

## **Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya**

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### **VISION OF THE FACULTY**

*“Be an internationally recognized leader in allied health education”*

### **MISSION OF THE FACULTY**

*“To provide nationally and internationally accredited undergraduate and postgraduate education and training through conduct of research and dissemination of knowledge to produce competent professionals having social sensitivity and humane qualities.”*

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE FACULTY**

- Offer undergraduate training programmes in various specialties of allied health sciences including Nursing, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Radiotherapy and Medical Laboratory Science
- Provide opportunities and courses necessary for postgraduate degree programme such as MSc, M Phil, PhD etc. through link programmes at home and abroad
- Provide short courses necessary to upgrade the knowledge and skills of the existing certificate holders in the specialties of allied health sciences to upgrade their knowledge base to that of a graduate
- Offer part time certificate and Diploma courses in sub – specialties of allied health sciences
- Provide the University with the services necessary to implement effective health care to its attached hospitals, clinics etc.
- Provide relevant training programme for university teachers and other staff in selected areas
- Promote collaboration in research and development with the medical and other professions
- Conduct research in the frontiers of modern health care approaches and related disciplines in collaboration with local and foreign institutions and organizations.

***In addition, this new faculty is expected to provide direct benefit such as***

- Provide necessary advice for national policy making
- Implement new services in practice

- Acquire the flexibility required to develop and utilize human resources available in the university and the country efficiently
- Bring the University of Peradeniya into the limelight of the public as a prime center for training in allied health sciences and related academic disciplines
- Expand the allied health education in the country in a significant manner to cater to the needs of a larger population living in urban and rural areas

### **Historical Background**

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (FAHS) is the youngest and the 8<sup>th</sup> Faculty of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and was established in 2007 within 6 months of its proposal, as an exit maneuver to accommodate the first batch of allied health students who were admitted to University of Peradeniya under the umbrella of Faculty of Medicine, since the Medical Faculty was not in a position to expand its capacity to conducting these Allied Health degree programmes under its umbrella. This faculty was inaugurated on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the Old Dental Faculty premises, Augusta Hill, Peradeniya just 1 km away from the main campus.

The Faculty is currently offering six 4 year and 3 year general + 1 year special undergraduate degree programs in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences for the qualifications of B. Sc Nursing, BSc Physiotherapy, BSc Medical Laboratory Science, B.Pharm (Pharmacy), BSc Radiography and BSc Radiotherapy. The FAHS has five departments of study catering for each discipline.

The first batch admitted to this faculty (168 students) is now completed above courses amidst the fast tracked infrastructure development process of the new faculty in parallel. Due to the initial setback of providing clinical training, the first batch will take more than 4 years to complete their degree programme. 159 students from the first batch were graduated and received their degrees at the General Convocation-2011. First time in the history of the University of Peradeniya five new B.Sc degrees and B.Pharm degree were awarded at the convocation. At present, there are 670 students are following degree programmes on various discipline mentioned above. And, the faculty has made collaboration with national and private hospital authorities to provide hospital based training to their students, accordingly, at present, students of this faculty are undergoing for this training programme.

The curricula of the FAHS are designed to prepare a new generation of allied health workers whilst assisting the current workforce to adapt to new knowledge to face the new challenges in modern medical practice, where, doctors, nurses, medical laboratory scientists, physiotherapists, pharmacists, radiotherapists and radiographers work in a team for quality health care delivery. Their dedication, training, ability and attitudes form the basis of quality health care.

There are twenty permanent teachers appointed to the Faculty. The Faculty however, still depends very much on the good will and support extended by Deans of other faculties and their staff. Visiting lecturers both local and from overseas plays a vital role in the ongoing teaching programmes. All academic vacancies are now filled by temporary staff until such

time the university administration make arrangements to have the permanent academic cadre positions filled.

In Sri Lanka, we can still be consoled that many doctors are supportive of the provision of high quality university education for the allied health students. Thus, we believe a cordial relationship will develop against all odds among allied health graduates and doctors to provide better health care for the sick in this country in the future. It should be emphasized that the Ministry of Health and Nutrition should expedite the process of recruiting these graduates as approved by the cabinet of Ministers.

## **DEPARTMENTS OF STUDIES AND ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBERS**

The FAHS has 5 departments of study catering for each discipline mentioned above. The Faculty Board, the governing body of the faculty constitutes of academic staff of the faculty, co-opted members by the Council of UPSL and 3 distinguished members of the society nominated by the Faculty Board.

