GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

PROSPECTUS FOR
POST GRADUATE DEGREE IN PHARMACY (M.PHARM) 2009

No. B6/16018/2008/ DME

I. M.PHARM course is conducted in the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode and Al-Shifa, Perinthalmanna with 56 sanctioned seats in various branches as detailed below.

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TOTAL 26 20 5 5 56 39 5 5 1 6

*Seat reserved under PH Quota is at Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.

II. Eligibility for admission –

(a) The candidates who have passed the B.Pharm Degree of any of the Universities in Kerala or of any other Universities recognised by any of the Universities in Kerala as equivalent thereto from an institution recognised by the All India Council of Technical Education, New Delhi, with a minimum of 50% marks for all the four years of B. Pharm Examination taken together, will be eligible for admission. For Lecturer in pharmacy who seeks admission against the reserved quota, the minimum marks will be 50% except in the case of Pharmacy Practice for which minimum 55% is required. Candidates who have passed their B.Pharm Course from Universities outside Kerala will be eligible for admission only if their qualifying examination is recognised by the Universities of Kerala on the date of counselling by the Director of Medical Education.
In addition to the above, candidates applying for the sponsored seats in Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Chemistry should possess a minimum of two years of full-time work experience in a registered firm/company/industry/educational and research institution /any Government departments or Government autonomous organisation in any field of pharmacy after obtaining the minimum educational qualification for admission. In the absence of candidates with 2 years experience candidates with less experience will be considered.

(b) Only Indian Citizens of Kerala origin are eligible for admission to the course. They have to provide the certificate along with the application form. For Sponsored seat all Indian citizens are eligible.

III. **Duration** The course of study including the Thesis work shall extend over a period of 2 years.

IV. Selection of candidates except for the seats reserved for Lecturer in Pharmacy, nominee of Drugs Control Department, and sponsored candidates (for M.Pharm in Pharmacy Practice & Pharmaceutical Chemistry) will be made through an entrance examination conducted by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Thiruvananthapuram. The Commissioner for Entrance Examination will prepare and forward the select and wait list to the Director of Medical Education.

V. **Entrance Examination** The entrance examination will consist of one paper of three hours duration. The examination shall be of the standard of B.Pharm. Examination and will contain questions on all subjects covered in the B.Pharm. Course of Kerala University. All questions will be of objective type. Answer should be marked in a separate answer sheet (OMR sheet) provided and all entries in the OMR sheet, including filling of bubbles should be done using ball point pen only (Blue or Black). Each answer with correct response will be awarded three marks. Negative marking will be adopted for incorrect response. One mark will be deducted for each negative response and zero mark will be given for the questions not answered. More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as incorrect response and will be negatively marked. The applications for admission will be invited by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Thiruvananthapuram and the date and schedule of entrance examination will be notified in due course.

In case more than one candidate obtains equal marks in the entrance examination, the tie will be resolved as follows:

The age of the candidate is taken into account the older being given preference.
VI. Reservation of seats

(a) Seats are reserved for Lecturers in Pharmacy in Medical Education Service in the following specialities:

   (1) Pharmaceutical Analysis - 1 seat
   (2) Pharmaceutics - 1 seat
   (3) Pharmaceutical Chemistry - 1 seat
   (4) Pharmacy Practice - 1 seat

   Allotment of seats for reservation will be made on rotation basis on every year.

(b) One seat in Pharmaceutical Chemistry is reserved for B.Pharm Degree holders in the Drugs Control Department. In the absence of qualified hands from the drugs control department this seat will be filled by the staff from DHS and DME on rotation basis.

(c) Three seats each in M.Pharm Pharmacy practice and Pharmaceutical Chemistry are reserved for sponsored candidates as per the guidelines of the AICTE.

(d) Four seats (one seat each in the speciality of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Pharmaceutics in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmacognosy & Phyto Chemistry are reserved for SC candidates and one seat in Pharmacy Practice is reserved for ST candidates. Selection to these seats will be made according to merit as mentioned under Clause IV.

