

THE TAMILNADU DR.M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
69, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032, Tamil Nadu
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Admission to
Post Graduate Degree Course in Public Health
M.Sc. (Public Health)

PROSPECTUS (2024-2025)

P.G. DEGREE COURSE - M.Sc. PUBLIC HEALTH

S.No.	Details	Date
1	Date of Posting of the Advertisement and Application Form in the University Website	20.02.2024 (Tuesday)
2	Last date for receipt of filled in Application Form completed in all respects	30.08.2024 (Friday)

ADMISSION SCHEDULE FOR THE A.Y 2024-2025

NOTE:

- If a candidate is applying for more than one course, they must submit a separate application for each course.
- If the scheduled dates happen to coincide with an unexpected holiday, the next working day may be considered as the scheduled date
- Completed Application form in all respects should be sent to the below postal address:

The Professor & Head of Department
Department of Epidemiology
The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University
No.69, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032

On the envelope, please mention ‘**Application for admission to M.Sc. (Public Health) course – 2024-2025**’

Also send a soft copy of the application with all relevant documents to the email epid@tnmgrmu.ac.in

M.Sc. (Public Health)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Number of seats	: Sixteen (16)
Duration	: Two years – Full time Course
Degree	: Full Time – Regular Course
Timings	: 10.00 am to 5.45 pm

Course Objectives

On completion of MSc (PH) course, candidate as a public health professional should be able to:

- Identify and prioritize key public health issues.
- Understand the principals involved in the management of health service organizations and in planning the development of health services
- Conduct critical assessment in specific domains of public health
- Do research in accordance with ethical principles relevant to public health work.

Partnership with Health Systems

The students will have exposure to public health programmes including those under the National Health Mission and disease control/surveillance programmes. Institutes such as the Institute of Public Health [IPH] (Poonamallee) /Institute of Vector Control and Zoonosis (Hosur) and other Public Health training institutes across the State

Format of the Course

Year 1: Candidates will spend the first six months at DoE -The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai/ collaborating institutes of DPH&PM undergoing first semester training in core courses. They will also be involved in developing a project application based on their electives for their field training. Following this, they will be involved in Field project/research programmes upon written approval by the on- and off-campus supervisors/guide for the next 4 months (7th to 10th month). During 11th month they will return to DoE & submit the Field project Report and take first semester examinations.

Year 2: Candidates will spend the first three months at DoE undergoing second semester training in core courses and will be involved in developing a research protocol for their Capstone Project/Dissertation based on their elective topic. During the following 4 months (16th to 19th month)

they will work on data collection, data entry, analysis for their thesis (with an approved e- field movement plan & maintaining log book). Subsequently, candidates will return to the DoE to write the second semester examinations as well to finalise thesis work. The candidate will submit proof of manuscript submission for publication to a peer-reviewed, index journal & defend their thesis in a viva-voce examination at the 24th month.

M. Sc. in Public Health - Curriculum

1. First year (6 months at DoE & DPH Institutes, 7th to 10th month in field, 11th month In-field project submission & Exams at 12th month):

Papers for first year:-

1. Principles of Epidemiology (core)

including Fundamentals of research design & Evidence based health

2. Principles of Biostatistics (core)

3. Diseases of Public Health importance & Control (core)

Any one of the Electives for practicum (Field project Report)

- Outbreak investigations
- Secondary data analysis at State level
- Secondary data analysis with appropriate qualitative research (FGD,etc.)
- Health Communication Modules
- Infectious disease epidemiology
- NCD and injury epidemiology

2. Second year (Exams at 24th month):

1. Health Management (core)

2. Dissertation

In addition

1. Any one of the Electives-

Health policy or Health System research

Evaluation of health programme

Demography Survey or Health Survey

Public health nutrition

Food Safety

Occupational and environmental health

WASH
Health Leadership
Health Economics

2.Publish manuscript in a peer reviewed journal

Eligibility & Admission requirements

The following represent the standard minimum undergraduate degree requirements for admission to the MSc (PH) program:

- Bachelor of Science in Life sciences (including Food Tech, Dairy), Statistics, Nutrition, Social work, Communications or equivalent* from a recognised University acquired as a full-time student
- Bachelor degree in health or health-related programs such as Medicine (MBBS), Dentistry (BDS), AYUSH (BAMS, BUMS, BSMS, BNYS, BHMS), Veterinary, Nursing, Physio/Occupational Therapy and Pharmacy, Bachelor in Engineering (Civil)

*Work experience in a health-related field is desirable.

Thus, widening of above eligibility would facilitate inter-disciplinary curriculum based on electives & make pathways of public health action as multi-sectoral.

