Centre for Social Medicine (CSM)

The CSM was established in 2001 outside the confines of medical, dental, nursing and physiotherapy colleges of the University, recognized by UGC, Govt. of India vide letter dated 31st May 2005. The main focus of education and training at this Centre is to promote the concept of “Health for All” through socially meaningful, need based, community oriented, problem solving education technology. The integrated educational approach is multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral. The Centre enriches itself through wider interaction with various disciplines of medicine, allied health sciences, natural and social sciences and community groups at national and international level.

Vision of the Centre

To be a leading Centre of Excellence in Social Medicine, health equality and community development

Mission of the Centre

The mission of the Centre is to support and encourage interdisciplinary research, training, and services in the field of social medicine and community development for the benefit of the students, faculty of the University as well as to the underserved and marginalized sections of the community.

Academic Programs Offered

The courses offered at the Centre are unique and designed with a vision to strengthen rural and public health delivery and management at national and international level. The Courses are designed in collaboration with International Association of Rural Medicine & Health, Japan and their partners like University of Milano, Italy, ICOH, Finland, Griefswald University, Germany. The following full time postgraduate degree and diploma courses, which are recognized by UGC, Ministry of HRD, Government of India, were developed in the context of positioning qualified and skilled professionals who can execute and monitor National Public Health Programs, especially National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

1. M.Sc. in Rural Health (MRH)
   - Course duration – 2 years
   - Intake capacity – 30/year

   Course Components
   1. Rural Health: Introduction and determinants
   2. Basic human sciences
   3. Sustainable health and development
   4. Epidemiology & Biostatistics
   5. Environment and Occupational health risk assessment
   6. Communicable & non-communicable diseases
   7. Rural Development & Management
   8. Rural health budgeting, financing and economics
   9. Rural health policy, planning and management
   10. Rural Research Priorities & Methodology
   11. International health
   12. Project Work & Dissertation

2. Post Graduate diploma in Epidemiology
& Health Management (PGDEHM)
- Course duration – 1 year
- Intake capacity – 20/year

Course Components
1. Introduction to Epidemiology and Health Management
2. Fundamentals of health management
3. Essentials of community health
4. Epidemiology and biostatistics
5. Health policy planning & management
6. Health resources management
7. Health care delivery systems
8. Demography and population studies
9. Health behavior and health education
10. Health care of special groups

3. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) program
The Centre offers Doctoral degree in the subjects related to Social Medicine, Public Health such as health systems, health financing, health economics, health information, health education, health management, health care manpower planning, epidemiology, biostatistics, occupational health, environmental health etc

Eligibility for Admission for M.Sc (Rural Health) & PGDEHM
Bachelors Degree with minimum 50% marks in biological, clinical and social sciences including
- B.Sc in life sciences (Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Dairy Science, etc.),
- B.Sc in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Nursing, Dietetics, Home science, Social Work etc

- MBBS, BDS, B.PhT, BAMS, BUMS. B. Pharm etc

The Faculty
The qualified and experienced fulltime faculty of the Centre are augmented by the specialised faculty of Medical, Dental, Physiotherapy, Nursing and Biotechnology colleges the PIMS University from the same Campus. The visiting faculty is drawn from the international and national collaborating partners.

The Infrastructure
The Academic Block of the Centre is housed in a 125 acre picturesque, lush green campus of PIMS University in Loni, with adequate buildings for administration, training, demonstration and research purposes. The facilities include Lecture, Demonstration Halls, Public Health Laboratories, Public Health Museum, Central and Institutional Library, Hostels with mess and multi gym, indoor games, and spacious Playgrounds, Swimming pools etc.

Hands on Experience
The courses are offered with a strong back up of an ultra modern, well equipped, multi-disciplinary “Pravara Medical & Dental Hospital, Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation Complex” promoted in Loni, with satellite Rural and Urban Health Centres serving underserved areas of the region.

The Centre is implementing different type of project from national and international funding agencies like Mother NGO RCH Project (MoHFW, GoI), Health Promoting School Program (QUT, Australia), Mukta Project (Pathfinder International, USA), Developing Multi-sectoral Approach Model for Sustainable Health & Development (Sida, Sweden), Aids and Appliances for Physically Challenged Persons (Ministry of Social Welfare & Justice, GOI), ANUSH Project (MoHFW, GOI) etc. These projects and programmes will help to shape the perfect future of the students admitted in the MRH and MGDEHM.

Job Opportunities
Successful candidates can work in different capacities like, Program Manager, Program Coordinator, Epidemiologist, and Community Health Officer for different projects and programmes of State and Central Governments, International bilateral health, development and funding agencies and national and regional level NGOs.

Selection Process
Candidates should appear for the AICET (All India Common Entrance Test) for MRH, PGDEHM and Ph.D programs.

How to Apply
The prospectus and application form can be downloaded from www.pravara.com or obtained from the office of Registrar, PIMS-Deemed University.

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