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NOTIFICATION NO. 1374

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the Academic Council at its 74th meeting held on 13-4-2026 has resolved to adopt the Indian Nursing Council (Revised Guidelines for starting Ph.D. in Nursing Programme) from the academic year 2025-2026. A gist of the Regulations is enclosed.

This is for the information of all the concerned.

Ref. No. BVDU/2025-26/7110

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To,

1. The Principal, College of Nursing, Pune/Sangli/Navi Mumbai
2. The Dean, Faculty of Nursing, College of Nursing, Navi Mumbai
3. The Ph.D. Section, BVDU
4. The CET Section, BVDU
5. The Controller of Examinations, BVDU
6. The IT Cell for uploading in the Website.

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Salient features of the Indian Nursing Council
(Revised Guidelines for starting Ph.D. in Nursing Programme)

1 RESEARCH GUIDE

- Guides can select **two scholars only every year** but not more than 6 scholars at any given period of time.
- Scholars can have co-guide from nursing or other disciplines if necessary.
- The Ph.D. doctorate holders who are within health care disciplines can be appointed as co-guides.
In Deemed/Private University, the guide should be from the same University.

2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH GUIDE

- Ph.D. degree in nursing with 5 years postgraduate teaching experience with minimum **5 scientific publications** in National/International Journals.
- Maximum age to be a guide shall be 65 years.
- Guide cannot have more than 6 candidates (including being co-guide) at any given point of time.
- Scholars can have co-guide from nursing or other discipline, if necessary.
- The Ph.D. doctorate holders who are not formal teachers can be appointed as co-guides.

3 RESEARCH SCHOLARS:

- Full time research scholars are those who register for Ph.D. on full time basis and are not employed anywhere.
- Part time research scholars are those who are presently employed in any College/School/Hospital/Institute/Nursing department within the University jurisdiction.
- Scholars can select the guide from the list of guides placed in the University website.

1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS

- a. M.Phil. in Nursing or M.Sc. Nursing or a Post Graduate degree in Nursing recognized by Council with **3 years teaching or Clinical experience** after M.Sc. Nursing for enrolment for Ph.D. in Nursing (part-time) under Faculty of Nursing in the respective University.

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- b. The scholars should have passed M.Sc. Nursing with a minimum of 60% marks.
- c. Working in Teaching Institution/Hospital/Community Centre/Nursing Department within the University jurisdiction.

• **Criteria for Selection**

(a) Selection for the Ph.D. Nursing Program will be based on merit either by entrance or by M.Sc. Nursing (minimum 60% marks).

(b) If the University opts to conduct entrance examination, then selection for the Ph.D. Nursing Program of the candidate will be based on :

- i. Entrance test marks obtained out of 90 marks (Minimum weightage pass marks for entrance will be 60% of 90 i.e. 54).
- ii. 5 marks for candidates possessing M.Phil. in Nursing.
- iii. 5 marks weightage for publications.

5 **PRE-PHD COURSE WORK**

Total 2 courses – 210 hours - 125 contact hours +85 hours of self study

I. Research Methodology And Applied Statistics

Total hours of instruction: 90 hours (6 credits)
Contact hours = 60 hours; Self study = 30 hours;
One credit = 15 contact hours

II. Nursing Science And Theory Development Including Nursing Leadership

Total hours of instruction: 120 hours (8 credits)
Contact hours = 75 hours; Self-study = 45 hours;
One credit = 15 contact hours

DURATION :

Full time: Three years, maximum of 5 years - working nurse cannot be considered under full time category.

Part time: Five years, maximum of 7 years.

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