

Revised Regulations 2012 regarding Post Professional program in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences, made under the Section 6(4) of the First Statutes of Isra University Act, 1997.

1. Short Title: These Regulations shall be called “The Isra University Regulation 2012, for Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences”.

2. Commencement: These Regulations shall come in force with immediate effect.

3. Definitions: In these regulations

- (I) “University” means “Isra University”,
- (II) “Institute” means “Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences [IIRS]”,
- (III) “Director” means “Director of IIRS”
- (IV) “Additional Director” means “Additional Director of IIRS”,
- (V) “COE” means “Controller of Examinations”
- (VI) “ACOE” means “Additional Controller of Examinations”
- (VII) “BASR” means Board of Advanced Studies and Research (at Main Campus)
- (VIII) “ASRC” means Advance Studies and Research Committee (at the Campuses other than Main Campus)

and unless otherwise mentioned, all the above terms will have the same meaning as given in Article 2 of the Isra University Act, 1997.

(1) Full Time Studentship:

A full time student of Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy [PPDPT] of the Institute is required to be present in the Institute daily for the minimum training period of two years. During this period, the student will pay regular fee and have access to all the facilities of the Institute

(2) Non-Resident Studentship:

A non-resident student of Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy [PPDPT] of the Institute, during the non-residency period, will pay Admission Retention Fee [ARF] and continue his/her studies without using Institute facilities. He will however complete the requirement of minimum training period of two years to be full student.

4. Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy: Nomenclature, Minimum and Maximum Tenure.

Name	Nomenclature	Minimum Tenure	Maximum Tenure
Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy	PPDPT	2 Year	4 Year

5. Admission Requirements: The students desirous of taking admission to Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (PPDPT) will have 4 years Bachelors Degree in Physiotherapy or Three Year B Sc in Physiotherapy with one year additional certificate course in Physiotherapy from Pakistan Physiotherapy Society (PPS) or from a HEC recognized degree awarding institute.

6. Admission Process

The cases of admission to Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (PPDPT) in the Institute will be processed on the following lines:

- (1) The student will apply on the prescribed application form, available at the admission office of the Isra University.
- (2) The admission office will forward the completed forms to the Director IIRS or his nominee, for scrutiny.
- (3) The students who fulfill the requisite conditions for admission will be required to submit GRE (General) certification or qualify in an equivalent examination, in lieu thereof, and take a comprehensive interview.

(4) **The comprehensive Interview Committee** comprises of:

- Director Rehabilitation Sciences Isra University
Hyderabad or his nominee Convener
- Additional Director, Isra Institute of Rehabilitation
Sciences (Hyderabad/Karachi/Islamabad) Member
- A senior member of faculty to be nominated by the
Concerned Additional Director of IIRS Member

7. Scheme of Management and Conduct of Courses:

Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy is a 75 credit program

Field of study	Degree	Course work Credit Hours	Project / Dissertation	Total Credit hours
Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences	Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (PPDPT)	69	6	75

- 1) A student of Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (PPDPT) is required to register minimum of 18 credit hours of course work per semester.
- 2) Minimum Residency for Full Time Students: The students of PDPT have to be resident students for four semesters to fulfill the credit hour requirements of the Institute.

8. Requirements for Award of Post Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree

(1) A student who has successfully completed the required credits of coursework and defended his/her project / dissertation will be entitled to award of the degree.

(2) In the semester examination and defence of project / dissertation in the final semester besides the internal examiners, external examiners will be invited to examine the students.

9. Writing of Project / Dissertation by the Students

(1) Work on Dissertation

The students may be allowed to start work on a project / dissertation proposal during the first the semester of second year under the supervision of the head of department or senior teacher appointed by him/her.

(2) Presentation of Project / Dissertation Proposal

The students will be permitted to present their project / dissertation proposal for approval before the Advanced Studies & Research Committee for approval.

(3) *Constitution of Advanced Studies & Research Committee (ASRC):

The ASRC will comprise of following members:

- i. Pro-Vice Chancellor (Chair)
- ii. Principal IIRS
- iii. One senior Faculty member
- iv. Two members to be appointed by Pro-Vice Chancellor

(4) Appointment of Supervisors

The Advanced Studies & Research Committee (ASRC) will assign a supervisor to the student from within the Institute and/or outside the University

(5) **The Advanced Studies & Research Committee will assign the research topics and supervisors to the students, subject to approval of the Board of Advanced Studies & Research.

10. Pre-Requisites for the Initial Submission of the Project Dissertation by the Students.

(1) Seminars by Candidates

The students shall give at least one seminar of their work to be chaired by the Pro Vice Chancellor. The students will be directed to incorporate the necessary suggestions, if any, in consultation with the concerned project / dissertation supervisor and Senior Faculty Members.

