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**MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
(Health Services Development and Research)**

Information Brochure - 2010

01. INTRODUCTION

The Master of Public Health (MPH) course launched in July 2008 at the ICMR School of Public Health, National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), is an initiative of Indian Council of Medical Research and ICMR Partnership for Schools of Public Health (IPSPH), in response to the need for qualitative and quantitative change in the practice of public health in India. This initiative primarily aims to develop middle level managers for public health. The programme is an off-campus course of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, and is recognized by Medical Council of India (MCI) and included in the first schedule of IMC Act.

The academic session for the current year commences on 1st July 2010.

02. GOAL AND CORE COMPETENCIES

The course is designed to introduce the students to the basic principles of public health, with emphasis on public health practices in India. It will cover the overall scope and functions of public health, including organizational aspects of the public health system. The course will provide the students with the basic concepts and tools for good public health practice.

03. COURSE DESCRIPTION

(a) Duration and course organization

The MPH course is a 24-month full time programme (July 2010 to June 2012). The students will be offered core public health courses, elective courses/practicum and conduct a dissertation project during the last six-month period.

(b) Core courses

The core courses include the following:

- (1) Principles and practice of public health
- (2) Epidemiology principles and methods
- (3) Bio-statistics and demography
- (4) Epidemiology of infectious diseases
- (5) Non-communicable diseases Epidemiology
- (6) Health systems, health economics and health policy
- (7) Social and behavioral sciences
- (8) Reproductive and child health
- (9) Public health nutrition
- (10) Occupational and environmental health
- (11) Media, advocacy and communication
- (12) Professional skills

(c) *Viva voce*

A panel of examiners (internal and external) duly appointed by NIE and SCTIMST will conduct a *viva voce* examination focused on the student's dissertation project.

(d) Criteria for award of MPH degree

A six-letter (A to F) grading system will be used to assess the students' performance. The student must obtain a pass in all core courses (minimum E-grade) and a pass in the *viva voce* examination based on the dissertation project.

04. SPONSORING AGENCIES

The sponsoring authority (Government / Private) should depute the candidates for 2 years on a full time basis.

05. ADMISSION TO THE COURSE

Admission is open to government sponsored and private candidates. Fifteen (15) candidates will be admitted to the July 2010 academic session. Preference will be given to the candidates sponsored by the Central/State Governments / Union Territories and Armed Forces.

(a) Eligibility Criteria

Candidates fulfilling the following criteria are eligible to apply for the course:

- M.B.B.S. degree recognized by Medical Council of India
- Working in public health, preferably in State or Central Government Department or in Medical institutions, sponsored on deputation for two year on full-time basis
- Three years experience in public health related activities
- Age up to 40 years as on 1.7.2010. May be relaxed up to 5 years for deserving candidates. Age relaxable for SC/ST/OBC candidates as per Government of India rules. Age-limit relaxable for ICMR candidates.

(b) Course Fee

There is no course fee for the candidates sponsored by the State/Central Government Departments/Armed forces.

For the non-sponsored government/private candidates and the sponsored candidates from private institutions, the course fee is Rs.1,00,000/= (Rupees One lakh only) (non-refundable), payable at the rate of Rs.50,000/= (Rupees Fifty thousand only) per year, at the beginning of each academic year.

(c) Method of selection

The applicants are required to submit a one-page statement of purpose on “Why I am interested in the MPH Course” along with the duly filled-in application form.

A Selection Committee constituted by SCTIMST will select the candidates based on the following:

- Review of the application form
- One-page statement of purpose
- Written test (if necessary)
- Personal interview at NIE, Chennai

Reservation of seats will be as per the norms being followed by SCTIMST. Mere possession of the eligibility criteria will not entail selection for the course. The decision of the Director, SCTIMST, shall be final for selection of the candidates.

(d) Application Form

The prescribed application form can be downloaded from the Institute’s Website: www.nie.gov.in

The prescribed application form given in the website or its photocopy alone should be used. Application in any other form will not be considered.

(e) Application Fee

Applications should be submitted along with the application fee of Rs.600/= (Rupees Six hundred only) by means of a Demand Draft drawn on any nationalized bank in favour of “SCTIMST” payable at Thiruvananthapuram.

Applications without the application fee will not be considered.

(f) Sponsorship

Sponsored candidates should enclose **Sponsorship Letter** from the employer, in original in the specified format (enclosed), along with the application or produce at the time of interview.

(g) Last Date

The last date for receipt of the completed applications at NIE is **1st March 2010**.

(h) Submission of application

Duly filled in prescribed Application Form with necessary enclosures should be sent to the following address.

The Course Co-ordinator, MPH
ICMR School of Public Health
National Institute of Epidemiology
Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Ayapakkam
Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 077

Candidates should submit an advance copy of the application in the prescribed form with the Application Fee of Rs.600/= (original Demand Draft) and other enclosures by Registered/Speed Post, to reach NIE, directly, on or before the last date. They should send a copy of the Demand Draft along with their original application through proper channel.

(i) Contact details

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Website: www.nie.gov.in	Fax: 044-26136426