable as per the latest changes made by MUHS.

L. Course Fees Concession & Refund

• Fees concession/reimbursement:

The concession (if any) in the tuition and development fees may be offered to following candidates. Maharashtra State candidates belonging to Reserved Categories Reserved category candidates are required to submit Caste certificate, Caste/Tribe Validity Certificate, Non Creamy Layer Certificate (if applicable) for claiming fee concession. Similarly candidates belonging to Economically Weaker section/Minority will be required to submit the Income & other relevant certificates from competent authority for claiming fee reimbursement. However, the directives issued by the State Government from time to time with regard to requirement of additional certificates and mode of fees reimbursement shall be binding on such candidate.

Note:

- a) The extent of fees concession, nature of fees concession (loan/scholarship), requirements of certificates etc. will be decided by the State Government and same shall be binding on the candidate.
 - Refund of Tuition, Development and Other fees after cancellation of admission :

(Reference: AICTE Guidelines No- AICTE/Legal/04(01)/2007, April 2007 & Circular No.698 Dated: 24th August 2007 issued by Pravesh Niyantran Samiti, Mumbai.)

The candidate who has been provisionally admitted may cancel admission by submitting an application for cancellation in duplicate, for refund of fees. The refund of fees as applicable shall be made in due course. It is made clear that such application for cancellation will be considered if and only if the admission is confirmed by submitting the original documents at the time of counselling & refund shall be made only if the

prescribed tuition fee and other fees are paid in full and after payment of the cancellation charges as shown below:

Sr. No.	Scenario	Refund Amount
1	Request received before date of start of academic session	Entire fee less Rs. 1000/-
2	Request received on/ after start of academic session	Entire fee less the cancellation charges # on pro rata basis
3	Request received after 1 month of start of academic session	No refund

Note:

Entire amount of Security/Caution Money Deposit is to be refunded to candidate.

For calculation of Cancellation Charges on pro rata basis, one month shall be treated as one unit e.g. if the candidate cancels admission on third day i.e. within one month after start of academic session and the seat is filled before the cut off date, then Cancellation Charges on pro rata basis will be the higher amount out of (Entire fee)/12 or Rs. 1000/-.

M. Application procedure & requirements

Information Brochure along with blank application form is available on the University website (www.muhsnashik.com). The candidates are requested to download the application form and send it along with a D.D. of Rs. 1000/- in favor of "Registrar, MUHS, Nashik". D.D. should be drawn on any Branch of Nationalized bank payable at Nashik. The envelope should be superscripted with "Application for Master in Public Health in Public Health Nutrition". The application form must be filled by the candidate in his / her own handwriting and should be submitted on or before last date of submission of the application forms on the following address:

Competent Authority
Department of Genetics, Immunology, Biochemistry and Nutrition.
Maharashtra University of Health Sciences,
3rd Floor, Aundh Civil Hospital, Aundh Chest Hospital Campus
Aundh, Pune- 411027

Following attested photocopies are required to be submitted along with the application form:

- 1. SSC Board Certificate (Certificate of age)
- 2. HSC Mark sheet
- 3. Equivalence Certificate from A.I.U. for NRI (if applicable)
- 4. Degree Certificate / Passing Certificate.
- 5. P.G. Degree Mark sheet (Mandatory in case of candidates having P.G. Degree).
- 6. Certificate of additional Qualifications.
- 7. Affidavit for change of Name (Marriage Certificate/ Copy of Govt. Gazette, if applicable).

8. Brief resume of the candidate.

9. Letter of intent as to why the candidate wants to join the course.

Note: Incomplete application forms will be rejected.

N. Selection Process:

The selection will be made on the basis of written test and interview. Only those candidates who satisfy the eligibility conditions will be called for an interview. The candidates will have to produce original certificates and mark-sheets at the time of interview. The final list of candidates selected to the program will be announced after conducting all the interviews. Eligibility of candidate will be finalized after verification of all original documents. The candidate is required to take admission within one week of issuing a letter of selection by paying prescribed fees .Decision of selection committee shall be final. Selection of the successful candidates will be communicated to the candidate. No other communication in this regard will be entertained.

At the time of counseling, the candidate should bring all original documents and a set of Attested copies of the same in support of claim made in application form i.e. Caste Certificate, Caste Validity Certificate and non-creamy layer certificate. If the matter is still pending with Hon'ble Court, candidate should submit a fresh Court order, failing of which will not be considered and the candidate will be considered as General Category candidate.

