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1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO B.D.S. DEGREE COURSE

No Candidate shall be allowed to be admitted to the Dental Curriculum of first Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Course until:

- 1a. AGE LIMIT: He/she shall complete the age of 17 years on or before 31st December, of the year of admission to the BDS course
- 1b. The higher Secondary Examination or the Indian School Certificate Examination which is equivalent to 10+2 Higher Secondary Examination after a period of 12 years study, the last two years of study comprising of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English with 50% marks for physics, chemistry and biology together and 50% in biology separately. In respect of candidates belong to Scheduled Castes, Schedules Tribes or Other Backward Classes the marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in qualifying examination be 40% instead of 50% as above. The eligibility criteria for admission to persons with locomotor disability of lower limbs – will be a minimum of 45% marks instead of 50% taken together in qualifying examination and competitive entrance examination for admission in BDS course or any other examination which, in scope and standard is found to be equivalent to the intermediate science examination of an Indian University/ Board, taking Physics, Chemistry and Biology including practical test in each of these subjects and English
- 1c. B.Sc examination of an Indian University, provided that he/she has passed the B.Sc examination with not less than two of the following subjects Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Botany, Zoology) and further that he/she has passed the earlier qualifying examination with the following subjects-Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English.
- 1d. Any other examination which, in scope and standard is found to be equivalent to the intermediate science examination of an Indian University/Board, taking Physics, Chemistry and Biology including practical test in each of these subjects and English.

2. **SELECTION OF STUDENTS:**

The eligible candidate should have fulfilled and admitted through National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test to BDS course in each academic year and the selection of students shall be merit based, ensuring transparency and fairness. The process shall be as decided and approved by VMRF (DU) and as per guidelines of the Dental Council of India Revised BDS Course Regulations, 2007.

- 2a. The entire process of admission shall be completed by the institution as per the statutory time schedule for admission and in no case any admission will be made in the BDS course after 30th of September.
- 2b. The Academic year commences from 1st August of every year.

3. **ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE**

Candidates who have passed any qualifying examination other than the Higher Secondary Course Examination conducted by the Government of Tamil Nadu shall obtain an eligibility certificate from the University by remitting the prescribed fees along with the application form before seeking admission to the Dental Institution.

4. **NUMBER OF SEATS:**As approved by the DCI currently 100 admissions.

5. **MINIMUM (ACADEMIC) REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCT OF COURSE**

Minimum standard requirements for offering the course in terms of land, infrastructure, equipment, clinical cases/materials, teaching facility, faculty and other human resources etc. shall be in compliance with the standards specified by DCI Regulations from time to time.

6. **REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS TO UNIVERSITY**

A candidate admitted to the course in the Dental College of this University shall register with the University by remitting the prescribed fees along with the application form for registration duly filled in, necessary documents and forwarded to the University through the Principal within the stipulated date.

7. **COURSE FEE**

As stipulated by Government/VMRF (DU)/DCI from time to time.

8. **DURATION OF THE COURSE**

The period of certified study for the course of Degree of Bachelor' of Dental surgery shall be a period of 4 academic years, with 240 teaching days in each academic year plus one year paid Compulsory Rotatory Internship before the award of the Degree.

9. **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum and the syllabi for the course shall be as prescribed from time to time, by the Board of Studies and approved by the Academic Council of the university.

10. **SYLLABUS, MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION**

The syllabus as prescribed and updated by VMRF (DU) from time to time and syllabus will be available in the VMRF (DU) website.

The medium of instruction for all the subjects and examination will be in English.

11. **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

The University Examinations will be conducted twice a year. The date of the examinations would be notified to the candidates by the Controller of Examinations.

12. WORKING DAYS IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR

Each academic year shall consist of not less than 240 working days.

13. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT AND COURSE PERIOD

13a. The candidate shall successfully complete the stipulated course period as specified in the respective course regulations to be eligible for award of Degree.

13b. There shall be minimum 75% attendance in each subject, (Theory and practical/clinical separately) in each year to be eligible for appearing in the University Examinations.

13c. However, in case of subjects in which there is no University examination in the subject for a particular year (i.e. non-exam going subjects), the attendance requirement shall not be less than 70% in Lectures and Practical/Clinical separately in the non-exam year.

14. CONDONATION OF SHORTAGE OF ATTENDANCE

14a. Condonation of shortage of attendance up to a maximum of 10% in the prescribed eligible attendance for admission to an examination rests with the discretionary powers of the Vice-Chancellor.

