



No. KSAHC/79/2025-26

Date: 03.03.2026

To,

1. The Registrar
Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences,
Bengaluru.
2. The Registrar
All Universities/ Deemed Universities / State Private Universities
Karnataka State.
3. The Principals / Deans / Directors
All Institutions Offering Allied and Healthcare Courses in Karnataka.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Subject: Implementation of Admission Criteria for Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT) Programmes for Academic Year 2026–27 – Reg.

- Ref: 1. Letter No. Z-1011/2026/NCAHP(AHS)/FTS No. 126 dated 02.03.2026.
2. Letter No. NTA/NEET (UG)/2026/646 dated 05.02.2026.
3. Letter No. Z.28016/01/2026-AHS (8384074) dated 09.02.2026.
4. File No. Z-1011/2026/NCAHP(AHS)/UGC/FTS No.8384323, dated on 09.01.2026.
5. Letter no. KSAHC/53/2025-26 dated on 14.01.2026.

With reference to the communications cited above regarding Degree Structure, Admission Criteria and NEET (UG) requirement for Allied and Healthcare Undergraduate Programmes, the following instructions are hereby issued for strict compliance by all Universities and Institutions offering Allied and Healthcare Sciences (AHS) courses in the State of Karnataka.

As per Reference (1), the degree nomenclature, admission criteria and other related details for various Allied and Healthcare programmes were notified for implementation with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27. It was further specified that admissions to Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT) programmes shall be conducted through NEET (UG).

Subsequently, as communicated vide References (2), (3) and (4), due to logistical constraints in conducting NEET (UG)–2026 and considering the advanced stage of examination arrangements, the mandatory requirement of appearance in NEET (UG)–2026 for BPT and BOT programmes has been deferred until the Academic Year 2027–28.

Accordingly, for the Academic Year 2026–27, the following shall be strictly followed:

1. The mandatory requirement of appearing in NEET (UG)–2026 for admission to BPT and BOT programmes stands deferred for this academic year only.
2. Admissions shall be conducted on the basis of merit prepared from the aggregate marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology (PCB) in the 12th Standard (10+2) or equivalent examination.



3. Eligibility Criteria:

- Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent examination with Physics, Chemistry & Biology (or Botany & Zoology) with a minimum of **50% aggregate marks in PCB**, along with **English pass**.
- In respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (NCL), the minimum aggregate marks in PCB shall be **40%**.
- For PwBD/PwD candidates, the minimum aggregate marks in PCB shall be **40%**.
- English pass is mandatory for all categories.

All Universities and Institutions are hereby directed to ensure strict adherence to the above admission criteria while conducting admissions for the Academic Year 2026–27. Any deviation from the notified guidelines shall be viewed seriously and necessary action will be initiated as per applicable statutory provisions.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Karnataka State Allied and Healthcare Council
Bangalore Medical College Campus, Fort,
K.R. Road Bengaluru – 560002

Copy to:

1. Personal Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary Department of Medical Education, Government of Karnataka.
2. Chairperson, National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession.
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File No. Z-1011/2026/NCAHP(AHS)/FTS No. 126
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions

2nd Floor, Academic Block, NIHFV Campus,
Munirka, New Delhi – 110 067
Date:02-03-2026-

To,

The Secretary,
University Grants Commission (UGC),
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi – 110002

Sub:- Degree, Admission Criteria and other details for Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B. OT) Under Graduates Programmes –Reg.

Ref: - (1) No. Z-1011/2026/NCAHP(AHS)/UGC/FTS No. 8384323 dated 09.01.2026

(2) No. NTA/NEET (UG)/2026/646 dated 05.02.2026

(3) No. Z-28016/01/2026-AHS (8384074) dated 09.02.2026

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer the earlier communication at Ref (1) above, vide which, the degree, admission criteria and other details in various allied and healthcare programmes were conveyed for implementation with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27.

2. Further, vide Ref (1) above, it was informed that, the admission in Physiotherapy Under-Graduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Occupational Therapy Under-Graduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B. OT) listed in Categories 3 and 6 respectively of the Schedule of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 shall be through National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET).

