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NOTIFICATION

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Dated, Thrissur, 16th July 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred by Chapter XXXVI of the First Statutes, 2013 of the Kerala University of Health Sciences, the Academic Council in its meeting held on 16-07-2022 vide item No.30.02 made the Course Regulations of B.S.M.S. course conducted by Kerala University of Health Sciences. The Governing Council meeting held on 26-07-2022 has approved the same. The regulations were placed before the Senate at the meeting dated 04-03-2023.

It is hereby notified that the Course Regulations of B.S.M.S. course conducted by Kerala University of Health Sciences, as appended.

(Sd.)

Registrar.



**Siddha Maruthuva Arignar - Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery
(B.S.M.S. - Course Code: 005)**

Course Regulations – (2021-22 Academic Year Onwards)

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Short Title

These Regulations shall be called ‘**KUHS B.S.M.S. Course Regulations 2022**’ and shall be binding on the course “**Siddha Maruthuva Arignar - Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery**” abbreviated as B.S.M.S. (Course Code – 005) affiliated to the Kerala University of Health Sciences unless otherwise mentioned herein and shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. These regulations are applicable for all students admitted to B.S.M.S. course from the admission year 2021.

Definitions

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

- (i) ‘KUHS’ or ‘University’ means Kerala University of Health Sciences.
- (ii) ‘Act’, ‘Statutes’, ‘Ordinances’, and ‘Regulations’ mean respectively the Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the Kerala University of Health Sciences.
- (iii) ‘Laws of the University’ means the Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Rules of the University as the case may be.
- (iv) “College” or “Institution” means those which are conducting course (s) having affiliation with KUHS.
- (v) ‘Registration’ means registration in the Kerala University of Health Sciences as a student for undergoing courses mentioned under these Regulations.
- (vi) ‘Faculty’ means Faculty mentioned in Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations of KUHS.
- (vii) ‘Pass Board’ means pass board mentioned in Examination Ordinances and Regulations.
- (viii) ‘NCISM’ means National Commission for Indian System of Medicine.
- (ix) ‘Council’ means Apex Regulatory or Statutory Council or Commission constituted by Government of India.
- (x) ‘Competent Authority’ means an authority approved by Government of India / Government of Kerala / Regulatory Councils / Kerala University of Health Sciences.



- (xi) 'State' means the State of Kerala.
- (xii) MSR' means Minimum Standard Requirements for a Course.
- (xiii) 'Year' means an Academic Year, unless specified otherwise.

1.1 Eligibility for Admission

- a) Eligibility for admission shall be as per norms prescribed by NCISM from time to time.
- b) Aggregate marks shall be calculated based on the pass criteria adopted by the Board conducting the qualifying examination.
- c) In case of Grade system, Grade to percentage of marks conversion scheme obtained from University / Board shall be submitted along with the application.
- d) Candidate shall be Citizen of India, if not otherwise exempted by competent authority.
- e) Candidate shall be medically fit for undergoing the course.

1.2 Mode of Selection to the Course

- a) The selection of students to B.S.M.S. course shall be merit based, ensuring transparency and fairness. The process shall be as decided by the competent authority approved by the Government of India / Government of Kerala and / or Kerala University of Health Sciences in terms of the NCISM Course Regulations.
- b) The cut-off date of admission is as prescribed by NCISM / KUHS.

1.3 Number of Seats

As prescribed by the KUHS from time to time.

1.4 Academic Requirements for Conduct of Course

As per the approved MSR of the Course.

1.5 Registration of Students

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.6 Course Fees

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.



1.7 Syllabus and Medium of Instruction

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.8 Attendance and Course Period

- a) The minimum course period is four and half years and one year internship.
- b) The total working days for each Professional Session (Eighteen Months) shall be not less than Three Hundred and Twenty days (320 days) with six working hours per day for each academic session (Professional).
- c) There shall be minimum 80% attendance in each subject, (Theory and Practical / Clinical separately) to be eligible for registering in the University Examinations. This mandatory requirement cannot be diluted under any circumstance, including maternity / medical leave.
- d) The Head of the institution should submit attendance performance certificate (APC) to KUHS for each candidate on the satisfactory completion of the course before registering for examinations of each Professional session.

