

**ADMISSION TO
POST GRADUATE - M.D (SIDDHA) DEGREE COURSE**

**PROSPECTUS
2013-14**

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Rs: 900/--for SC/ST**

**SCHEDULE FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR
M.D (SIDDHA) COURSE- 2013-14**

**Date of downloading of application
form commences from**

: 13.08.2013

**Last date for receipt of filled-in
Application form**

: 04.10.2013 up to 5.00 p.m.

Date of Entrance Examination

: 19.10.2013 from 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Date of Counselling

: 21.10.2013

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INTRODUCTION

Siddha system is one of the Ancient Traditional systems of medicine in India. The term 'Siddha' means achievement and the 'Siddhars' have contributed to the development of this medical system.

Medicine is the one that cures physical ailments
Medicine is the one that cures psychological ailments
Medicine is the one that prevents diseases
Medicine is the one that bestows immortality

-Thirumoolar

The National Institute of Siddha at Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai -47 has been constructed in 14.78 acres of land. This is an Autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It is registered under the Societies Act 1975. The Institute has started functioning from 30.9.2004.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- To impart Post-Graduate education in Siddha System
- To Conduct experiments and to develop pattern of teaching in PG education in Siddha System
- To conduct Research on various aspects of Siddha.
- To act as center of excellence in Siddha .
- To provide medical care through Siddha System of Medicine to suffering Humanity .
- To develop, promote and propagate the Science and art of Siddha .

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Institute is affiliated to The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai-32 and it follows the syllabus and curriculum approved by the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM). Postgraduate Departments at the Institute were started in 2004. Based on the marks obtained in the entrance examination conducted by the Institute the students are selected and admitted in the following Postgraduate Courses:

Branch I	M.D. (Siddha)	--	Maruthuvam
Branch II	M.D. (Siddha)	--	Gunapadam
Branch III	M.D. (Siddha)	--	Sirappu Maruthuvam
Branch IV	M.D. (Siddha)	--	Kuzhandhai Maruthuvam
Branch V	M.D. (Siddha)	--	Noi Naadal
Branch VI	M.D. (Siddha)	--	Nanjunoolum Maruthuva Neethinoolum

DURATION: 3 YEARS

The M.D (S) course is of three years duration with examinations at the end of each academic year. After successful completion of the three years course, The Tamil Nadu Dr. M. G. R Medical University will award the Postgraduate Degree in Siddha Medicine i.e. M.D. (Siddha).

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The candidates will have to appear for the Entrance Examination conducted by the Institute for admission to the M.D. (Siddha) course for 2013-14 session.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES APPEARING FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

1. The Entrance Examination will be conducted on 19.10.13 in a single session of 3 hours duration (10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M) at the venue indicated in the hall ticket.
2. The Entrance Examination will be of undergraduate level covering all the subjects taught in B.S.M.S course as per the 2006 New Syllabus and the questions will be in the **objective type in Tamil and English**. There will be 250 objective type questions (in English and Tamil versions) with four responses (A, B, C and D).
3. Each question will carry 1 (ONE) mark. Incorrect response will have negative marking. For incorrect response 0.25 mark will be deducted, zero mark will be given for questions not answered. Indication of more than one answer or illegible response will be negatively marked. The maximum marks will be compounded to 100.
4. Hall tickets will be sent only to eligible candidates. Admission to the entrance examination does not confer on the candidate the right of admission to the course if found ineligible later.
5. Candidates who do not receive the hall tickets in time may contact the Chairman, Selection Committee/Director, National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai-600 047, two days prior to the date of entrance examination with relevant documentary evidences in support of submitting the application form. Candidates without Hall ticket will not be allowed to write the examination.
6. Candidates admitted for Entrance Examination will have to come to the examination centre on their own expenses and own arrangement for their stay.
7. Candidates coming 30 minutes after the commencement of the examination will not be permitted to write the examination.
8. No candidate shall be allowed to carry any textual materials, printed or written bits of paper, any form of electronic and telecommunication devices with or without remote sensing like pagers, cellular phones or electronic diary, etc., inside the Hall.
9. No candidate shall be allowed to leave the hall before 12.30 p.m. Once a candidate leaves the hall he/she will not be permitted to enter the hall again.
10. Candidates shall maintain strict silence in the Hall. Any misconduct found out by the Hall Superintendent will result in the forfeiture of the right of the candidate to continue to write the examination. His/Her answer sheet will not be considered for valuation. Further he /she will not be allowed to apply for the

P.G course for one year i.e for the next academic year. In this, the decision of the Chairman, Selection Committee shall be final.