Seat reserved under Physically Handicapped Quota (PHQ) vide G.O.(Rt) No.3631/09/H&FWD dated 11-12-09.

One seat in the specialty of Pharmacy Practice is reserved under Physically Handicapped candidate in Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram. The eligibility criteria is as follows:

(e) 1. The visually handicapped, Hearing disabled and Locomotory disabled involving upper limb are not eligible for admission.

2. Candidates with locomotory disability of lower limb between 40 and 50% would be allowed the benefit of admission under disability.

3. An attested copy of the certificate of disability from the District Medical Board certifying the degree of percentage of disability issued earlier than 3 months prior to the submission of application has to be attached with the application form.

4. There will be another medical board constituted by Government to assess the fitness of the candidates to undergo the course prior to the admission.

Selection under Service Quota

The selection under the service quota will be on the basis of seniority in service with respect to the earliest effective advice of the Kerala Public Service Commission. The candidate selected should have at least five years service for superannuation after completion of the course.

The candidates admitted under service quota will have to execute a bond in the prescribed format the time of admission to the effect that he/she shall serve the Government continuously for a period of not less than five years immediately after the completion of the course and shall not be eligible for LWA during that period for taking up employment.
elsewhere and that in the event of any violation of this condition he/she will have to pay Rs. Five lakh as penalty to Government.

Service candidates who are selected for M.Pharm course under Lecturer Quota who fail to join the course/ discontinue the course after joining other than on medical grounds will not be eligible for applying to the course under Lecturer reservation quota for 3 consecutive years after the year of selection.

If candidates are not available in the Lecturer Quota the vacant seats will be added to merit quota.

**SC/ST Quota**

The candidates who apply under this category should produce certificate from the Tahsildar of the Taluk concerned that he/she belongs to SC/ST in the form appended in the application form. Other forms of community certificate will not be considered on any account.

i. **Claim for Reservation under Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes quota**

   a. Candidates claiming reservation under Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes quota should obtain the Caste / Community Certificate from a Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Tahsildar, in the application form. The Christian converts who have subsequently embraced Hinduism should produce Caste / Community Certificate in the proforma given in the application form. The following certificate should also be got recorded by the Revenue Official below the certificates. “The Certificate is issued after observing the guidelines issued in Government Circular No. 18421/E2/SC/ST/ DD dated 15-12-1987”

   b. The applications for the reserved seats of Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes candidates which do not contain SC / ST Certificates (Community Certificate) from the Tahsildar in the prescribed form provided on the body of the application will not be considered on any account for claiming community reservation against the seats reserved for SC / ST candidates - vide G.O. (MS) 31/90/SC/ST/DD dated 25-05-1990. The community certificate should clearly specify that the candidate himself / herself (not the father or mother) belongs to the Scheduled Castes / Tribes. The Community Certificates obtained earlier for other purposes will not be accepted. The candidates who are reconverted to Hinduism from Christianity of Scheduled Caste origin should produce community certificate from the Tahsildar concerned along with a copy of Gazette Notification regarding re-conversion.

   c. The claim for reservation under Schedule Caste / Schedule Tribes quota will also be subject to verification and clearance by the Screening committee constituted for the purpose by Government vide G.O. (MS) No. 23/89 SC/ST/DD dated 22-05-1989 and as authorised by section 6 of the Kerala (Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes) Regulation of issue of Community Certificates Act - 1996 (Act 11 of 1996).
d. The SC/ST claims in respect of those who have migrated from one State to another will be subject to the provisions of GO (MS) 10/86/SC/ST/DD. Dated 12-02-1986. Only the children of those who had migrated to this State before the promulgation of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 and the constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order 1950, and ordinarily reside in this State can claim SC/ST benefits from the State of Kerala. They must be able to prove this if required.