1.9 Condonation of Shortage of Attendance

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.10 Leave and Holidays

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.11 Monitoring Learning Progress

The following General Guidelines are suggested for periodical assessment conducted from time to time by the Institution. The learning outcome to be assessed may include:

- a) Personal Attitudes. (Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity)
- b) Acquisition of Knowledge.
- c) Journal Review Meeting (Journal Club)



- d) Seminars / Symposia
- e) Clinico-Pathological Conferences
- f) Medical Audit
- g) Practical and Laboratory Skills
 - i. Day to Day work
 - ii. Teaching Skills
 - iii. Periodic Tests
 - iv. Work Diary / Log Book
 - v. Records
- h) Health Care Counseling- Communication and Counseling Skills.

1.12 Transfer During Course & Internship

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.13 Duration Permitted for Completion of the Course

- a) Every candidate shall successfully complete all three Professional examinations and qualified in nine electives within a period of maximum ten years from the date of admission to become eligible for joining Compulsory Rotatory Internship Programme.

The academic course of studies is divided into three Academic sessions as follows :-

Course of the B.S.M.S Programme	Duration
First Professional B.S.M.S	Eighteen months
Second Professional B.S.M.S	Eighteen months
Third (Final) Professional B.S.M.S	Eighteen months
Compulsory Rotatory Internship	Twelve months



1.14 Internal Assessment [Conducted by College]

Assessment of students shall be in the form of Formative and Summative Assessments as under:-

- a) Formative Assessment:- Students shall be assessed periodically to assess their performance in the class, determine the understanding of programme material and their learning outcome in the following manner, namely:-

Sl. No.	Evaluation Method
1.	Practical / Clinical Performance
2.	Viva Voce, MCQs, MEQ (Modified Essay Questions / Structured Questions)
3.	Open Book Test (Problem Based)
4.	Summary Writing (Research Papers/ Samhitas)
5.	Class Presentations; Work Book Maintenance
6.	Problem based Assignment
7.	Objectives Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), Objectives Structured Practical Examination (OPSE), Mini Clinical Evaluation Exercise (Mini-CEX), Direct Observation of Procedures (DOP), Case Based Discussion (CBD)
8.	Extra- curricular Activities, (Social Work, Public Awareness, Surveillance Activities, Sports or other Activities which may be decided by the department)
9.	Small Project;

(Evaluation methods for periodical assessment)

- i. Internal evaluation shall be conducted by the College and Institute at the end of six



months (First Term Test) for thirty percentage of the syllabus and at twelve months (Second Term Test) for forty percentage part of the syllabus.

- ii. The remaining thirty percent of syllabus shall be completed in the last six months (Third term) before University examinations.
- b) There shall be minimum three periodical assessments of similar marks for each subject before First Term Test (ordinarily at 6th month of respective Professional B.S.M.S.), minimum of three periodical assessments before Second Term Test (Ordinarily at 12th month of respective Professional B.S.M.S.) and minimum of three periodical assessments before final University examinations (Summative Assessment) of respective Professional B.S.M.S.
- c) The class average of internal assessment marks of theory and practical in each subject shall not exceed 75% of Maximum marks for regular examinations and 80% for supplementary examinations.
- d) The internal assessment is calculated by the concerned departments by considering the performance of each student in the internal assessment examinations, assignments, seminars, practical and clinical presentations.
- e) The last periodical test in the third term of a Professional will be conducted in the University examinations model as a preparatory test and the score will be considered along with the previous term scores. The best two among these three scores will be taken and the average shall be considered for determining the INTERNAL ASSESSMENT. A minimum of 35% is required for appearing in university examinations.
- f) Three Electives must be completed within each professional by the students.

1.15 Examinations

As per KUHS Examination Regulations, Ordinances and syllabus of the Course.

1.16 Criteria for Pass

- a) The minimum marks required for passing the examinations shall be fifty percentages in University theory component and fifty percentages in University practical component (that



include practical, clinical viva voce, internal assessment and electives wherever applicable) separately in each subject.

- b) 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, Viva voce)
- c) There shall be no separate class for odd batch student (those students who could not keep the term) and the student has to attend the class along with regular batch or with junior batch as applicable.

1.17 Grace Marks

- a) The granting of grace marks is at the discretion of the concerned pass board constituted by the Controller of Examinations and shall not be the right of the candidate.
- b) The University may grant a maximum of 5 marks or as per University regulations as grace marks, either in a subject alone or distribute it among subjects (Theory / Practical / Viva / Aggregate marks) so as to make the candidate eligible for a subject pass / whole pass.

