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To,

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Sub: Forwarding the reply submitted by Programme Coordinator regarding the issue of recognition of Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Cardiology (PGDCC) qualification awarded by IGNOU during 2006-2013

Dear Prof. (Dr.) Srinivas,

This has reference to the letter F.No Z-28101/60/2021-MNE dated 1st December 2021 and reminder dated 08.12.2021 regarding the Examination of the issue of Recognition of Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Cardiology (PGDCC) qualification awarded by IGNOU during 2006-2013. Kindly find attached the reply along with all annexures submitted by Programme Coordinator of PGDCC Programme, Dr. Biplab Jamatia, Asstt. Professor, SOHS, IGNOU for your kind reference.

Hard copy of the reply is also being submitted.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Sub: Examination of the issue or Recognition of Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Cardiology (PGDCC) qualification awarded by IGNOU during 2006-2013 – regarding

Sir,

This is to the reference of letter F.No Z-28101/60/2021-MNE dated 1st December 2021 regarding the Examination of the issue of Recognition of Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Cardiology (PGDCC) qualification awarded by IGNOU during 2006-2013. Please find the information as desired in the given below:

1. Whether any communication was done with MOHFW/NMC or necessary approval taken from MOHFW regarding starting of course. If so, the details thereof and endorsement of documents like office order, documentation & Minutes of Meeting etc. pertaining to the same.

Answer: No Prior approval was taken from MCI. However, the then Health minister Sri (Dr.) Ambumani Ramados had inaugurated the launching of the programme through a televised ceremony held on 20th December, 2005. (**Annexure 1A**)

2. Whether any MoU was made with the Institution/Hospitals which were designated as Programme Study Centre by IGNOU. If so, the copies of the same may be submitted.

Answer: Yes. MoU was made with each Institution/Hospitals which were designated as Programme Study Centre by IGNOU for the PGDCC programme. (**Annexure 1**)
[Programme Guide: Page No 62-70 (Blank Format)]

3. Was any prior inspection conducted by IGNOU or MCI to verify the credentials of the Institutes/Hospitals before enrolling them as Programme Study Centres.

Answer: Yes. Prior inspection is an essential step for IGNOU before signing MOU with any programme Study Centre (PSC). The same was followed before establishment of each PSC. (**Annexure 1**)

4. Did the institutions where the course was conducted had any agreement with Medical colleges having pre/para clinical courses before they were inducted as Programme Study Centre.

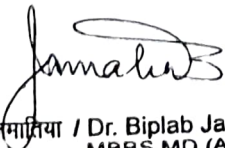
Answer: The guidelines for selection of PSC mentioned that centre conducting DM/DNB in cardiology would be eligible for PSC. Where, ongoing cardiology programme was not there, other conditions were applied. (**Annexure 2**)

5. Whether IGNOU had fixed any Minimum Standard of Requirement similar to Section 8 of PGMER 2000 Regulations which have to be maintained by Institute in terms of Infrastructure, faculty and clinical materials before starting a medical course. Was any inspection conducted at Institutes w.r.t Minimum Standard Requirements before inducting them as Programme Study Centres.

Answer: Yes. The checklist is attached. Number of students for admission to a PSC was restricted to the availability of number of cardiologist having of DM/DNB in cardiology/Mch in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery. The ratio was maintained at 1:2. (**Annexure 2**) **[Programme Guide: Page No 62-70]**

6. Submit course curriculum and log book details devised for the course including number of lectures/clinical lectures and practical required for successful completion of the course.

Answer: Copy of curriculum and six logbooks designed for the purpose are attached. (**Annexure 3**) **[Programme Guide: Page No 5-10, 12-25, 29-33]**


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7. Details educational qualification of experts (Visiting/regular) and faculty for the course.
Details of number of hours taught by each.
Answer: Experts with DM/DNB (Cardiology) were the eligible to be teacher/faculty of PGDCC programme. Qualification of all counselors attached. One year teaching schedule of one institution for 2014 is attached. (Annexure 2) [Programme Guide: Page No 62]

8. How many of 1700 students enrolled for the PGDCC course between 2006 and 2013 had done MD (Medicine), or MD (Padeiatrics) or MD (Respiratory Medicine) which are the requisite feeder courses for MD (Cardiology).

Answer: An Eligibility criterion of the admission to PGDCC was MBBS. Data regarding additional higher qualification was not recorded and hence it is not available in the Students Registration Division (SRD) of IGNOU.