e. Children of inter-caste marriage who claim reservation under SC/ST quota should produce necessary certificates to this effect from the Revenue Authorities. Their SC/ST claim will be subject to verification and clearance by the Screening Committee constituted by the Government vide G.O. (MS). 23/89/SC/ST/DD dated, 22-05-1989. The application of such candidates for the reserved seats of SC/ST which do not contain Certificate from the Tahsildar concerned in the prescribed form provided in the body of the application will not be considered on any account (vide. G.O. (MS) 31/90/SC/ST/DD dated 25-05-1990.). The Community Certificate should clearly specify that the candidate himself / herself (not the father / mother) belongs to the Scheduled Castes / Tribes. There is no separate reservation quota for the children born of Inter caste married Couples of whom one is a Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribe.

**WARNING**

Those who produce false SC/ST certificate for claiming reservation under SC/ST quota shall be liable for the penalties stipulated in section 15 of the act referred to in the clause (c). Candidates and their guardians who make such applications are warned that in addition to prosecution they will have to suffer the following consequences in case the SC/ST certificate produced is found to be false and the candidate does not belong to any SC/ST Communities under Section 16 of the Act: “16 – Benefits secured on the basis of false community certificates to be withdrawn”

Whoever not being a person belonging to any of the Scheduled Tribes secured admission in any education institutions against a seat reserved for such castes or tribes or secures any appointment in the Government, Government undertakings, Local Authority or in any other Company or Corporation owned or controlled by the Government or in any aided institutions against a post reserved for such castes or tribes or enjoys any other benefits intended exclusively for such castes or tribes by producing a false Community Certificate shall, on cancellation of the false Community Certificate, be removed by cancelling the irregular admission in the concerned educational institutions, or as the case may be removed from the said service forthwith and any benefit enjoyed by him as aforesaid shall be withdrawn forthwith.

1. Any amount paid to such person by Government or any other agency by way of scholarship, grant, allowance, stipend or any other financial benefit shall be recovered as if it is an arrear of public revenue due as land.

2. Any Degree, Diploma or any other educational qualifications acquired by such person after securing admission in any educational institution on the basis of a false community certificate shall also stand cancelled on cancellation of the community certificate obtained by him.

**ii. Unavailed seats of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe**

If a vacancy occurs due to the non-joining of a Scheduled Caste candidate, the
same will be filled up by the Scheduled Caste candidate in the wait list. The same is applicable to the vacancies caused due to the non-joining of a Scheduled Tribe candidate. If there are no candidates in the wait list of Scheduled Tribe candidates, a vacancy due to the non-joining of a Scheduled Tribe candidate will go to the Scheduled Caste candidate and vice versa. If there are no candidates in the wait list of either of the category the same will be filled up by the eligible candidates included in the wait list of General Merit candidates.

**Sponsored Quota**

Selection to these seats shall be made on the basis of total marks obtained in the I, II, III and IV B.Pharm examination taken together. The candidates seeking admission under the sponsored seat category must submit a letter along with the application form from the employer stating that the candidate is being sponsored to get admission. The employer should also indicate that the candidate will not be withdrawn midway till the completion of the course. Application not supported by the sponsoring letter will be primarily rejected. Sponsored candidates will not be eligible for any stipend from the Government.

- The allotment of seats under reservation category will be made every year on rotation basis

- Service Quota candidates and Sponsored Quota candidates need not undergo the Entrance Exam for admission to the reserved seats.

- Selection to the remaining seats will be made according to merit as detailed under Clause IV.

VII. The applicants should satisfy the minimum requirements for admission as specified in clause II(a) before the last date fixed for receipt of application.