### **The Dean and the Chairman of the Faculty Board**

Dr. D.B. M.Wickramaratne                      B Sc, Ph D (Perad.)

### **External member to the Board**

Dr. M.D.S.Rajamanthrei                      Director/ Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala

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Prof. N.A. De.S. Amaratunga                      Public representative

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Mr. B.M.Kumaradasa                      Chief Pharmacist, TH/ Kurunegala

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Mr. P.Ariyaratne                      Chief MLS, TH/ Kurunegala

Mr. R.M.U.Ratnayake                      Chief Radiographer, TH/ Kurunegala

Ms.H.M.C.M.Herath                      Chief Nursing Officer, TH/ Kurunegala

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Mr. M.T.A.Azhar                      Assistant Registrar/Faculty of AHS  
BBA (Hons), PGDBM (Col), MBS (Col)

### **Head of the Departments**

Dr. M.P.S.Mudalige                      Head / Dept. of MLS  
B Sc (Hons), Ph D (Ruhuna)

Dr. R.D.Jayasinghe                      Head / Dept. of Radiography & Radiotherapy  
BDS (Perad.) MS

Dr. B.M.H.S.K.Banneheka                      Acting Head / Dept of Physiotherapy  
BDS (Perad), PhD (Japan)

Prof. K.M.S.Wimalasiri                      Acting Head / Dept. of Nursing  
B Sc, Ph D (Perad.)

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Ms. R.T.Senanayake	B. A, Coordinator/ ELTU-Faculty of AHS
Mr. S.Retanaraj	BBA (EUSL) Assistant Bursar/ Faculty of AHS

#### **Academic staff members of the Department of MLS**

Dr. M.P.S.Mudalige	B Sc (Hons), Ph D (Ruhuna)
Dr. H.M.T.U Herath	B Sc (Hons), PhD (Lond)
Dr. M.D.M.L.D.K.Yatawara	B V Sc (Perad), PhD (Japan)
Dr. K.L.T.D.Jayawardene	B V Sc (Perad)
Dr.C.K.Gunawrdane	B V Sc (Perad), M Sc (Canada)

#### **Academic staff members of the Dept. of Pharmacy**

Dr. D.B. M.Wickramaratne	B Sc, Ph D (Perad.)
Ms. M.H.F.Sakeena	B.Pharm, MSc (Pharm. Tech)
Ms. H.M.D.R.Herath	B Sc Pharmacy (Col)
Mr. A.C.M.Fahim	B.Pharm, M Sc (applied Mgt Health)
Ms. I.U.K.Tennakoon	B Sc (Hons)
Ms. L.C.P.T.Liyanarachchi	B Sc Pharmacy (Col)

#### **Academic staff members of the Dept. of Physiotherapy**

Ms. S. I. Wadugodapitiya	B PT (India)
Mr. A.L.I.Prasanne	B PT (India)
Mr.D.T.Kodikara	B PT (India)

#### **Academic staff members of the Dept. of Nursing**

Ms. A.Y.R.Athukorala	B Sc Nursing (OUSL)
Ms. A.M.S.Deepani	B Sc Nursing (OUSL)
Mr. U.W.S.Rathnayake	B Sc Nursing (OUSL)
Ms. H.D.W.T.Damayanthi	B Sc Nursing (OUSL)

#### **Academic staff members of the Dept. of Radiography/Radiotherapy**

Mr. M.A.J.C.Marasinghe	B Sc, M Sc in Medical Physics (Perad)
Ms. U.M.U.W Jayasekera	B Sc (Kelani), Dip in Radiography

### **01. Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences**

The Department of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) is one of the 5 departments of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences which offers the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science degree which is a pre registration degree course designed to produce Medical Laboratory Science graduates. The curriculum of the MLS degree programme provides a sound scientific foundation for medical laboratory technologies enabling the student to develop competencies necessary for the provision of modern laboratory service for the public. The programme is designed further encourage the students to acquire knowledge in the bio medical fields of relevance by which students willable to interpret results, understand sources of errors and solve problems.