9. Criteria of Entry and Exit Examination for the Course. Whether any Entrance Exam was held for admission to course with details. What were the rules of exit exam take for completion of course. Whether examination was conducted by Internal or external Examination. Whether the practical was conducted at the same Institute where the candidate studied of different institute.

Answer:

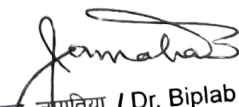
- MBBS degree was required to enrolled in PGDCC programme.
- Entry in PGDCC was done by entrance examination which was held once a year at national level following GOI reservation policy.
- Course-wise seven theory internal examination was conducted by the Programme Study Centre. Answer scripts were examined by the Programme Study Centre.
- Course wise theory examination of Term End Theory Examination was conducted by the University. Answer scripts were examined by the University with central pool of examiners.
- The Internal examination of 6 practical courses was conducted course-wise by the Programme Study Centre with internal examiners.
- Term End Practical Examination was conducted by the University with internal and external examiners. Students Teacher Ratio of the term end practical examination is given below. (Annexure 3A)
- Students need to pass in each component (Internal and term end examination) separately. The suggested number of the Examiner and students are given below:

Total Number of the Examiner	Number of the Internal Examiner	Number of the External examiner	Number of the Students
2	1	1	Up to 6
4	2	2	7 - 12
6	3	3	>12 - 18

[Programme Guide: Page No 21-28]

10. Details of Nature of Training:

- Log Book of at least 2 students (one form Government and Private Institute each)
Answer: Log books were filled by the students. LOG Books were part of the Internal and term end practical examination. The log books were returned to the students after evaluation. If they failed in the term end practical examination then they needed to produce the same log books in the next term end practical examination as per rules of the University. Six Log Books of a Student from Private Institute (National Heart Institute, New Delhi) could be collected and enclosed. However, it would not be collected from and Govt. Institute.


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- Seminar/Presentation/Journal Clubs/Practical Training done by students as per requisite of course
Answer: Mentioned in weekly schedule (**Annexure 4**)
- Clinical classes held during the course
Answer: Mentioned in weekly schedule (**Annexure 4**)
- Structure of weekly schedule of students during the course
Answer: Sample schedule attached at (**Annexure 4**)

11. Whether any Teacher: Student Ratio fixed by IGNOU for the course similar to Minimum Standard Requirement in PGMER 2000.

Answer: Yes. **1:2 Teacher student ratio**. Minimum number of student in any Programme Study Centre is 2 and Maximum number students in any Programme Study Centre is 10.

12. Was any Remuneration /Stipend paid to the candidates.

Answer: Yes. The amount was same as the payment made to junior residents by the respective institutions.

13. To ensure all relevant Court orders pertaining to the matter so far.

Answer: Enclosed as (**Annexure 5**)

14. Documented Proof of application by IGNOU to MOHFW/GOI. NBE and NMC/MCI for recognition of course.

Answer: Proof of application by IGNOU to MOHFW/GOI. NBE and NMC/MCI for recognition of course are enclosed as (**Annexure 6**)

- I. Letter to Ms Preeti Sudan, Secretary, MoHFW dated 21st July 2020
- II. Letter to Ms Preeti Sudan, Secretary, MoHFW dated 4th November 2019
- III. Letter to Shri Keshav Desiraju, Additional Secretary, MoHFW Dated 13th March 2013
- IV. Letter to Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare dated 23rd January 2012
- V. Letter to Dr. K K Talwar, Chariman Board of Governors, Medical Council of India, Dated 23rd January 2012
- VI. Letter to The Board of Governors of MCI from Vice Chancellor, IGNOU on 28th October 2010

15. To provide publication details of faculty members/Research publication in Index Journals of the entire faculty involved in teaching (institution wise) along with the PMID Nos.

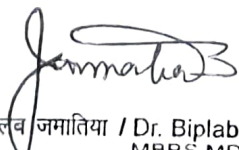
Answer: Institution-wise details of all faculty members are enclosed at (**Annexure 7**). Research publication details not available at present.

16. How much Fee was fixed for the course to be paid by students. Was any remuneration given to faculty at Programme Study Centre.

Answer: Rs. 50000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) per year was the admission fee of the PGDCC programme.

Remuneration was given to faculty of each Programme Study Centre as per the payment norms of the University.

A Programme Guide of the Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Cardiology (PGDCC) is enclosed for further Reference.


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