3. In this regard, vide Ref (2) & (3), the National Testing Agency (NTA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have informed that the NEET (UG)–2026 is at its advance stage and inclusion of Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B. OT) may lead to an unexpected increase in the number of candidates, potentially creating logistical challenges in the conduct of the examination.

4. Considering the logistic issues, as intimated vide letter Ref (2) & (3) of the National Testing Agency (NTA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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(MoHFW) respectively, the Commission hereby notifies that the admission process for Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B.OT) Under-Graduate programme's mandatory requirement of appearance in NEET (UG)- 2026 examination, be deferred till next academic year 2027-28.

5. However, the admission in these programme shall be in accordance with the basic eligibility criteria and other common criteria, as notified earlier vide Ref (1) above, for the Academic Year 2026-27, except the mandatory requirement of appearance in NEET (UG) examination. Accordingly, the merit list to be prepared on the basis of aggregate marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology (PCB) in 12th standard examination, with minimum 50% marks *i.e.* "Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology (or Botany & Zoology) with 50% aggregate with English pass. However, in respect of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or Other Backward Classes (NCL), the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology are taken together in the qualifying examination shall be 40% marks instead of 50% marks for Unreserved and General-EWS Candidates. In respect of PwBD/PwD candidates the minimum marks in the qualifying examination in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (or Botany & Zoology) taken together shall be 40% instead of 50%. English pass required for all categories".

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As Above



(Rajender Singh Sidhu)
Under Secretary, NCAHP

Copy to: - For information and necessary action as deemed fit to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary(Health) of all States/UTs
2. All State Allied and Healthcare Councils
3. The Chairperson, National Testing Agency (NTA)

No. Z-28016/01/2026-AHS(8384074)
भारत सरकार/GOVT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
एचएस अनुभाग/(AHS Section)

Kartavya Bhawan-1, 1st Floor, A-Wing
New Delhi, Dated 09-02-2026

To,
The Secretary,
National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession
2nd Floor, Academic Block, NIHFV Campus, Baba Gang Nath Marg,
Munirka, Delhi- 110067

Subject: Admission in Physiotherapy Undergraduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Occupational Therapy Undergraduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of occupational therapy (B.OT) through NEET (UG)-2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to National Testing Agency (NTA)'s letter No. NTA/NEET(UG)/2026/646 dated 05.02.2026 vide which it has been informed that NEET (UG)-2026 application form is likely to be launched shortly. The inclusion of both programmes (B.PT and B.OT) within the same application may lead to an unexpected increase in the number of candidates, potentially creating logistical challenges in the conduct of the examination. Additionally, the proposal to include the B.PT and B.OT programmes has been received at a considerably advanced stage. The eligibility criteria and the proposed methodology for preparation of the merit list for the B.PT and B.OT programmes are also not aligned with the prescribed for NEET (UG). Therefore, it would be difficult to include BPT and BOT course in NEET 2026.

2. However, NTA has suggested that the proposal may be examined in detail and considered for implementation in NEET (UG) for the subsequent academic year.

3. Reference is also made to the discussions that were held in the meeting on 02.02.2026 in MoHFW where officers from NTA as well as NCAHP were present. Accordingly, NCAHP is requested to undertake an exhaustive exercise to ascertain the number of candidates likely to appear for the NEET examination in next AY 2027-2028. Also, the framework for data sharing by NTA for implementation/counselling post declaration of NEET result may also be finalized by NCAHP.

Encl: as above

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SANTOSH KUMAR

Date: 09-02-2026

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(Santosh Kumar)
Under Secretary to Government of India

Tele: 011-24013263

Yours faithfully,

No. NTA/NEET (UG)/2026/646
Government of India
Department of Higher Education
National Testing Agency

New Delhi
Dated: 05.02.2026

To

The Secretary
Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
New Delhi.

Sub : Admission in Physiotherapy Under Graduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Occupational Therapy Under Graduate (UG) programmes i.e. Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B.OT) through NEET (UG)-2026.

Madam,

This is with reference to the meeting held with the officers of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the National Testing Agency (NTA) on 02.02.2026 to deliberate upon the proposal for inclusion of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT) and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B.OT) undergraduate programmes under NEET (UG)-2026.