### JOB PROSPECTS

- Postgraduate training and research opportunities locally and abroad
  - Academic positions in Universities, other teaching institutions, public and Private sectors both local and foreign
  - To work as a medical laboratory scientist and a managerial position in government and private sector
- Research opportunities locally and abroad  
Managerial positions in public and private institutions  
Running a private laboratory service

### Function of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science

To provide sound scientific foundation for medical laboratory technologists enabling them to develop competencies necessary for the provision of modern laboratory service for the public. The main objective is to produce a good quality Medical Laboratory Scientist who is;

- Self confident with knowledge and practical skills to carryout develop and evaluate laboratory test processes and meet the demands of the advances in laboratory technology.
- Able to apply and monitor quality laboratory processes and ensure safety in laboratory.
- Sufficiently qualified to acquire worldwide recognition as a graduate of medical laboratory science and expand opportunities for further training and postgraduate studies.
- A scientist at the interface of modern laboratory science and medical science assisting the pathologists and clinicians in diagnosing, monitoring and screening of diseases.
- Demonstrate ability to design, undertake and interpret a research project and present it in a form of a dissertation and will be readily employable in medical research laboratories to carryout research.
- Lifelong learner and an important member of the team delivering health care in this country.
- Acquire wisdom for appropriate professional development with ability to communicate information clearly, both verbally and in writing.

### **Department of Nursing**

The Bachelor of Science Nursing Programme is a pre-registration degree course designed to produce nurse practitioners capable of proving safe and effective nursing care of a high standard in a variety of settings such as generalist nursing, Midwifery nursing, Child Health nursing and Community health Nursing.

The department provides a sound scientific and humanistic foundation for nursing practice, enabling the students develop competencies necessary for the delivery of nursing care related to prevention, maintenance, cure, rehabilitation and promotion of health. It also addresses the acute and chronic health problems of clients throughout their life span, including care of the child-bearing woman. Furthermore, they would acquire confidence in self-direction for the development of nursing as a profession and its evolving contributions to other disciplines of health care. The department is functioning to designing and conducting training programs to impart knowledge in nursing to produce graduate nurses capable of providing safe and effective nursing care of a high standard.

The program is designed to encourage the students to acquire knowledge and insights through self-directed learning and innovative approaches. The program will also introduce concepts of nursing research and evidence-based practice at an early stage. The program also aims to produce graduate nurses who have highly developed analytical skills and leadership in the profession potential alongside sound competence in nursing care. Emphasis will be placed on developing critical and reflective thinking, problem solving and social skills in the undergraduates and also skills to address professional, moral and ethical issues. Practice placements throughout the program ensure the development of nursing skills and competencies. Practice-based learning takes place in a variety of hospital and community settings.

#### JOB PROSPECTS

- To work as a competent nurse in government and private sector locally and abroad
- Postgraduate training opportunities locally and abroad
- Research opportunities locally and abroad
- Academic positions in Universities, other teaching Institutions, public and private sectors both local and foreign
- To work in a supervisory and managerial capacity in the nursing sector

Note:

Obtaining a 'pass' in all courses (modules) is essential to register for the 'final comprehensive examination' of the B Sc Nursing programme.

The students following the B Sc Nursing programme will be under close scrutiny and a personal file will be maintained by the Department of Nursing. In this file will be a record of their behaviour and attitudes as observed by the members of the staff of the department and faculty. At the conclusion of the programme, if the observations prove that the student's behaviour is not satisfactory, she/he will not be recommended for registering as a nurse even if she/he has maintained an excellent academic record.

#### **Department of Pharmacy**

Pharmacy is the branch of the health science which extends its horizon from raw materials to manufacture of pharmaceuticals to monitoring the proper drug use by the patients. There are two major areas in pharmacy namely, "Pharmaceutical Science" and "Pharmacy Practice". The pharmacy curriculum of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya, incorporates both the pharmacy practice and the pharmaceutical science

aspects equally so that the graduate who completes the course will be able to select the area of interest. The curriculum provides a scientific and service oriented foundation for pharmacy practice enabling the graduates to develop competencies necessary to independently practice as professionally qualified pharmacists. Furthermore they shall acquire confidence in self direction for the development of pharmacy as an independent profession and its evolving contribution to other disciplines of health care.

Based on the recommendations by UGC and Ministry of higher education, the B.Pharm degree programme was implemented in 2007 at University of Peradeniya. A senior key academic person from department of pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine was appointed to implement this programme at University of Peradeniya. Dr. T.N.C.Athuraliya who was the overall coordinator for B.Pharm degree programme had worked hard and contributed her maximum efforts to implement this programme at University of Peradeniya. She is now regarded as founder head of Department of Pharmacy in the faculty.