Number of seats : 16

Method of selection :

The candidate will be selected on the basis of written entrance examination marks **Obtaining of prospectus, application form etc.,**

The Application Form and the Prospectus and enclosures can be downloaded from the website of the Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University (www.tnmgrmu.ac.in) starting from **20.02.2024**.The duly filled application, complete in all respects, along with a non-refundable application processing fee of Rs.885/-(**Rupees eight hundred and eighty five only**) inclusive of GST can be submitted either online or through a Demand Draft drawn on any nationalized bank in favor of **The Registrar, The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, payable at Chennai. The application along with the mentioned**

enclosures should reach the Professor & Head of Department, Department of Epidemiology, The Tamilnadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai – 600032 on or before 5.45 P.M. on 30.08.2024.

ENCLOSURES:

1	Non-refundable Application Processing fee of Rs.885/- (online mode / (or) as a bank draft drawn in favour of the Registrar, The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University payable at Chennai.
2	Self-attested photocopies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark / Grade sheets of qualifying degree• Provisional Pass Certificate• Degree certificate of qualifying degree• Transfer certificate from the institution last studied / Proof of Birth• Migration certificate (if applicable)• Permanent Registration certificate from respective councils (if applicable)• Eligibility Certificate for admission to M.Sc.(Public Health) course obtained from The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University (for candidates from other universities)• Community Certificate

General Instructions

- Candidates are responsible for checking the website periodically for published updates.
- All inquiries should be addressed to epid@tnmgrmu.ac.in
- Original Certificates should NOT be sent along with the completed application forms. The university will not be responsible for any consequences resulting from the submission of original certificates.
- Incomplete Application and Applications without the specified enclosures etc. will be rejected.

Selection Policy

- ❖ Selection will be based on written entrance examination mark obtained among eligible candidates

- ❖ The candidate's understand and capacity to comprehend quantitative information, past academic performance, past experience and confidential reports from referees will be taken into consideration wherever necessary.
- ❖ Successful candidates will be provisionally selected for admission to the two years M.Sc. (Public Health) degree course.

The decision of the University/Selection Committee will be final. **the time of interview/admission, the following certificates should be made available in original for verification.**

- Mark / Grade sheets of qualifying degree
- Provisional Pass Certificate
- Degree certificate of qualifying degree
- Transfer certificate from the institution last studied
- Migration certificate (if applicable)
- Permanent Registration certificate from respective councils (if applicable)
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- Community Certificate

Last date for joining the course

Those finally selected and medically cleared for admission will be required to join the M.Sc. (Public Health) course on or before 30.09.2024 (Monday), by 5.45 PM after paying the tuition fee and other fees for the first year of the course as mentioned.

The Course fee and Examination fee for First Year and Second Year:

Candidates may get the fees details from the Department of Epidemiology

Mode of payment of fees

- Tuition fees should be paid through the online gateway method.
- The University reserves the right to revise the tuition fees/exam fees from time to time.
- All fees once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances. If any candidate discontinues the course after one month of joining, they are liable to pay the second-year fees before receiving their original certificates or relief

Eligibility for the degree

Candidates will be eligible for the Master of Degree in Public Health if they fulfill the following requirements;

- a) Pass in the written, practical and oral examination to be conducted at the end of the 1st year.
- b) Submission and satisfactory defense of dissertation produced following bonafide work of the candidate at the end of the 2nd year.

Duration

The duration of the M.Sc. (Public Health) course is two years.

Eligibility certificate

The candidate, who has passed any qualifying examination other than the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, shall obtain an "Eligibility Certificate" from this University by remitting the prescribed fee along with the application form and required documents before seeking admission. The application form and details are available in the University website (www.tnmgrmu.ac.in).

Attendance / Internal Assessment Marks required for admission to examinations

- No candidate shall be permitted to appear in any one of the parts of M.Sc. (Public Health) course in Examinations unless he/she has attended the course in all the subjects for the prescribed period in as per the regulations of the University.
- A candidate is required to put in the minimum required attendance both theory and practical separately in each subject before admission to the Examinations.
- A candidate lacking in the prescribed attendance / internal assessment marks (IA) in any one subject in theory and practical wherever necessary in the first appearance shall not be permitted for admission to the entire examinations.

Examinations:

There shall be two examinations, one at the end of 1st year and the other at the end of the II year. A candidate will be permitted to appear in second year examinations, only if he/she passes the first-year subjects. The date(s) of examinations will be as per the university exam schedule.

Dissertation

- Dissertation shall be submitted by the candidate three months before the final and second year examinations.
- If the candidate fails in the Written/Practical examination, but his/her dissertation is approved (passed), the approval of the dissertation shall be carried over to the subsequent examination.

A candidate failing in either theory or practical's will have to reappear for theory, practical's and Viva voce to be able to clear the examination in subsequent attempt. However, the dissertation, if approved (passed), need not be submitted again.