14b. A candidate lacking attendance shall submit an application in the prescribed form and remit the stipulated fee 15 days prior to the commencement of the theory examination.

14c. The Head of Department and Head of the Institution should satisfy themselves on the reasonableness of the candidate's request while forwarding the application with their endorsements to the Controller of Examination who would obtain the Vice- Chancellor's approval for admission to the examination.

15. MONITORING LEARNING PROGRESS:

16. TRANSFER/MIGRATION DURING COURSE/INTERNSHIP

- 16a. Migration from one dental college to other is not a right of a student. However, migration of students from one dental college to another dental college in India may be considered by the Dental Council of India. Only in exceptional cases on extreme compassionate ground*, provided following criteria are fulfilled. Routine migrations on other ground shall not be allowed.
- 16b. Both the colleges, i.e. one at which the student is studying at present and one to which migration is sought, are recognized by the Dental Council of India.
- 16c. The applicant candidate should have passed first professional BDS examination.
- 16d. The applicant candidate submits his application for migration, complete in all respects, to all authorities concerned within a period of one month of passing (declaration of results) the first professional Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) examination.
- 16e. The applicant candidate must submit an affidavit stating that he/she will pursue 240 days of prescribed study before appearing at IInd professional Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) examination at the transferee dental college, which should be duly certified by the Registrar of the concerned University in which he/she is seeking transfer. The transfer will be applicable only after receipt of the affidavit.

Note 1:

- i. Migration is permitted only in the beginning of II nd year BDS Course in recognized Institution.
- ii. All applications for migration shall be referred to Dental Council of India by college authorities. No Institution/University shall allow

migrations directly without the prior approval of the Dental Council of India.

- iii. Council reserved the right, not to entertain any application which is not under the prescribed compassionate grounds and also to take independent decisions where applicant has been allowed to migrate without referring the same to the Council.

Note 2: *Compassionate ground criteria:

- i. Death of supporting guardian.
- ii. Disturbed conditions as declared by Government in the Dental College area.

17. DURATION PERMITTED FOR COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

Any student who does not clear the BDS Course in all the subjects within a period of 9 years, including one-year Compulsory Rotatory paid Internship from the date of admission shall be discharged from the course.

18. SUBJECTS OF STUDY

I B.D. S	
Paper I	General Human Anatomy Including Embryology and Histology
Paper II	General Human Physiology / Biochemistry, Nutrition & Dietics
Paper III	Dental Anatomy, Embryology and Oral Histology
Paper IV	Environmental Studies
II B.D.S	
Paper I	General Pathology and General Microbiology
Paper II	General & Dental Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Paper III	Dental Materials
Paper IV	Pre-Clinical – Prosthodontics&crown&Bridge
Paper V	Pre-Clinical - Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics
III B.D.S	
Paper I	General Medicine
Paper II	General Surgery
Paper III	Oral Pathology and Oral Microbiology
IV B.D.S.	
Paper I	Oral Medicine and Radiology
Paper II	Pediatrics and Preventive Dentistry
Paper III	Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics
Paper IV	Periodontology
Paper V	Prosthodontics and Crown and Bridge
Paper VI	Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics
Paper VII	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Paper VIII	Public Health Dentistry

19. INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

- 19a. A minimum of three written examinations shall be conducted in each subject during an academic year and the average marks of three theory performances shall be taken into consideration for the award of internal marks.
- 19b. A minimum of three practical examinations shall be conducted in each subject during an academic year and an average of three practical performance shall be taken into consideration for award of internal marks.
- 19c. 10% of the total marks in each subject for both theory, practical and clinical examination separately should be set aside for the internal assessment examinations.
- 19d. A failed candidate in any subject, should be provided an opportunity to improve his/ her sessional marks by conducting a minimum of two examinations in theory and practical separately and the average may be considered for improvement.
- 19e. The internal assessment marks (both in written and Practical/Clinical) should be submitted to the University endorsed by the Principal of the College, 15 days prior to the commencement of the theory examinations.

20. ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION

No candidate shall be permitted to any one of the parts of B.D.S examination unless he/ she has attended the course in the subject for the prescribed period in the College of the University and produces the necessary certificates of study, attendance and satisfactory conduct from the Principal.

A candidate is required to put in minimum of 75% of attendance in both Theory and Practical/ Clinical separately in each subject before admission to the examination.

A candidate lacking the prescribed attendance in Theory and Practical/ Clinical, in any one subject, in the first appearance will be permitted for admission to the examinations in the remaining subjects.