Development of a curriculum for B.Pharm degree was a great challenge for the pharmacy degree program. This was a huge task at early stage of this degree programme, due to dearth of expertise in this field in Sri Lanka, unable to find professors, senior lecturers or module coordinators locally. Therefore the expertises from neighbouring countries (India, Pakistan and Malaysia) were brought down to prepare the curriculum for B.Pharm degree. International workshops were organized and conducted to formulate the curriculum for the very first time in Sri Lanka.

#### **JOB PROSPECTS**

- Postgraduate training opportunities locally and abroad
- Research opportunities locally and abroad
- Academic positions in Universities, other teaching Institutions, public and private sectors both local and foreign
- Managerial positions in public and private Institutions
- Work in and develop private pharmacy services in giving a quality service
- Work in and develop the pharmaceutical industry

#### **Department of Physiotherapy**

Department of physiotherapy was established in 2007, to cater the growing demands of physiotherapy services in Sri Lanka. It is one of the main institutes which produce graduates in physiotherapy. Around 120 students have been registered for the degree program. The Department has 4 academic staff, specialized in various disciplines of physiotherapy, and academic supportive staff.

Department provides all students theoretical as well as clinical training of physiotherapy in government hospitals ,private hospitals and recognized institutions, to get hands on experience. Department is also equipped with a modern therapeutic gymnasium and a service unit.

The Department offers Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy degree programme is a pre-registration degree course. It is a three year general + 1 year special course. Students who have GPA more than 2.8 after following 3 year course are eligible to register for additional one year B.Sc in Physiotherapy degree programme. The course is designed to produce physiotherapists capable of providing high standards of physiotherapy and rehabilitation in multiple settings, Sri Lanka or abroad. The course equips the students with current concepts and practice in rapidly advancing branches of allied health sciences. These graduates will be able to assess, plan and implement physiotherapy and rehabilitation care of the needy and evaluate outcome. The course will assure safe clinical practice of these graduates and they will be able to acquire further post graduate training in the field of physiotherapy.

Functions of the Departments are to design and provide a sound scientific program for the future Physiotherapists to stand up to local & global Physiotherapy standards and to become competitive Physiotherapists with a high skill level, hands on experience and good clinical expertise to promote, maintain and restore physical, psychological and social well-being, taking account of variations in health status of the society.

#### JOB PROSPECTS

- Postgraduate training opportunities locally and abroad
- Research opportunities locally and abroad
- Academic positions in Universities, other teaching Institutions, public and private sectors both local and foreign
- Managerial positions in public and private Institutions
- Running a private physiotherapy service
- To work in the government and private sector as a specialized physiotherapist

#### **Department of Radiography/Radiotherapy**

Department of Radiography/Radiotherapy is the only among five departments of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (FAHS) offering two degrees namely B.Sc. in radiography and B.Sc. in radiotherapy. This is the only department in Sri Lanka conducting degree programmes for these courses. Department has five batches at present and 1<sup>st</sup> batch of 32 students were graduated at the General convocation 2011.

These degree programmes are a pre-registration degree course. It is a three year general + 1 year special course. Students who have GPA more than 2.8 after following 3 year course are eligible to register for additional one year B.Sc in radiography and B.Sc. in radiotherapy. The ultimate aim is to produce professional diagnostic and therapeutic radiographers with a high level of skill and knowledge to improve the quality of service in the health sector. In the future they'll become professional radiographers to meet the rapidly evolving local and international standards.

Radiographers work in clinical environments using radiation based imaging and therapeutic modalities. This demanding, technical and scientific discipline requires good personal qualities and in return offers a flexible professional career with a very high level of job

satisfaction. Radiography is a career suited to people with interest in the application of science and technology in a clinical environment.