11. The Institute after conducting the Entrance Examination will evaluate the answer sheet and notify the merit list which will be available on the Website on the same day of examination. No separate mark list will be sent to the candidates. The names of candidate qualified in the Entrance Examination and eligible for counseling and admission will be notified only in the Institute Website (www.nischennai.org).

QUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION

1. A pass in B.I.M / B.S.M.S Degree Examination of **any Indian University** with successful completion of Compulsory Rotatory Resident Internship (C.R.R.I). Candidates who have completed or will be completing C.R.R.I before the date of Entrance Examination alone are eligible to apply for the M.D.(Siddha) Degree Course.

OR

A pass in the examination considered equivalent to the afore- mentioned Siddha Degrees by The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai and the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi, with successful completion of Compulsory Rotatory Resident Internship (C.R.R.I) in the Hospital of Indian Systems of Medicine recognized by the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi.

2. The candidates should have registered their names either in State Council of Indian Medicine or Central Council of Indian Medicine.

Note 1: Candidates who had discontinued M.D.(Siddha) Course from this Institute on any ground can also apply again for admission, if their discontinuance has not resulted in a seat being wasted. On the other hand, if their discontinuance had resulted in a seat being wasted, they can apply only after two years from the date of discontinuance.

Note 2: Candidates possessing M.D. (Siddha) degree in any discipline can apply for another discipline. But stipend will not be paid for the candidates doing M.D.(S) course in another Branch for the second time.

MODE OF SELECTION AND ADMISSION

1. Admission to the course will be made strictly on merit based on the marks obtained in the Entrance Examination. Total Marks for Entrance Exam is 100.
2. Candidates securing 50% or above of the total marks for the General category, Special category (Locomotor disability) and the Reserved Category of OBC and 40% or above of the total marks for the reserved categories of SC/ST only will be eligible for counselling for M.D. (Siddha) course.
3. In case more than one candidate has secured the same total marks the tie shall be resolved on the basis of the following order of priority:
 - (i) Seniority in age.
 - (ii) Percentage of marks obtained in the Final year examinations (Theory, Oral and Clinical marks).
 - (iii) Least number of attempts in passing the final year examination.
4. Option and allotment of Branches will be made at the time of counselling to be conducted at the Office of the Director, National Institute of Siddha, Chennai. Candidates who are absent for counselling will lose their right for admission.

5. **Branch once opted and allotted to the candidate at the time of counseling will not be changed subsequently under any circumstances.**
6. The candidates who are selected for admission shall pay a sum of **Rs.17,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Thousand only)** by way of a Demand Draft on any Nationalized Bank drawn in favour of the **Director, National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai - 600 047, payable at Chennai**, at the time of counselling. The amount so paid by the candidate will be adjusted against the other fees payable to the Institute. Physical Fitness Certificate from a Competent authority should be submitted at the time of joining the course. **If the candidate fails to join the course after getting allotment order and within the stipulated time the amount paid at the time of counseling will be forfeited.**
7. The admissions for M.D (Siddha) course will close on the cut off date prescribed by The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University for the academic year 2013-14. Unauthorized absence by the selected candidate continuously for one month and above from the date of commencement of the course will be treated as 'discontinuation of the course' and the candidate has to give a declaration to this effect at the time of counseling itself.

RESERVATION

1. Out of the total seats, **one seat** is allotted for a **Foreign (BIMSTEC)** student by rotation from any one of the existing Branches. This year 2013-14, it is allotted to Branch – II Gunapadam. If the seat remains vacant after the deadline the vacant seat shall be offered to Indian student from the General Category on merit basis.
2. Out of the remaining seats, 15% are reserved for natural born SC candidates, 7.5% for natural born ST candidates and 27% for OBC candidates. (In respect of OBC candidates, certificate of OBC status and exclusion from creamy layer for the year 2013-14 should be produced.)
3. If the seat reserved for ST category remains unfilled after exhausting the waiting list of the said category the same shall be filled from the candidates belonging to the SC category on the basis of their merit in the written Entrance Examination.