It is submitted that the NEET (UG)-2026 application form is likely to be launched shortly. The inclusion of both programmes within the same application may lead to an unexpected increase in the number of candidates, potentially creating logistical challenges in the conduct of the examination. Additionally, the proposal to include the B.PT and B.OT programmes has been received at a considerably advanced stage. The eligibility criteria and the proposed methodology for preparation of the merit list for the B.PT and B.OT programmes are also not aligned with those prescribed for NEET (UG).

In view of the above constraints, it would be difficult to include B.PT and B.OT programmes in NEET (UG)-2026. However, the proposal may be examined in detail and considered for implementation in NEET (UG) for the subsequent academic year.

Yours sincerely,


(RAJESH LAKHANI)
DIRECTOR GENERAL

File No. Z-1011/2026/NCAHP(AHS)/UGC/ FTS No. 8384323
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
National Commission for Allied Healthcare Professions

2nd Floor, Academic Block, NIHFWS Campus,
Munirka, New Delhi – 110 067
Date:09.01.2026

To,
The Secretary,
University Grants Commission (UGC),
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi – 110002.

Subject: Degree, admission criteria and other details for allied and healthcare professional programmes.

Sir/Madam,

1. The undersigned is directed to refer the notices dated 24.04.2025, 15.10.2025, 29.10.2025, 12.11.2025 and 26.12.2025, issued by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP). The Commission has approved the various curricula under NCAHP Act, 2021 and uploaded the same on the official website of the Commission. The said curricula have to be mandatorily adopted from the Academic Year 2026–27.
2. The degree, admission criteria and other details in various allied and healthcare programmes, is attached as **Annexure-1** for ready reference. These details including for other allied and healthcare programmes shall be updated by the Commission from time to time with releasing of the other curricula.
3. In this regard, the University Grants Commission (UGC) is requested to ensure that all universities and institutions under its purview shall adhere to the aforesaid programme wise degree, admission criteria and other details (Annexure-1), as prescribed by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) for allied and healthcare programmes, with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27.
4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl: As Above

Yours faithfully,



(Rajender Singh Sidhu)
Under Secretary, NCAHP

Copy to: - For information and necessary actions pl.

1. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary / Secretary (Health) of all States/UTs
2. Secretary, Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi
3. All State Councils for Allied and Healthcare Professions
4. The Chairperson, National Testing Agency (NTA)

(File No. Z-1011/2026/NCAHP(AHS)/UGC/ FTS No. 8384323, dated 09.01.2026)
**Degree Nomenclature, Admission Eligibility Criteria and other details for Allied and
 Healthcare programmes from Academic Year 2026-27**

Recognised Category No: 1

Recognised Category Name: **Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Medical Laboratory Science (ISCO Code-3212)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (B.MLS)	Four years	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology (Botany + Zoology) subjects. • Admission on the basis of merit of Senior Secondary (10+2). • Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (D.MLT) with 50% Marks
	Post Graduate Master of Medical Laboratory Science (M.MLS)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (B.MLS) on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed Master of Medical Laboratory Science (M.MLS) with 55% marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University.

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Recognised Category No: 2

Recognised Category Name: Trauma Burn Care and Surgical/

Anaesthesia related Technology

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Trauma & Burns (ISCO Code-2240 and 3258)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Emergency Medical Technologist (paramedics) (B.EMT)	Four years	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology/Botany and Zoology subjects. • Admission on the basis of merit of Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent.
	Post Graduate Master of Advance Care Paramedics	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed B. EMT (paramedics) on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed PG in EMT (paramedics) with 55% marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University.
Anaesthesia and Operation Theatre Technology (ISCO Code-3259)	Diploma Diploma of Anaesthesia and Operation Theatre Technology (D.AOTT)	Two years and six months	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology/Mathematics subjects.
	Under Graduate Bachelor of Anaesthesia and Operation Theatre Technology (B.AOTT)	Four years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry &

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Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
				<p>Biology/Mathematics subjects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission on the basis of merit of Senior Secondary (10+2). • Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma in AOTT from recognised University.
	<p>Post Graduate</p> <p>Master of Anaesthesia and operation Theatre Technology (M.AOTT)</p>	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed B.AOTT (minimum 3 years) on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed PG in M.AOTT with 55% marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University.