1.18 Criteria for Promotion

A candidate having 80% attendance in theory and 80% attendance in Practical / Clinical, in each subject separately and minimum required internal assessment marks in theory and practical in all subjects and does not fail in more than two subjects of the previous professional will be eligible for promotion to next Professional session.

- a) The First Professional examinations shall ordinarily be held and completed by the end of First Professional session.
 - i. The student who failed in one or two subjects of First Professional shall be allowed to keep the term of the Second Professional session and to appear in Second Professional examinations.
 - ii. The student who failed in more than two subjects shall not be allowed to keep the term in Second Professional session and the subsequent supplementary examinations of First Professional shall be held at every six months.



- b) The Second professional examinations shall ordinarily be held and completed by the end of Second Professional session.
- i. The student who failed in one or two subjects of Second Professional shall be allowed to keep the term of the Third (Final) Professional session.
 - ii. The student who failed in more than two subjects shall not be allowed to keep term in Third (Final) Professional session and the subsequent supplementary examinations of Second Professional shall be held every six months.
- c) The Third (Final) Professional examinations shall ordinary be held and completed by the end of Third (Final) Professional session.
- i. Before appearing for Third (Final) Professional examinations the student shall have to pass all the subjects of first and second professional and shall qualify nine electives.
 - ii. The subsequent supplementary examinations of Third (Final) professional will be held at every six months.
- d) To become eligible for joining the Compulsory Rotatory Internship Programme, all three professional examinations shall be passed and qualified in nine electives with in a period of maximum ten years from the date of admission.

1.19 Carry Over benefit

As per clause 1.18

1.20 Issuance of Mark List and Certificates

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.21 Declaration of Class (Regular / Supplementary)

Candidates who passed the whole examination shall be ranked in the order of proficiency as determined by the total marks in all subjects and shall be arranged in three classes.

Failed	Below 50%
Passed with Second Class	50% and above but less than 65%



Passed with First Class	65% and above but less than 75%
First Class with Distinction	75 % and above

The award of class and distinction shall not be applicable for supplementary examinations.

1.22 Declaration of Rank

- a) Rank shall be awarded on the basis of aggregate marks of all the university regular examinations of the particular course from First Professional examinations to Final Professional examinations, except where it is mentioned otherwise in council regulations.
- b) A candidate who fails or does not appear for regular examinations in any one of the subjects of a particular batch 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.
- c) The total number of students registered for the University examinations shall be specified in the rank certificate.

1.23 Attempt / Chance

If a student fails to appear in regular examinations for cognitive reasons, the candidate may appear in supplementary examinations as regular student and the candidate's non- appearance in regular examination shall not be treated as an attempt / chance.

1.24 Partial Appearance in Examinations

Partial appearance is permitted in all the University Examinations, provided the candidate satisfies 80% attendance in all subjects of the respective year, including the subjects (theory and practical separately) in which the candidate is not appearing. Such candidates shall not be eligible for the award of rank.



1.25 Condonation of Break of Study

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.26 Internship

- a) The duration of Compulsory Rotatory Internship Programme including Internship Orientation Programme shall be one year.
- b) The candidate shall be eligible to join the Compulsory Rotatory Internship Programme after successful completion of the course and having passed all the examinations including nine electives. Each student shall be registered with the State council before starting internship.
- c) Thereafter, the candidate shall be eligible for the award of Degree of Siddha Maruthuva Arignar - Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery (B.S.M.S.) by the University.
- d) The internship training shall be regulated by the Principal in consultation with concerned Heads of Departments and the Hospital Superintendent / RMO.
- e) The migration during internship shall be as per the norms of NCISM / KUHS.
- f) Completion of Internship: Ideally a student shall start internship soon after passing the final examination. If there is any delay in the commencement of internship or abnormal break during internship due to unavoidable conditions, the internship period shall be completed within a maximum period of three years from the date of passing the qualifying examination of Third (Final) Professional B.S.M.S. for which, the student shall get prior permission from the head of the institution. The same shall be communicated to the university without delay.

1.27 Transcript

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.28 Stipend

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.

1.29 Eligibility for Award of Degree

As per the KUHS Academic General Regulations 2022.



1.30 Saving Clause

If these Course Regulations are silent on any particular aspect of this course, the stipulations made in the Academic Regulations of KUHS and / or that of NCISM shall be applicable mutatis mutandis.