SPECIAL CATEGORY

3% of the total seats from the General category is reserved for Physically Handicapped candidates with locomotory disabilities of lower limbs between 50% and 70% under the Disability Act subject to the condition that the disability certificate issued by a duly constituted and authorized Medical Board is produced and the candidate possesses the minimum eligibility criteria as per MCI (Medical Council of India) guidelines*.

The Candidates should be otherwise fit medically. This seat is allotted on rotation basis among various branches. This year 2013-14, it is allotted to **Sirappu Maruthuvam Branch**. However if the suitable candidate is not available, the seat will be filled up from the **General Category** on Merit Basis. Candidates aspiring to get seat under this special category should apply specifically along with the valid disability certificate.

- * (i) If it involves only one lower limb it should have a minimum of 50% and should not exceed 70%.
- (ii) If it involves both the lower limbs the total disability should not exceed 70% with a minimum of 50%.
- (iii) In case candidates are not available in that category then the candidates with disability of lower limbs between 40% to 50% will also be considered for admission.

In addition to any other medical certificate, the candidate for seeking the benefit of reservation as stated above should present himself/herself before a Medical Board comprising of at least one Expert / Specialist from the speciality of Orthopedics of a Central Government Hospital/Medical Institution in Delhi and Union territories and from State Medical Boards in the States and obtain a valid disability certificate from the Medical Board having been issued within three months prior to presenting his application for seeking admission in any medical course by claiming the benefit of reservation. In other words, the last valid disability certificate of the candidate from a Medical Board **should not be more than three months old** from the date of submitting his / her application for seeking admission in the reserved category for disabled candidates.

ALLOTMENT OF SEATS TO BRANCHES

Branch	Name	Number of Seats
I	Maruthuvam	8
II	Gunapadam	8 (7+1BIMSTEC)
III	Sirappu Maruthuvam	8
IV	Kuzhandhai Maruthuvam	8
V	Noi Nadal	7
VI	Nanjunoolum Maruthuva Neethinoolum	7
Total		46 (45 + 1BIMSTEC)

* The number of seats indicated above are provisional and are subject to change as per recommendation of CCIM

FEES PAYABLE

- a) The annual tuition fees, special fees, caution deposit, etc for the first, second and third year of M.D.(S) course fixed from time to time by the Standing Finance Committee / Governing Council of the Institute will be collected from the students.
- b) In addition to the above, every student will have to pay enrolment fees, registration fees, application fees, library fees, sports fees and migration fees (for those graduated from other universities) as prescribed by The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University to be remitted to the University at the time of registration.

- c) Every student has to pay the prescribed fee for sports and Annual Day every year.
- d) The prescribed examination fees will be collected by the University from time to time.

The fees prescribed are subject to revision from time to time by the University and the National Institute of Siddha.

STIPEND

1. The stipend shall be paid only to the candidates doing M.D. (S) course for the FIRST time. All Post-graduate students shall be paid stipend at the approved rates as per government norms.
2. The stipend is payable after verification of attendance and on the recommendation of satisfactory progress of the P.G. students by the respective Heads of the Department.
3. Stipend will not be paid to the student who had joined the M.D.(S) Course in any discipline earlier and discontinued the course beyond the cut-off date prescribed by The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G. R. Medical University resulting in a seat being wasted. **When candidates study M.D(S) Course for second time in another branch / the same branch, stipend will not be paid.**
4. During the study period the student will not be allowed to do private practice or do any type of job outside the Institute.
5. Every student on admission shall execute a bond on Non- judicial stamp paper that he / she would study and complete the course within the stipulated time. If he / she discontinues the course on his / her own accord or if his / her admission is cancelled for any reason by the Institute before completion, he/she shall return the amount of stipend received by him/her from the Institute in one lump sum.
6. In the event of death of a student during the study no recovery of stipend paid to him / her shall be made by the Institute.

LEAVE

The following types of leave are available to the Post-graduate students, with stipend.