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Recognised Category No: 3

Recognised Category Name: **Physiotherapy Professional**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Physiotherapy (ISCO Code-2264)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PT)	Five years (Four years +one year internship)	Annual	<p>Basic Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology (or Botany & Zoology) with 50% aggregate with English pass. However, in respect of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or Other Backward Classes (NCL), the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology are taken together in the qualifying examination shall be 40% marks instead of 50% marks for Unreserved and General-EWS Candidates. In respect of PwBD/PwD candidates the minimum marks in the qualifying examination in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (or Botany & Zoology) taken together shall be 40% instead of 50%. English pass required for all categories. • The candidate must have appeared in the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for the academic year of the admission. However, there shall be no minimum qualifying marks or cut-off percentile requirement for application for the admission. • Admission on the basis of NEET Merit/Marks (with no cut-off marks or cut-off percentile for application) of the academic year of the admission. • Disability / Physical Fitness criteria as per the curriculum Guidelines.

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Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
	Post Graduate Master of Physiotherapy (M.PT)	Two years	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed B.PT on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed M.PT in any recognised speciality with 55% marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University.

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Recognised Category No: 4

Recognised Category Name: Nutrition Science Professionals

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Nutrition & Dietetics (ISCO Code-2265)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics (Honours)	Four years (including six months internship/ Clinical Training)	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry, Biology with 50 % Marks & English. • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit.
	Post Graduate Masters of Nutrition and Dietetics	Two years (including three months internship/ Clinical Training)	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics (Honours)/ B.Sc Nutrition and Dietetics (Honours)/ B.Sc Food and Nutrition on regular mode from recognised University. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed Masters of Nutrition and Dietetics /M.Sc in Food & Nutrition with 55% marks • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University

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Recognised Category No: 5

Recognised Category Name: **Ophthalmic Sciences Professional**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Optometrist (ISCO Code-2267)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Optometry (B.Optom.)	Five years (Four years + one years internship)	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Mathematics with 50 % Marks. • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit. • Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma in Optometry / Ophthalmic Assistant.
	Post Graduate Master of Optometry (M.Optom.)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed B. Optom on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed M.Optom with 55% marks • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University.

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Recognised Category No: 6

Recognised Category Name: **Occupational Therapist**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Occupational Therapist (ISCO Code-2269)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B.OT))	Five years (including one year internship)	Annual	<p>Basic Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology (or Botany & Zoology) with 50% aggregate with English pass. However, in respect of the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or Other Backward Classes (NCL), the minimum marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology are taken together in the qualifying examination shall be 40% marks instead of 50% marks for Unreserved and General-EWS Candidates. In respect of PwBD/PwD candidates the minimum marks in the qualifying examination in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology (or Botany & Zoology) taken together shall be 40% instead of 50%. English pass required for all categories. • The candidate must have appeared in the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for the academic year of the admission. However, there shall be no minimum qualifying marks or cut-off percentile requirement for application for the admission. • Admission on the basis of NEET Merit/Marks (with no cut-off marks or cut-off percentile for application) of the academic year of the admission.

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Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
	Post Graduate Master of Occupational Therapy (M.OT)	Two years	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B.OT) on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed M.OT. in any recognised speciality with 55% marks • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University.

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Recognised Category No: 7

Recognised Category Name: **Community Care, Behavioural Health Sciences and Other Professionals**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Psychologist (ISCO Code-2634) Behavioural Analyst (ISCO Code-2635)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Psychology (B.Psy)	Four years	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Science/Arts/ Psychology with 50 % Marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance test by respective University/Institute.
(i) Medical Social Work (ISCO Code-2635) (ii)Psychiatric Social Work (ISCO Code-2635)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work (B.MPSW)	Four years	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent in any stream. • Admission on the basis of entrance test by respective University/Institute.
	Post-Graduate Master of Medical Social Work (M.MSW)	Two years	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regular Bachelors in Social Work (B.SW) (3 or 4 years) from a UGC-recognized University/ Institution, with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (or equivalent grade) OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters in Social Work (M.SW) from a UGC-recognized institution, with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (or equivalent grade). OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four year Bachelors of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work (B. MPSW) with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks.
	Post-Graduate Master of Psychiatric Social Work (M.PSW)	Two years	Annual	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regular Bachelors in Social Work (B.SW) (3 or 4 years) from a UGC-recognized university/institution, with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (or equivalent grade)