For Constitutional reservation category candidates: as per MUHS rules.

Reserved category candidate entitled to admission on the basis of merit in an open category seat will have the option of taking admission either claiming through "reserve category seat" or an "open category seat".

Cut-off date for the eligibility: If an ineligible candidate acquires the requisite eligibility after the aforesaid cutoff date, such subsequent acquisition of eligibility will not make an ineligible candidate eligible for any purpose whatsoever, much less for the purpose of admission.

O. Disqualification for Admission: Selected candidates who have cancelled their admission or do not take admission within the stipulated period will be disqualified from the admission process. These candidates will have to go through the process of application in the next batch of the course. Any false information provided will result in disqualification of the candidate.

- **P.** Attendance: 80% attendance is compulsory. A valid medical certificate is necessary if absence is due to illness.
- **Q.** Accommodation: Students have to make their own residential arrangements.
- R. Certificate: The successful candidates will be awarded certificate as "Master in Public Health in Public Health Nutrition (MPH-Public Health Nutrition)" by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) and UNICEF.

S. Examination Scheme

Semester system will be followed for examinations. At the end of the course an aggregate of all four semesters shall be awarded on the degree.

✓ MPH in Public Health Nutrition will be conferred to those participants who secure at least 50% marks under each examination heading.

T. Future Prospects

The career prospects for candidates opting for MPH in Public Health Nutrition are excellent.

- Opportunities to work with health systems and national flagship programs
- Opportunities to work with national and international organizations involved in Public Health Nutrition
- Opportunities to work with development organizations in India and abroad
- Opportunities to work with medical colleges, academic institutes, private healthcare systems, and corporate.

ANNEXURE "A" DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires,

- a) "Appropriate Authority" means the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences.
- b) 'Competent Authority' means the authority appointed by the University for the purpose of conduct of common entrance test for selection and admission to MBA in Health Care Administration.
- c) 'Course' means 2-years degree course leading to MBA in Health Care Administration.
- d) 'Designated Authority' means authority responsible to carry out the instructions given by the Competent Authority in respect of selection and admission process for MBA in Health Care Administration.
- f) 'Government' means the Government of Maharashtra.
- g) 'Internship' means the compulsory rotating internship to be completed as per rules of respective Councils and concerned University.
- h) 'Recognised Qualification' means the qualification recognised by the respective councils and the University in the State of Maharashtra and in case of in-service candidates, a Statutory University in India.
- i) 'Registration' means the registration of the qualification with respective Council of India
- j) 'Reservation' means the reservation prescribed by the Government for admission to the course which includes both Constitutional Reservation for the Backward Classes & other reservations if any.
- k) 'University' means the non agricultural Universities constituted under the Maharashtra University Act, 1994 and/or MUHS constituted under MUHS Act, 1998.

ANNEXURE "B"

CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATION

- 1) The candidates recognized by the State of Maharashtra as belonging to the following Backward Classes, shall alone be eligible to claim admissions as against the seats reserved for such backward class categories. These Backward Class categories are as follows:-
- A Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism (SC) 13.0 percent
- B Scheduled Tribes (ST) 7.0 Percent
- C Vimukta Jati (VJ) DT-A 3.0 percent
- D Nomadic Tribes (NT-1) NT-B 2.5 percent
- E Nomadic Tribes (NT-2) NT-C 3.5 percent
- F Nomadic Tribes (NT-3) NT-D 2.0 percent
- G Other Backward Classes (OBC) including SBC 19.0 percent

Total 50.0 percent

- 2) Candidates belonging to aforesaid Backward Class categories will be required to submit the Caste Certificate and the Caste/Tribe Validity Certificate.
- 3) Caste certificate issuing authority: -Caste certificate stating that the caste is recognized under a particular backward class category in Maharashtra state is issued by Sub-Divisional Magistrate / Executive Magistrate / Metropolitan Magistrate in Maharashtra state.
- 4) The Caste/Tribe validity Certificate issuing Authorities are as follows:-
- a) For Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism, Vimukta Jati, Nomadic Tribes1,2&3 and Other Backward Class, Caste Validity Certificate is issued by **Divisional Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee of respective Divisional Social Welfare Office** (Konkan, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Amravati and Nagpur).
- b) For Candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribe the Tribe Validity Certificate is issued by Director/Deputy Director, **Tribe Certificate Scrutiny Committee of respective Region** (Konkan, Pune, Nashik, Aurangabad, Amravati and Nagpur).
- 5) The candidateshould have claimed the constitutional reservation in the original application form. The candidate claiming constitutional reservation must submit original caste validity certificate at the time of counseling for filling preference form, failing which thecategory claim will not be granted.

