

**REVISED DRAFT REGULATIONS
FOR
THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
UNDER
THE FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY**

1) Eligibility for Registration

- a) Admission for Ph.D registration shall be made only to those candidates holding the degree of MD (Hom) recognized by the Central Council of Homoeopathy and included in the 2nd schedule of the Act.
- b) Admission shall be made on the basis of entrance test conducted by the University
- c) Minimum marks for eligibility for registration shall be 50% in the Ph.D entrance test conducted by the University. In the case of SC/ST candidates the minimum marks for eligibility shall be 40%.
- d) Regular teachers with M.D degree in Government/Aided colleges, with seven years teaching experience in the subject concerned, shall be exempted from the purview of entrance test.
- e) Persons engaged in Research Institutions, with M.D Degree and seven years experience shall also be exempted from the entrance test.

2) Application for Registration

Application for Registration shall be made in the prescribed form and in the manner prescribed, so as to reach the office on or before the date notified by the University, and shall be accompanied by:

- a) Certificate showing the academic qualification of the applicant, such other evidence of attainments as will show his/her fitness to pursue the proposed course of Research and details of previous study and research, if any.
- b) Particulars of the special subject in which he/she intends to pursue Research.

- c) The name of the Teacher of the University or of any other Supervisor recognized for the purpose by the Syndicate under whose guidance and supervision he/she proposes to work accompanied by the written consent of the teacher agreeing to supervise his/her work.
- d) A statement giving the name of the institution he/she proposes to carry out research and such particulars regarding the equipment and facilities available as will show that it is adequately equipped for the purpose of the proposed research.
- e) A Part-time Research Scholar shall produce along with the application for registration a No-Objection Certificate from the employer concerned. .

3) Centre for research

Research shall be carried out in Homeopathic Medical Colleges affiliated to the University with facilities for postgraduate and Research study in the branch of study concerned. In regard to subjects for which Research facilities are not available within the university and in other special cases, it shall be competent for the Syndicate to recognize, on individual merit, Research Institutes of Departments of an all India character, as Centers for Research.

4) Selection

Application for registration shall be scrutinized by the Doctoral Committee consisting of the Supervising Teacher (as convener) and two experts nominated by the syndicate of whom one shall be the chairman of the committee. The committee shall interview all the eligible candidates and shall prepare a list of selected candidates based on aptitude for research and merit, and shall forward the same with the applications of the selected candidates together with their recommendations to the university within two weeks after selection. Selected candidates shall join the Departments within one month of the receipt of the intimation regarding the registration of the candidates from the University.

Whenever human subjects are involved in research, the concerned Doctoral Committee shall indicate whether the clearance of the institutional / University Ethical Committee has been obtained. The registration for research will be granted only subject to the production of clearance from the Institutional / University Level Ethical Committee.

5) Inter -Disciplinary Research

Candidates intending to do research on topics of an inter- disciplinary nature may have a Joint Supervising Teacher if the Doctoral Committee so recommends.

6) Supervision of Research work

- a) Research shall be undertaken by a Scholar under the guidance of an approved Supervising Teacher.
- b) The number of Research Scholars under a Supervising Teacher shall not exceed five.
- c) A Research Scholar working under a particular Supervising Teacher who has retired from service may continue to work in the same Institution under the guidance of the same Supervising Teacher, subject to the discipline of the Institution.

7) Periodic review of the work

The Doctoral Committee shall review the work of the Research Scholars in the Department once in six months and record its decision and report the matter to the University.

8) Period of research

- a) The minimum period of research required by the candidate for the submission of Thesis from the date of registration shall be three years.

b) The maximum period of Research shall be five years for Full-time and eight years for Part-time after which period the registration shall automatically lapse.

c) Part-time Research scholars other than those working and/or residing in the Headquarters of the supervising teacher should spend a period of at least six months at a stretch or in not more than three installments, at the Centre for Research before they are allowed to submit the Thesis.

d) Provided that the syndicate based on the recommendation of the Vice- Chancellor, may grant extension of the maximum period of research by a period not exceeding two years on reasonable grounds.

e) 1) Course work of six months duration is incorporated for all Ph.D Programmers. There will be three papers for the course work with one paper on *Research Methodology* and the other two papers related to the area of research. Candidate on M.Phil Degree are exempted from writing the examination on Research Methodology.

The syllabi for the papers will be framed by the supervising teacher and approved by the Doctoral Committee. Examination will be conducted at the end of six months from the date of registration.

Only after passing the examination of the course work, the Ph.D thesis can be submitted. A maximum of three attempts will be allowed for passing the examination of the course work. Those who do not pass the examination of the course work within two years from date of registration will not be allowed to continue the programme. This is applicable to full-time and part-time researchers.

2) A pre-submission seminar conducted in the Department/Research Centre is one of the requirements for submission of thesis.

The pre-submission seminars will be organized in the concerned Department/Research Centre and will be conducted by a Board consisting of the Doctoral Committee and an external expert from outside the Department/Research Centre. Recommendation of the Board has to be included in the thesis.

3) One publication in an approved journal and one presentation in a National/International Seminar are also pre-requisite for submission of thesis.