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* (For recovery towards breakages or loss of laboratory equipments, books etc)

The fees once paid except the caution deposit will not be refunded on any account, after closing of admission.
IX. Every candidate admitted to the course except sponsored candidate shall execute a bond on Rs. 50 Kerala Stamp Paper at the time of admission to the course that he/she shall pay to Government the stipend if any received during the course together with a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- as liquidated damages in the event of his/her interrupting or discontinuing the course at any time after expiry of the select list. In the case of sponsored candidates, they shall execute a bond that they shall pay to the Government a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- as liquidated damages in the event of his/her interrupting or discontinuing the course at any time after one month from the date of admission to the course.

X. (a) The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations will prepare and publish the select and wait list of candidates whose selection is purely on the basis of the entrance examination and forward the list to the Director of Medical Education.

(b) The selection list will be valid for three months from the date of publication of the select list/wait list. Additional seats if any sanctioned during the validity of the select list will be filled up from that list.

XI. HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY:-

(A) Application forms for appearing in the Entrance Examination – candidates seeking admission to the course can apply online through the website www.cee-kerala.org of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. Application forms are common for all candidates appearing for the Entrance Examination and application fee is Rs.800/- (Rupees Eight Hundred only). The required fee can be remitted at a designated bank using the Bank Chalan which is available in the online application print out. Application fee once remitted will not be refunded at any cost. The application forms and the prospectus will not be available from the colleges and from the office of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. All candidates should take a print out of the application and submit to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations with all necessary documents on or before the last date specified. In the case of service candidates/sponsored candidates, application fee should be remitted in the Treasury under the Head of Account “0210-03-105-99” and the chalan receipt should be attached with the application form.

Step wise procedure on how to apply using Online Application Form:

1. The candidate has to visit www.cee-kerala.org/pgphar.htm where he/she can find the link ‘Online Application form for M.Pharm Course 2009’ for submitting his/her application.

2. The candidate will be directed to another page where he/she should click the link ‘Apply Online’.

3. The candidate has to select the “Centre of Examination” and “Category to which he/she belongs” from corresponding combo boxes. The candidate has to upload his/her latest passport size photo in jpg format not more than 50 kb of size by clicking on the browse button provided.

4. Click on the ‘Continue’ button.

5. Fill the application form completely on-line.

6. If the candidate is fully sure that the data entered are correct in all respects, he/she has to click a ‘Submit’ button placed below a ‘Declaration’ by the candidate. The declaration is meant to state that all details entered by the candidate are true and no corrections will be requested for in future. Some preliminary validations on the data entered will be done during this stage. If the validation is not cleared, the candidate will have to look into all the errors shown in the page and correct it, otherwise, the
candidate can click the ‘Confirm’ button and save his application or click Cancel button to Edit. Once the ‘Confirm’ button is clicked, the application will be saved and the candidate will be directed to another page where facility for printing his/her application, nativity certificate, community certificate, chalan etc (as applicable) will be provided. The ‘Application number’ of the candidate will also be displayed in the page. The candidate is instructed to note down the application number for further correspondence with this office. The candidate will not be able to edit/modify/correct his application, once the ‘Confirm’ button is pressed. If any of the details submitted are found incorrect, the candidature of the candidate will be cancelled.

7. Take the printouts of the Application Form and other documents by clicking on the links provided. (This is very important).

8. In the printout of filled in application form, fix passport size photograph in the space provided and obtain necessary certificates as mentioned in VIII(d).

9. Candidate has to approach any one of the designated branches of State Bank of Travancore along with the print out of the bank chalan for remitting the application fee, by cash (List of bank branches where application fee remittance can be made is available in Annexure VIII). The candidate will be given a fee receipt. The ‘fee receipt in original’ has to be sent along with the application.