#### JOB PROSPECTS

- Postgraduate training opportunities locally and abroad
- Research opportunities locally and abroad
- Academic positions in Universities, other teaching Institutions, public and private sectors both local and foreign
- Managerial positions in public and private Institutions
- Running a private radiography/radiotherapy service under supervision
- To work in the government and private sector as a specialized radiotherapist / Radiographer

#### Details of Resources & Students

Course	Total Students	Total No. of Academic Staff	Visiting Lecturer	Tem. Demo/ Instructor	Total No. of Non Academic Staff	Executive Staff
Dept of Pharmacy	83	06	20	05	06	-
Dept of MLS	108	05	22	07	06	-
Dept of Nursing	221	04	10	05	05	-
Dept of Physiotherapy	148	04 (01 on contract)	12	06	05	-
Dept of Radiography	144	03 (01 on Contract)	35	06	04	-
Dean's Office – FAHS (AR+AB)	-	-	-	01	07	02
<b>Total</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>02</b>

#### National and International Links

##### MoU between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka & the School of Health, Niigata University- Japan

The mutual agreement between the faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya & The School of Health Sciences, Niigata University, Japan was entered by the both parties in Sri Lanka on 02.02.2010 for the following the mutual agreement for the smooth implementation of exchange

- The cooperative projects may include especially the discipline of Nursing, Radiography and Medical Laboratory Sciences of both parties
- The arrangement of themes of joint activities and conditions for utilizing the results achieved will be further discussed for each specific case.

- (c) All financial arrangements will be considered the mutual burden between both parties on a case by case basis
- (d) The exchange of students will be started as soon as both arrangements are set, and the details of each decision made following further discussion.

According to this agreement faculty of AHS received Rs 9,526,173.18 worth of equipments/ glassware/consumables as donations (Department of Radiography, MLS, and Nursing) to the faculty. This agreement again was renewed on 11.09.2011

#### **MoU between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka & the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Malaysia**

The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Universiti Sains, Malaysia for collaborative activities involving teachers and students exchange, development of joint degree programmes and development of curricula in Allied Health Sciences. The MoU for 05 years was signed in Malaysia on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and mutually benefits both universities.

#### **MoU between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka & Sheffield Hallam University, UK**

The mutual agreement between the University of Peradeniya & Sheffield Hallam University, UK was entered by the both parties in Sri Lanka on 09.03.2007 based on the principles of equality, mutual benefit, and mutual respect to promote exchange and cooperation in education, research, and other related fields between the two universities.

#### **MoU between University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka & Sheffield Hallam University, UK**

A collaborative Research Project with Gunma University, Japan and University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka on “Development of a Distance Education System to Support Development and Education of Co- medical Professionals in Developing Countries” was signed at the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences on 23.08.2011.

The Gunma University, Japan with the collaboration of three universities namely University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, two universities in Nicaragua and Mongolia will launch a 03 year research projects.

#### **Links with National and Private Hospitals**

The Faculty has made collaboration with national and private hospital authorities to provide hospital based training to their students, accordingly, at present, students of this faculty are undergoing for this training programme at Teaching Hospital/ Kurunegala, Mantel health Hospital/ Angoda, Chest Hospital (Teaching)/ Welisara, Base Hospital/ Chilew, Ragama Hospital, Cancer Hospital / Maharagama, Teaching Hospital/ Kandy,

Students are continued to attend the Cancer Hospital at Mahargama. Certain private hospitals namely Asiri Hospital (Pvt) Ltd., Hemas Hospital/ Wattala and Lanka Hospital (Pvt.)

Ltd , Etc., were made available for the students to undergo practical training. Those hospitals have given assistance to the Departments by way of conducting practical sessions to students.

### **Collaboration with other national Institution**

The Faculty collaborated with national institutions such as Atomic Energy Authority, St. Johns Ambulance services, Rehabilitation Center/ Digana, STD/HIV AIDS prevention Unit-Teaching Hospital Kandy, Sri Lanka Pharmaceutical Society,

### **SERVICES OFFER BY THE FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

- **X-ray facility**  
The Department of Radiography of the Faculty inaugurated its own X-ray service centre on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009. The service is extended to both students and staff of the University. The Department provides this facility to outsiders at very affordable rates.
- **Exercises & Fitness Therapy Unit**  
The Department of Physiotherapy inaugurated its own fully equipped Exercise & fitness Therapy Unit on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in faculty premise. At present this service is extended to both students, staff of the University and expanding this facility to outdoor patients& members of the national athletic team
- **Opening of Pharmacy Lab**  
The Department of Pharmacy inaugurated its Pharmacy Lab on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 at the faculty premises. At present this service is extended to both students and staff of the University. The Departments anticipates expanding this facility to outsiders in the future.
- **Counseling Facilities**  
The Senior Student Counselors of the Faculty of AHS are continuously providing counseling facilities to students and staff.
- **Physiotherapy service unit**  
Physiotherapy Service Unit of the Department of Physiotherapy is providing physiotherapy consultation and treatment for university members and outpatients at very affordable rates