21. EXAMINATIONS

21a. Schedule of examinations

Examinations shall be conducted as per the schedule approved by the Board of Examinations.

21b. Scheme of examinations:

- The Scheme of Examination for BDS Course shall be divided into 1st BDS examination at the end of the first academic year, 2nd BDS examination at the end of second year, 3rd BDS examination at the end of third, 4th and final BDS at the end of 4th year.
- The examination shall be open to a candidate who satisfies the requirements of attendance, progress and other rules laid down by the University.
- Any candidate who fails in one subject in an Examination is permitted to go to the next higher class and appears for the said failed subject and complete it successfully before he is permitted to appear for the next higher examination.

21c. Obstructions in conduct of university examinations

If an Examination could not be conducted by the University due to any unforeseen or unavoidable reasons, that particular Examination shall be conducted on the next working day or as notified by the Controller of Examinations.

21d. Question paper pattern

Question paper pattern shall be as per the respective course regulations.

21e. Scrutiny of question papers

For Scrutiny of Question papers services of subject experts in respective faculty shall be used.

21f. Question paper setters from inside state / outside state

VMRF (DU) shall appoint question paper setters from inside and/or outside the State unless otherwise stipulated in the concerned Statutory Council Regulations.

21g. Monitoring the examination

The examination shall be under electronic and other surveillance as stipulated by VMRF(DU) from time to time. The observer if any, appointed for supervising the conduct of theory examination shall be from other Health Science streams under VMRF(DU).University may appoint surprise inspection squad for monitoring the fair conduct of theory, practical and viva voce examinations.

21h. Dispatch of answer books for valuation

The Chief Superintendent shall ensure that the packets of the theory answer books of the particular examination are sealed immediately and dispatched on the same day or in exceptional cases on the next working day. The Chief Superintendent shall be responsible for the safe custody and transit of the answer sheets to the University.

21i. Regulations for the conduct of theory, practical and viva voce examination

Theory, Practical and Viva voce shall be conducted as per the respective course regulations.

21j. Record/log book

- At the time of practical/ clinical examination each candidate shall submit to the Examiners his/her laboratory note books duly certified by the Head of the Department as a bonfide record of the work done by the candidate.
- The practical record shall be evaluated by the concerned Head of the Department (Internal Evaluation) and the internal marks shall be submitted to the University 15 days prior to the commencement of the theory examinations.

- The candidate may be permitted by the Examiners to refer to the practical record book during the practical examination in the subject of Biochemistry only. No other materials, hand-written, cyclostyled or printed guides are allowed for reference during the practical examinations.
- In respect of failed candidates, the marks awarded for records at previous examinations will be carried over for the subsequent examination or the candidates shall have the option to improve his/her performance by submission of fresh records.

21k. ALLOCATION OF MARKS

Theory: Written-	70 Marks
Viva Voce -	20 Marks
Internal Assessment-	10 Marks
Total Marks -	100 Marks
Clinical / Practical's -	90 Marks
Internal Assessment -	10 Marks
Total Marks -	100 Marks
GRAND Total Marks -	200 Marks

21l. Marks qualifying for a pass

Fifty percent of the total marks in any subject computed as aggregate for theory, i.e., written, viva voce and internal assessment and practical's including internal assessment, separately is essential for a pass in all years of study.

21m. Qualification and experience to be eligible for examinership

- 1) M.D.S. Degree from a recognized Institution
- 2) 4 years teaching experience in the subject in a dental college after MDS
- 3) Should be holding the post of a Reader or above in a Dental Institution approved/recognized by the Dental Council of India for B.D.S.

21n. Meeting of pass board

The Controller of Examination shall constitute a Pass Board for each examination. The Board shall meet before publication of results and shall consider the matters placed before it, relating to the conduct of examinations and evaluation. Special Pass Board meeting may be convened with the prior permission of the Vice Chancellor in exceptional cases.

21o. Publication of results

The results shall be published by the Controller of Examinations with the approval of the Vice Chancellor, based on the recommendations of the Pass Board.

22. CRITERIA FOR PASS:For declaration of pass in a subject, a candidate shall secure 50% marks in the University examination both in Theory and Practical/ Clinical examinations separately, as stipulated below:

22a)A candidate shall secure 50% marks in aggregate in University theory including Viva Voce and Internal assessment obtained in University written examination combined together.

22B)In the University Practical/ clinical examination, a candidate shall secure 50% of University practical marks and Internal Assessment combined together.