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Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
				<p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters in Social Work (M.SW) from a UGC-recognized institution, with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (or equivalent grade). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four year Bachelor of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work (B. MPSW) with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks.
	<p>Ph.D</p> <p>PhD- Medical Social Work/Psychiatric Social Work (PhD in MSW/PSW)</p>	<p>As per UGC norms</p>	<p>As per UGC norms</p>	<p>Basic Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must possess an MPhil in Psychiatric Social Work (PSW) or a Master's degree in Medical Social Work (M.MSW) or Master's degree in Psychiatric Social Work (M.PSW), from a recognized university. Admission shall be based on an entrance test by respective University.

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Recognised Category No: 8

Recognised Category Name: **Medical Radiology Imaging and Therapeutic Technology**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Radiology & Imaging Technologist [Diagnostic Medical Radiographer, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT), Mammographer , Diagnostic Medical Sonographers] (ISCO Code-3211)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology (B.MRIT)	Four years (three years + one year internship)	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology. • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit. • Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma in same discipline.
	Post Graduate Master of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology (M.MRIT)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed Bachelor of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology (B.MRIT) /Bachelor of Medical Radiodiagnosis and Imaging Technology (BMRIT) / B.Sc. Radiological Technology/ B.Sc Radiography / B. Sc Medical Radiology & Imaging Technology /B. Sc Radiography & Imaging Technology/ or any other Equivalent course with B.MRIT. Or • B. Sc. Life Sciences with PG Diploma /Advance Diploma in the related field (2yrs) on Regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).

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Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed M.MRIT with 55% marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University
Radiotherapy (ISCO Code-3211)	Diploma Diploma of Radiotherapy Technology (D.RT)	Two years and six months	Semester	<p>Basic Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology subjects. • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit.
	Under Graduate Bachelor of Radiation Therapy Technology (B.RTT)	Four years (including six months internship)	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology subjects. • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit. • Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma of Radiotherapy Technology (D.RT) from recognised university.
	Post Graduate Master of Radiation Therapy Technology (M.RTT)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed B.RTT / B.Sc. RTT / Post B.Sc. with 2/2.5 years diploma in Radio Therapy Technology, on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).

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	Ph. D	As per UGC Norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates must have passed M.RTT with 55% marks.• Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University

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Recognised Category No: 9

Recognised Category Name: **Medical Technologists and Physician Associate**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Physician Associates (ISCO Code-3256)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Physician Associates (B.PA)	Four years	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology (Botany & Zoology). • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit.
	Post Graduate Master of Physician Associates (M.PA)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed B.PA/B.Sc. PA with 50 % marks on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed M.PA with 55% marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University
Dialysis Therapy Technologist (ISCO Code-3259)	Diploma Diploma of Dialysis Technology (D.DT)	Two years and six months	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology subjects. • Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit
	Under Graduate	Four years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics,

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Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
	Bachelor of Dialysis Therapy Technology (B.DTT)			Chemistry & Biology subjects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit. Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma in DT (D.DT) from recognised university.
	Post Graduate Master of Dialysis Therapy (M.DT)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must have passed B.DTT on regular mode from recognised university. Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University. Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must have passed M.DT with 55% marks. Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University
Respiratory Technologist (ISCO Code-3259)	Under Graduate Bachelor of Respiratory Technology (B.RT)	Four years (Three years + one year internship)	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Physics, Chemistry & Biology subjects. Admission on the basis of Senior Secondary (10+2) Merit.
	Post Graduate Master of Respiratory Technology (M.RT)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must have passed B.RT on regular mode from recognised university. Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University

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Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Graduate entrance criteria requires to be compulsory registered member of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed M.RT with 55% marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University

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Recognised Category No: **10**

Recognised Category Name: **Health Information Management and health Informatic professional**