6) NON-CREAMY LAYER

A candidate belonging to 'Creamy Layer' amongst the categories (C) to (G) must note that the provision of reservation is NOT applicable to him/her. A candidate claiming benefit of reservation under the categories (C) to (G) above will be required to produce Non-Creamy Layer Certificate as specified in the Government resolution No.CBC-10/2008/CR-697 MVK-5, dated 13th January, 2009. The certificate should have **valid upto 31/03/2013**. The Non-Creamy Layer Certificate is issued by Sub-Divisional Officer/Deputy Collector/Collector of the district.

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However, such a Non-Creamy Layer Certificate shall be produced in any case at the time of filling up of Preference Form, failing which the category claimed will not be granted.

Applicants belonging to Special Backward Class

N.B.: Hon'ble High Court Mumbai had stayed admission to SBC category as a separate quota and therefore, vide Government Circular from Social Welfare, Cultural Affairs and Sports Department No. CBC-1095/WS/264/BCD-5 dated 24th October 1995, the persons belonging to Special Backward Class (SBC) are to be considered as OBC candidates.

7) Inter-se amongst the reserved categories will be operated at the end of each admission process against the unfilled reserved categories seats as per merit and choice of the reserved categories

candidates. The seats remaining vacant from various categories will be filled in during inter-se admission process as follows:

a) From among the candidates of their respective group from the Merit List of that particular group where the vacancies exist. The groups are as follows -

GROUP-I

- (i) Scheduled Castes and Schedule Caste converted to Buddhism (S.C.) 13%
- (ii) Scheduled Tribes including those living out-side specified area (S.T.) 7%

GROUP-II

- (i) Vimukta Jati (DT) (A) 3%
- (ii) Nomadic Tribes (NT1(B)) 2.5%

GROUP-III

- (i) Nomadic Tribes (NT2 (C)) 3.5%
- (ii) Nomadic Tribes(NT3 (D)) 2%
- (iii) Other Backward Classes (OBC) including SBC 19%
- (b) If the seats still remain vacant, then the seats will be filled, from among the candidates of all the categories mentioned above from the all categories combined merit list.
- (c) If the seats still remain vacant then the seats will be filled from among the candidates of the common merit list.
- 8)Admission under constitutional reservation seat will be governed by the Maharashtra Schedule Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Denotified Tribes (Vimukta Jatis), Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Special Backward Category (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Caste Certificate Act, 2000 (Mah. Act No. XXIII of 2001).

9. Break up of seats:

1	Quota for Maharashtra Domicile Candidates (85%)	Percentage	Seats
Α	Open Merit	50.0 %	25
В	Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism (SC)	13.0 %	7
С	Scheduled Tribes (ST)	7.0 %	4
D	Vimukta Jati (VJ) DT-A	3.0 %	1
E	Nomadic Tribes (NT-1) NT-B	2.5 %	1
F	Nomadic Tribes (NT-2) NT-C	3.5 %	2
G	Nomadic Tribes (NT-3) NT-D	2.0 %	1
Н	Other Backward Classes (OBC) including SBC	19.0 %	10
Total		100%	51

Quota for Out of Maharashtra Candidates (15%)	15.0%	9
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From among the **Quota for Out of Maharashtra Candidates** if vacancies exist the seats would be distributed amongst all the categories for Maharashtra Domicile candidates according to the above mentioned reservation criteria.

Important Dates:

1	Last Date for application submission	31 st May 2014
2	Evaluation of applications	15 th May to 3 rd June 2014
3	Online emailing of Hall tickets to eligible candidates	4 th June 2014
4	Entrance Test	7 th June 2014
5	Interview	7 th June 2014
6	Compilation of merit list for admissions	8 th June 15 th June 2014
7	Counseling Round 1	16 th June onwards



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 Incomplete Application will be rejected immediately and no correspondence will be entertained on this behalf.

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