1. **Casual Leave (CL):** 10 days in an academic year. Unutilized CL cannot be carried forward to the successive academic year.
2. **Medical Leave (ML):** 15 days in an academic year duly supported by Medical Certificate issued by a Government Doctor and recommended by the H.O.D. This Medical leave cannot be combined with CL. Unutilized ML cannot be carried forward to the successive academic year.
3. **Maternity Leave:** Students are eligible for 40 days of Maternity leave once in the whole of their study period. Service candidates are also eligible for 40 days of Maternity leave provided such leave has not been availed by them in their service earlier.
4. **Academic Leave:** On the recommendation of respective H.O.Ds', 30 days of academic leave can be granted during the entire three year M.D.(S) course for conducting academic / research works at other places/institutions or for attending

any seminar/workshop in which the student's paper has been accepted. In such cases the students will have to bear all the expenses.

5. Any unreasonable leave or absence enjoyed by stipendary students without the previous approval of the Director in excess of limit shall be treated as willful absence and no stipend shall be granted for such period with disciplinary action which includes termination of the candidature and recovery of the stipend paid.
6. On absence of the student for more than 30 days without previous permission / without information to the Director, admission in M.D(Siddha) of such student will stand terminated automatically without any notice.
7. **Attendance:** Attendance in Practical and Theory class as prescribed by the University for appearing in the University Examinations is mandatory.

ALLOTMENT OF BRANCH

Every candidate has to give the order of preference of Branch of study in the prescribed format which will be given at the time of counselling. The allotment of Branch shall be in the order of preference given by the candidate, subject to availability of seat in the Branch, in the order of merit.

RESEARCH, SEMINARS AND EXTENSION LECTURES

Every student shall conduct research in Siddha, participate/present paper in any workshop/ seminar at the College, Institute or University level. Departmental seminars are regularly conducted and eminent scholars / medical experts are invited to deliver extension lectures for exchange of views on research and development. All students should participate in all such seminars and conferences organized by the Institute compulsorily.

HOSTEL

The Hostel Fees fixed from time to time by the Standing Finance Committee / Governing Council of the Institute will be collected.

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Completed application forms with enclosures may be handed over in person or sent by Registered Post/ Courier Service/ Speed Post so as to reach **The Director, National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai -600 047, Tamil Nadu, India** on or **before 5.00 pm on 04-10-2013.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

1. The application form should be filled by the candidate in his own handwriting carefully and legibly. Overwriting and erasing should be avoided.
2. Before filling up the application form, read all the instructions carefully.
3. Photostat copy of all necessary enclosures should be duly self-attested. However, the originals should be produced at the time of Counselling / Admission.
4. A passport size photo should be affixed duly attested by a Gazetted Officer in the front page of the application form and wherever necessary in the space provided for.

5. All communications to the candidates will be sent only to the **mailing address given by the candidates** in the application. The Institute will not be held responsible for postal delay or wrong messages conveyed by the postal department / courier. Belated applications will be summarily rejected. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
6. Request for extension of time for submission of documents called for after the prescribed date and time will not be entertained.

DOCUMENTS TO BE ENCLOSED ALONG WITH THE FILLED-IN APPLICATION

- I. Demand draft for Rs.1250/- (Rupees one thousand two hundred and fifty only) in case of OBC & General Categories and Rs.900/- (Rupees Nine Hundred only) for SC/ST category drawn on any Nationalised Bank in favour of '**The Director, National Institute of Siddha**' payable at Chennai towards application fee. Name and address of the applicant should be mentioned at the backside of the Demand draft with contact number.
- II. Enclose the self-attested copies of the following documents:-
 1. Certificate for evidence for Date of Birth (H.S.C / S.S.L.C certificate / College leaving Certificate to be furnished).
 2. Transfer Certificate.
 3. Community Certificate (for OBC /SC / ST).
 4. Special category Certificate – if applicable.
 5. Statement of marks of first appearance (including failed subjects) Final year B.I.M / B.S.M.S Course.
 6. Internship certificate. (C.R.R.I).
 7. B.I.M / B.S.M.S Degree Certificate/Provisional Certificate issued by the University.
 8. Medical Registration Certificate.
- III. Two Conduct Certificates:-
 - a Self-Attested Photo Copy of the Conduct Certificate from the Institution last studied.
 - b. Original latest conduct certificate obtained from known responsible person of Gazetted rank.
- IV Hall Tickets for the Entrance Examination 2013-14.
- V. Self addressed envelope with postage stamp for Rs.36/- affixed for issue of hall ticket (25cms x 12 cms).

Director
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