22c)In case of pre clinical Prosthetic Dentistry and Pre clinical conservative dentistry in II BDS, where there is no written examination, minimum for pass is 50% of marks in Practical and Viva voce combined together in University examination including Internal Assessment i.e. 50/100 marks.

22d)A candidate failing in one or more subject(s) shall appear for the subject(s) as a whole in the next appearance (i.e. Theory, Practical, and Viva voce) unless otherwise specified in course regulations.

23. CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION:

The Candidate shall pass all subjects of the previous years before registering for final year examinations

24. CARRY OVER OF FAILED SUBJECT

A candidate is permitted to carry over only one subject in all the years of the course provided he / she must clear the failed paper before appearing for the subsequent year University examination

25. EXEMPTION FROM RE-EXAMINATION IN A SUBJECT

Candidates who failed in the examination but obtained pass marks in any subject shall be exempted from re-examination in that subject.

26. ISSUANCE OF MARK LISTS AND CERTIFICATES

26a. Mark lists for each examination shall be issued after declaring the results

26b. The mark list shall bear the date of publication of the results of the concerned examination. The passed candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination on that date

26c. The Consolidated mark lists shall be issued on request upon remittance of prescribed fee. The number of chances will be mentioned in the consolidated mark list.

26d. A provisional pass certificate shall be issued on successful completion of the course and passing all the subjects, for temporary registration with the respective councils, (in order to undergo the internship).

26e. The provisional degree certificate shall be issued after successful completion of the course and passing all the subjects and internship wherever applicable. This provisional degree certificate has validity till the issue of the Degree certificate which shall be issued after the Convocation.

26f. The Degree Certificates shall be issued only after successful completion of course, passing all the examinations and completing internship.

26g. The Degree shall be conferred to the successful candidate with the approval of the Governing Council during the VMRF (DU) Convocation for those who are present and to those who are permitted to remain absent.

27. CLASSIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

- 27a. Successful candidate securing 75% or above of the marks in the aggregate in any subject in the first appearance will be declared to have passed the examination in the subjects with Distinction.
- 27b. First Class may be awarded to such candidates who have passed all the subjects at the first appearance and obtained 65% of marks and above in all the subjects he/she had appeared.
- 27c. Candidates who have passed all the subjects at the first appearance and obtained 75% of marks and above in all the subjects he/ she had appeared shall be awarded First Class with Distinction. All other successful candidates shall be declared to have passed in second class.

28. DECLARATION OF RANK

- 28a. Rank shall be awarded based on aggregate marks of all the university regular examinations of the course except where it is mentioned otherwise in respective course regulations.
- 28b. However, a candidate who fails in any one of the subjects during the course, and who does not pass in the examinations during the Minimum prescribed course duration shall not be eligible for the award of rank.
- 28c. Number of students registered in the final year examination shall be noted on the rank certificate.

29. REVIEW OF ANSWER PAPERS OF FAILED CANDIDATES

Revaluation of failed subjects is not permitted as every subject is being double valued. However, retotaling is permitted with the permission of the concerned authorities also there is no reevaluation of practical/clinical exam from BDS August 2016-2017 batch onwards.

30. PARTIAL APPEARANCE IN EXAMINATIONS

Partial appearance is permitted in all the University Examinations, provided the candidate satisfies 75% attendance in all subjects (Theory and practical separately) of the respective examination, including the subjects in which the candidate is not appearing or ineligible to appear. Such candidates shall not be eligible for the award of rank.

31. RE-ADMISSION AFTER BREAK OF STUDY

Any student who does not clear the BDS Course in all the subjects within a period of 9 years, including one-year Compulsory Rotatory paid Internship from the date of admission shall be discharged from the course.

Candidates having break of study shall be considered for re-admission if they are not subjected to any disciplinary action and no charges are pending or contemplated against them. All re-admissions of candidates are subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

32. INTERNSHIP

Internship shall be permitted only after successful completion of the course and having passed all the examinations.

- The duration of Internship shall be for a period of one year.
- The Interns shall be paid stipendiary allowance during the period of an Internship not extending beyond a period of one year.
- The internship shall be compulsory and rotating as per the regulations prescribed by the DCI .
- The degree- BDS shall be granted after completion of internship.

33. **TRANSCRIPT**

The official transcript shall be issued by the Head of the Institution in the model format approved by the University or the requesting agency. The University shall endorse the same only if specifically requested.

34. **ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD OF DEGREE**

A candidate who passes entire subjects of the course and successfully completes the internship shall be eligible for the award of Degree during the ensuing convocation. Degree is awarded under the concerned Faculty of the University.