### **FUTURE TRENDS**

It is expected to increase the flexibility and broad basing of the Allied health sciences degree programme further to satisfy the needs of the students. More new subjects/disciplines will be introduced depending on the demand and the needs of the country. Interaction with local industry will be strengthened. More major and minor subjects will be introduced, which will further diversify the Allied health sciences degree programme

## **RESEARCH**

The Faculty of AHS has a strong commitment towards the research in various disciplines. Academics in different departments engage in high quality research of local and international relevance. Research among students is also encouraged. Selected students of the Faculty are sent to foreign universities (Niigata University, Japan) for research work every year under MoU signed with such universities.

The Annual [Research Sessions of the University of Peradeniya \(PURSE\)](#) gives a forum to present their research to the scientific community in Sri Lanka. Staff and students from all faculties, University of Peradeniya participated in this symposium.

The AHS Bulletin of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences is the major journal publication of the Faculty. The Faculty commenced a collaborative research programme in areas of interest and relevance for the enhancement of allied health services in this country

## **POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

It has been proposed that the faculty of Allied Health Sciences will be involved in conducting “equalization” courses for the current certificate holders employed in the Ministry of Health to upgrade their knowledge to that of B Sc degree level. In additions, the Faculty is also contemplating establishment of a strong postgraduate degree program based on research.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The admission of undergraduate students to follow degree courses in allied health sciences is made by the University Grants Commission (UGC, 18 Ward Place, Colombo). Selection for admission is based on the results of the GCE (Adv level) examination conducted by the Department of examinations, Ministry of Education and the demand for vacancies. Requirements for a candidate to be eligible for admission to the FAHS may vary from time to time and prospective candidates are advised to consult the handbook “Admissions to the Undergraduate Courses in the Universities of Sri Lanka” issued by the UGC.

## **RECORD BOOK**

Students must obtain record books on admission to this University from the Registration Branch, which is housed in the Senate Building. This Record Book should be carried by the students at all times and be produced when required

## **STUDENT IDENTITY CARD**

Students’ Identity card will be issued by this faculty once the students got registered in the university. This Student Identity Card should be carried by the students at all times and be produced when required.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration of first year students is done by the Registration Branch and then at the Dean's Office after the Intensive Course in English. Registration of all senior students is done at the beginning of each academic year at the Dean's Office, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

Students are required to pay the prescribed fees to the credit of the No.1 or No. 2 Accounts of the University of Peradeniya at any branch of the People's Bank or the Bank of Ceylon respectively, and produce the receipt at the time of registration. It is the responsibility of the students to get their Record Books endorsed at the Dean's Office when registering for the new Academic Year.

#### **DURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

The course duration of the Academic Year is usually 15 weeks in two semesters.

#### **ABSENCE FROM EXAMINATION**

A student who falls ill during examination time should contact the University Medical Office at the University Health Center immediately. If a student falls sick at home or elsewhere, the guardian should inform the Dean of the faculty within seven (7) days by a telegram followed by a letter indicating the nature of the illness, the name of the attending Doctor and a Medical Certificate supporting the illness of the student.

The Medical Certificate should be from one of the following persons:

- University Medical Office (UMO)
- District Medical Officer
- Consultant Specialist in the particular field
- Head of a Government Base Hospital
- Medical Superintendent of a Government Ayurvedic Hospital

#### **EXAMINATION PROCEDURE**

All undergraduate courses will adopt a two semester system for all 4 years. Each course (module) will be assessed at mid semester and end of semester which will include theory, practical examination and problem based case studies, OSCE and other forms of testing where appropriate. A final year examination, conducted in some degree programs (for example Nursing, Physiotherapy, Medical Laboratory etc) will incorporate questions across the specialties learnt. Courses (modules) for English and communication skills I and II, Information technology I and II and Medical ethics and professional development will be assessed at the end of each semester but will not be counted for GPA. However the students should pass these courses (modules).

All examination procedures are subject to modification annually as part of the quality assurance process and as directed by the Senate of the University. Specific details of the examinations in each degree course should be obtained from the relevant Department.