* Registrar's letter No.IU/RR-10/BoG-35/N/2015/2390 dated 3.11.2015 refers

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(2) * Appointment of Examiners

The Pro-Vice Chancellor shall appoint one internal examiner excluding the concerned supervisor and one external examiner from the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences.

(3) Submission of Project / Dissertation

The student shall be eligible to submit his/her project / dissertation before the end of maximum tenure of studentship. In normal circumstances no extension shall be granted after the expiry of the maximum tenure. However, the Pro-Vice Chancellor may extend the period in certain situations.

(4) Certificate of the Originality

The project / dissertation must bear a certificate from the supervisor to the effect that the project / dissertation embodies an original work and is worthy of presentation to the University for further necessary action.

(5) Copies of Project / Dissertation and its Format

Five copies of the project / dissertation without binding [loose sheets] on A-4 size paper along with soft copy, for anti-plagiarism report, will initially be submitted by students for evaluation purposes. The project / dissertation will be written in conformity with the Isra University Guidelines for the Preparation of the project / dissertation.

11. Processing of the documents

After completion of all the formalities, the project / dissertation will be submitted to the Additional Controller of Examinations, who will send it to the appointed examiners.

12. Evaluation of Project / Dissertation

(1) The text of project / dissertation will be submitted to anti-plagiarism software for report. The report from the anti-plagiarism software will be kept in record with the copy of the thesis.

(2) The project / dissertation will be evaluated by examiners to be appointed by the Pro-Vice Chancellor.

(3) The students should make some contribution to knowledge and afford evidence of originality of the work in the project / dissertation.

13. Open Defence of Project / Dissertation

The student will be required to make a presentation of the work conducted in the project / dissertation in an open lecture to be held in the Institute / University and answer questions relating to his/her work. This will be followed by a viva voce examination of the student by the examiners.

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14. Oral / Practical Examination of Project / Dissertation

The student should be aware that the oral examination forms an important part of the examination for the award of the degree. The purpose of the oral examination is to allow the examiners opportunity to explore and satisfy themselves regarding the knowledge, accuracy and authenticity of the subject matter presented in the project / dissertation.

15. Resolution of Conflict

(1) After the completion of the oral (viva-voce) examination, the examiners will normally prepare a joint report and may recommend that the project / dissertation be accepted as submitted.

(2) But, where the examiners fail to agree between themselves whether or not a candidate has satisfied the requirements for a particular degree, and they are unable to resolve the issue, they may prepare individual reports for the consideration of the Committee.

(3) In either case the report(s) will be submitted to the Controller / Additional Controller of Examinations for placing before the committee.

16. Work by a Candidate Falling Short of Requirements

Where the work of the student falls short of the requirements, the following recommendations are open to the examiners:

(1) Accept the project / dissertation subject to minor changes, as per comments given in the report.

(2) Accept the project / dissertation subject to major changes as per comments given in the report(s); subject to resubmission of the project / dissertation that incorporates the suggestions given by the examiners. It is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that the student has incorporated, in letter and spirit, all the corrections and suggestions made by the examiners. The supervisor will inform the Controller / Additional Controller of Examinations in writing that the student has satisfactorily taken care of all the suggestions, corrections and recommendations of the examiners.

(3) The project / dissertation is returned to the student for further work or rewriting and resubmission for another examination, within a period of not less than two months and not more than six months after the approval by the supervisor and the Additional Director IIRS.

(4) The Project / dissertation may not be accepted and the student may stand disqualified from the program in which case no degree is awarded.

17. Receipt of Reports

On the receipt of the evaluation reports of the examiners, the Controller / Additional Controller of Examinations shall submit the same to the Pro-Vice Chancellor, who will give his comments for the final approval of Vice Chancellor.

18. Submission of Final Draft

(1) Having incorporated all the suggestions, the student will be required to submit five copies of the project / dissertation, prepared in accordance with the Isra University guidelines for the preparation of the project / dissertation document, to the Controller / Additional Controller of Examinations.

(2) The project / dissertation supervisor will certify in writing that all the suggestions and corrections have been incorporated.

(3) After completion of requirements the Additional Controller of Examinations will send all the papers to the Controller of Examinations, Isra University Hyderabad for placing before BASR for final approval. The Vice Chancellor will finally give his approval for the award of the degree.

19. Repeal

These Regulations shall repeal the earlier Regulations 2011 notified vide notification No.IU/RR-10/BoG-27/N/2011/9870 dated 12.8.2011

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