Profession	Degree Nomenclature	Program Duration	Annual/ Semester	Admission Eligibility Criteria
Health Information Management (ISCO Code-3252)	Diploma Diploma of Health Information Management (D.HIM) Note: To be phased out in 03 year	Two years and six months	Semester	Basic Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Science or Commerce or Arts and English as mandatory subject. • Admission on the basis of entrance test by respective University/Institute.
	Under Graduate Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (B.Sc. HIM)	Four years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate must have passed with 50% aggregate in Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with Science or Commerce or Arts and English as mandatory subject. • Admission on the basis of entrance test by respective University/Institute. • Lateral Entry to the candidates in second year (3rd semester) who have passed Diploma in Health Information Management (D.HIM) with 50% Marks
	Post Graduate Master of Science in Health Information Management (M.Sc. HIM)	Two years	Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have any Health Science Graduate degree with 50 % marks, on regular mode from recognised university. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University
	Ph. D	As per UGC norms	As per UGC norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have passed M.Sc.HIM with 55 % marks. • Admission on the basis of entrance exams by respective University

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Common Criteria for admission:

1. For He/she has completed 17 years of age at the time of admission or will complete that age on or before 31 December of the year of his/her admission to the first year of the Undergraduate Allied and Healthcare Course.
2. Reservation policy for admission in diploma/under graduate/post graduate/PhD programs shall be as per the State/Centre Government norms. However, admission criteria norms of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) shall be adopted as prescribed.
3. Up to 10% seats shall be considered for lateral entry admission in Under Graduate program, wherever in respective program is permitted.
4. Medical fitness certificate is mandatory to submit and it is to be endorsed by Government medical officer.
5. Foreign students' admission process in Under Graduate(UG)/ Post Graduation(PG) / PhD:
 - i. Foreign national students intending to study UG/PG program in India, shall have to take equivalence certificate of eligibility certificate from respective State Allied and Healthcare Council.
 - ii. For Under Graduate/ Post Graduation/ PhD admission of foreign national students, merit list will be based on University Entrance Exam.
 - iii. If eligibility criteria of admission is NEET appeared then the foreign national student is require to appear in NEET.
 - iv. Verification of Valid Visa and valid Visa duration of foreign national students, to be verified by respective institution & University before enrolling students for program.
6. The admission criteria shall be updated by the Commission from time to time.
7. Admission process shall be conducted by State/Union Territory/University.

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All the Vice-Chancellors
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State of Karnataka

Subject: Mandatory implementation of degree nomenclature, admission criteria and other provisions prescribed by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) for Allied and Healthcare Professional Programmes – reg.

Reference: Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions letter File No. **Z-1011/2026/NCAIPYAHs/UGC/FTS No. 8384323** addressed to the Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC).

Sir / Madam,

1. The undersigned is directed to draw attention to the notices dated **24.04.2025, 15.10.2025, 29.10.2025, 12.11.2025 and 26.12.2025** issued by the **National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP)**. The Commission, in exercise of powers conferred under the **NCAHP Act, 2021**, has approved the curricula for various Allied and Healthcare Professional Programmes and uploaded the same on its official website.
2. It is hereby informed that the **approved curricula, degree nomenclature, admission criteria and other academic provisions prescribed by NCAHP shall be mandatorily adopted and implemented by all universities and institutions with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27**, without deviation.
3. The **programme-wise degree nomenclature, eligibility criteria for admission and other relevant details** are enclosed as **Annexure–I** for ready reference. The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions shall update these details from time to time upon approval and notification of additional curricula, and the same shall also be treated as **binding**.
4. In this connection, **all universities and institutions are hereby instructed to strictly adhere to and ensure full compliance with the directives, regulations, curricula and academic standards issued by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) for all Allied**

and Healthcare Professional Programmes. **Any deviation, non-compliance or continuation of non-approved degree nomenclature or admission criteria shall be viewed seriously and dealt with as per applicable laws and regulations.**

5. Universities are further directed to take **immediate necessary action** to align their statutes, ordinances, regulations, prospectus, admission notifications and academic frameworks with the provisions prescribed by NCAHP and to ensure compliance in letter and spirit.

Yours faithfully,


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