#### **GRADE POINT SYSTEM.**

The abstract value assigned to a course (module) on the basis of contact hours per week is called a credit. One credit will be equivalent to approximately 15 hours of lectures or 30 hours of laboratory work or a predefined number of hours involved in hospital practice or field work.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERION:**

The following requirements have to be satisfied for the awarding of the respective allied health science degrees unless specified otherwise.

- Earning the minimum stipulated number of credits for degree programme
- Obtaining a GPA  $\geq 2.0$
- Having not more than one course (module) with grade D+
- Having no course (module) with grade D or less
- More than 50% marks from the specified final examination (in some courses)

#### **ASSIGNMENT OF GRADES AND AWARD OF CLASSES:**

Each course (module) will be marked and assigned grades.

- The grade for a course (module) is based upon several assessment components.
- The assignment of grades is based on distribution of marks and not upon fixed cut-off marks.
- The evaluation panel assigning grades constitutes a minimum of two members of academic staff appointed by the faculty board.

#### **THE LETTER GRADE AND GRADE POINTS**

Letter grade	Grade point	Letter grade	Grade point
A+	4.0	C-	1.7
A	4.0	D+	1.3
A-	3.7	D	1.0
B+	3.3	F – Failure	0.0
B	3.0	W – Withdrawal	
B-	2.7	I – Incomplete	
C+	2.3		
C	2.0		

#### **OTHER TYPES OF GRADES:**

W: Withdrawal from a module (course) within the first two weeks of registration is allowed provided that the minimum credit requirement is not violated. The courses will be automatically graded W. Withdrawal after this period cannot be effected, except on medical grounds or due to other valid reasons.

F: Failure to complete the course unit, which has not been recorded as a withdrawal will be graded F.

I: If the student was unable to complete the module due to acceptable reasons, it is an incomplete module. A student may upgrade the grade I within one year of its recording. If the student fails to upgrade the grade at least to grade D within the stipulated time, the course director will declare that it is changed to grade F. If the grade I was given because the student was unable to sit the final examination, he/she may be allowed to upgrade the grade I by sitting the examination at a later stage with the approval of the relevant instructor and head of department.

#### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE:**

This is the credit weighted mean of all credit units and the grade points obtained by a student for the course unit he/she has offered. It is a measure of overall performance of the student. It is calculated to the second decimal place. Eligibility for the award of certificate will be determined by the GPA together with other stipulated requirements.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum(c_j g_j)}{\sum c_j}$$

Where,  $c_j$  and  $g_j$  are the number of credits and the grade point for the  $j$ th module respectively.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

It is mandatory to have 80% attendance at all courses (modules) independently. Absence on medical grounds or due to any other valid reason must be approved by the Faculty Board. The course coordinator during the first half of the module should report to the relevant head of department, names of the students who are excessively absent. The course coordinator in consultation with the relevant instructor(s) will decide whether the missed work/examination could be made up. When the absence from classes of a course (module) is not approved by the Faculty Board, such classes are automatically graded as F.

#### **IMPROVING GRADES:**

A student who obtains grades of C-, D+, D or F may (a) follow that module /course unit again at his /her expense and /or (b) take part in the class room exercises and final examination of that module again at his/her own expense in order to improve his/her grade. For this purpose only three attempts will be given and the maximum grade given shall be a grade C.

The award of classes will be based on the GPA and the performance at the final examination, end of year 4.

#### **First class -GPA of 3.70 and over**

- At least grade C for credits in the foundation courses and in course units whose credits will add up to the defined minimum for each degree programme.

- Completion of the degree program in four years
- Obtaining 70% mark at Final examination

**Second class (Upper division) -GPA of 3.30-3.69**

- At least grade C for credits in the foundation courses and in course units whose credits will add up to the defined minimum for each degree programme
- Completion of the degree program in four years
- Obtaining 65% mark at Final examination

**Second class (Lower division) -GPA of 2.75 – 3.29**

- At least grade C for credits in the foundation courses and in course units whose credits will add up to defined minimum for each degree programme
- Completion of the degree program in four years
- Obtaining 60% mark at Final examination

**Pass -GPA of 2.00 – 2.74**

- At least grade C for credits in the foundation courses and in course units whose credits will add up to the defined minimum for each degree programme
- Completion of the degree program in four years
- Obtaining 50% mark at Final examination

**GPA of less than 2.0 shall be a Fail. Award of honours shall be decided by the Board of Examiners using the above criteria as guidelines.**

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