10. The candidate has to write the fee receipt no, date of payment, fee amount, Bank branch, put his/her signature where ever necessary and send the same by Registered Post to the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Vth Floor, Upper Zone, Housing Board Buildings, Santhi Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 001 before the time and date notified by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations. The application submitted by the candidates should be complete in all respects and the certificates produced after the last date of receipt will not be considered at any cost. Late and defective applications will not be considered by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations under any circumstances. Admit cards will be sent to only those candidates whose copy of application (in full and as required) is received in the office of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations on or before the last date published. Candidates applying for sponsored seats, seats under Lecturer Quota and seats under Drugs control Department/Health Service department shall submit their application to the DME, Medical College Campus, Thiruvananthapuram through their Heads of Department. Date of receipt of applications will be same as that of the General Category. The candidates who applied for both the Entrance Exam and under the Service/Sponsored quota need to submit only the photocopy of the application form to the DME, but separate fees should be remitted for the purpose.

11. The candidate is advised to keep a photocopy of the application (complete with photo and signatures) and keep it with him/her for reference.

12. Use ‘Print Existing Application’ link for taking further copies of application if necessary.
(a) Points to be remembered:

1. Candidates must upload a copy of their passport size photograph. (Only after uploading the photograph, the candidate will be able to fill in his/her application form online)
2. Candidates must pay the application fee, only in one of the designated banks (any branch of SBT)
3. Candidates will not be able to correct/modify/edit his/her application once the ‘Confirm’ button is pressed. Only after pressing the ‘Confirm’ button the page containing ‘Print’ link will be available.
4. The candidates must take a print of the application submitted by visiting the ‘print’ link. One copy of the same has to be retained by the candidate and another copy has to be sent to the office of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations along with relevant documents supporting claims in the application.
5. All applications sent to the Office of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations are to be printed using ‘Print’ link.
6. Candidates should not send more than one application form to the CEE.
7. The status of the receipt of the application forms can be viewed from the same web site.
8. Incomplete /late /defective applications will be summarily rejected.

(XII) CERTIFICATES / DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE PRINT OUT APPLICATION.

(i) True copy of the S.S.L.C book or any relevant records to prove date of birth.
(ii) True copy of the Marklist of the qualifying examination
(iii) Any one of the certificates to prove nativity, in the Application Form.
(iv) Certificates in support of claim for Communal Reservation, in the application Form.
(v) Inter-Caste marriage certificate, if applicable.
(vi) Attested copy of Certificate of the Medical Board for Persons with Disabilities.
(vii) Any other documents mentioned ion the Notification of the entrance examination.

WARNING: Incomplete applications with defective or incomplete certificates will be rejected. Belated applications also will not be accepted. Documents or certificates furnished after the last date fixed for receipt of applications will not be considered on any account. No candidate will be permitted to incorporate any additional details in the application form or to submit any additional documents after the submission of application form.
XIII. All certificates in Original are to be produced at the time of counselling. In case of any doubt about any certificate furnished by the candidates, such certificate will be accepted only if found correct on further verification. Admission given will be cancelled if it is found later that false certificates have been produced or that the admission has been secured by fraudulent means.

XIV. A selection committee consisting of the Director of Medical Education (Chairman), Joint Director of Medical Education (M), (Convenor) Joint Director of Medical Education (G), Principal, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, and Professor and Head of Pharmacy, College of Pharmaceutical Science, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram (Members) will prepare the Select List/Wait List of candidates, for seats reserved for Lecturers in Pharmacy, Nominees of Drug Control Department/ Health Service and Sponsored candidates. The Director of Medical Education will publish the list.

XV. The Prospectus is subject to modification/addition as may be considered necessary by the Government and will be issued as Executive orders/notification.
Appendix - I

CERTIFICATE

Certified that Sri./ Smt. …………………………………………………………………... is holding appointment as ……………………………………………… in the institution from ………………… onwards till date and that he/she had continuous service/research experience of ……… years, ……… months and ………… days as on ………………. 2006.

This institution has the privilege to sponsor Sri./ Smt. ………………………………………… to be sponsored candidate for seeking admission to M.Pharm Degree course in Pharmacy Practice and also agrees that the candidate will not be withdrawn from the course of study by this Institution.

(Seal) 
Signature

Place 
Name

Date 
Designation and

Address