9) Approval as Supervising Teacher

(As there are no Ph D holders in Homoeopathy)

A Guide for Ph.D student in Homoeopathy should be a teacher having MD(Hom) with 10 years teaching experience in the subject concerned, out of which 5 years shall be post-graduate teaching experience after obtaining post-graduate qualification.

OR

A teacher having Ph.D in Homoeopathy with two publications after the award of Ph.D. in the journals approved by the PG Board of Studies in Homoeopathy.

The Supervising Teacher shall not be an immediate relative of the candidate (“immediate relative” means husband/wife parent, son, daughter, brother & sister).

10) Restriction of Employment

A Full-time Research Scholar is not allowed to engage himself/herself in any employment either full-time or part-time.

11) Change of the Topic of Research

Based on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee (consisting of the Supervising Teacher and two experts nominated by the Syndicate), the Syndicate may permit a Research Scholar to change the Topic of Research within one year from the date of registration.

12) Change of the title of Thesis

Modification of the title of Thesis may be effected on the recommendations of the Supervising Teacher, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, any time before the submission of the Thesis.

13) Change of the Supervising Teacher

The syndicate shall be competent to allow the change of the supervising Teacher in extraordinary cases at the request of the candidate and on the recommendations of the Head of the Department.

14) Submission of the Synopsis/Abstract

Three months before the date of submission of the proposed Thesis, the candidate shall submit through the Supervising Teacher twelve copies of the Synopsis/Abstract of the proposed Thesis in about 1500 words. The Abstract shall be accompanied by the application for admission to the Ph.D degree and the fee prescribed for the purpose and shall be sent to the University.

15) Panel of Adjudicators

A panel of Adjudicators shall be prepared by the Supervising Teacher based on the general stipulations made in that respect by the Syndicate. This panel shall be forwarded to the University through the Head of the Department or Chairman, Board of Studies (P.G) and shall be sent along with the abstract.

16) Submission of Thesis

- a) After completing the prescribed minimum period of Research or at any time afterwards, the candidate shall submit to the Registrar, together with the prescribed fee, four copies of Thesis, printed or typewritten in English, embodying the results of the research carries out by him/her.
- b) The Thesis shall be accompanied by the following:
 - i. A declaration by the candidate that it has not previously formed the basis of award of any Degree or diploma or other Title. (Format of declaration appended as, Appendix-I)
 - ii. A certificate from the Supervising Teacher to the effect that it is a record of bonafide work carried out by the candidate under his/her supervision. (Format of certificate appended a Appendix-2)
 - iii. A certificate from the Head of the Centre for Research, showing that the candidate has worked in his/her Institution. (Applicable in the cases of Part-time Research Scholars)
- c) A pre-submission seminar should be conducted by each candidate which will be attended by the supervising Teacher and other invited members of the Department including P.G. students and other Research Scholars, before the submission of the Thesis. The candidate shall submit the Ph.D Thesis, after incorporating the changes, if any, suggested at the seminar and approved by the Supervising Teacher.

17) Adjudication of the Thesis

- a) The thesis shall be valued by the board of three external examiners, appointed by the syndicate. One examiner shall be the chairman of the Board.
- b) Each examiner shall submit a report on the merit of the work embodied in the thesis and state whether the thesis is recommend for the award of the Ph.D Degree. If one

of the examiners does not recommend the award, the thesis shall be referred to the fourth examiner and his report shall be accepted. If two examiners do not recommend the award, the candidate shall be asked to resubmit the thesis.

- c) The candidate, whose thesis has been recommended, for the award of Ph.D Degree, by all the three examiners, shall appear for a Viva-Voce Examination and open defense of his/her thesis. The Viva-Voce Examination shall normally be conducted in the centre for research where the candidate worked.
- d) The report of the examiners shall be considered by the Syndicate. If the candidate is adjudged worthy to be awarded the degree, a resolution of that effect shall be passed by the Syndicate and the candidate shall be admitted to the Ph.D. Degree.
- e) The candidate, whose thesis is not recommended for the award of the Ph.D. Degree, shall be informed accordingly and he/she and his/her supervising teacher shall be supplied with comments made by the examiners. The candidate shall be permitted to resubmit a revised version of the thesis after a period of six months from the date on which he/she has been informed of the results of evaluation of the thesis.
- f) A candidate shall not be allowed to submit his/her thesis on more than two occasions. However, in exceptional cases, it shall be competent for the syndicate to permit the candidate to submit his/her thesis for a third time.

DECLARATION

APPENDIX –I

I hereby declare that this Thesis entitled
..... is a bonafide record of the Research Work carried out
by me under the supervision and guidance of and that
no part of this has been presented previously to any University or Board for any Degree
or Diploma or other Title.

Place

Date

Signature and address
of the research scholar

CERTIFICATE

APPENDIX –2

This is to certify that this Thesis entitled being submitted to the University of Kerala, for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, is a bonafide record of the Research work carried out by under my supervision and guidance.

Place

Signature and address

Date

of the Supervising Teacher

NB : This is only the draft of the proposed course