

Regulations 2013 regarding Semester Examination System for the students of the Professional Deficiency Makeup Program (PDMP) for Graduate Therapists Program in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences made under Section 22 (1) (iii) of the Isra University Act, 1997.

1. Short Title: These Regulations shall be called, “The Isra University Semester Examination System Regulations 2013 for the students of the Professional Deficiency Makeup Program (PDMP) for Graduate Therapists Program in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences.

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

3. Definitions: (i) “University” means “Isra University”.

(ii) “Institute” means “Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Karachi Campus” (IIRS).

(iii) PPS means Pakistan Physiotherapy Society.

4. The Semester System: The University shall follow the Semester Examination System for students of the Professional Deficiency Makeup Program (PDMP) for Graduate Therapists in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences

(i) Duration: The academic year is divided into two semesters i.e. Fall and Spring semesters. Each semester will be of 18 weeks of teaching, excluding vacations and the time needed for the conduct of semester examinations and inter semester breaks.

(ii) Course of study: The course of study for PDMP program normally spans over a period of 1 – 4 semesters (as per requirement of the candidate).

(ii) Credit Hours: Each course or subject has a certain number of credit hours assigned to it. The credit hours indicate weightage of the course relative to other courses, and also reflects number of hours of teaching of that course per week. For a theory class, one credit hour is equivalent to one lecture hour per week throughout the semester, whereas for laboratory, Problem Based Learning (PBL) 2 contact hours per week throughout the semester are equivalent to one credit hour and in Clinical sessions (O.P.D. and Ward Duties), three contact hours are equivalent to one credit hour.

5. **Grading System:** The student's performance will be evaluated in terms of grades. These grades indicate the level of performance as described below:

Grade	Level of Performance
A	Excellent
B	Very Good
C	Good
D	Satisfactory
F	Fail

6. **Quality Points:** Each grade is assigned value as under.

Grade	Value of grade
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
F	0.00

Note: Quality Points (Q.P.) are determined by multiplying the value of the grade earned by student with the credit hours of that course e.g. if a student obtains B grade for a two credit hours course, then Q.P. will be calculated as under:

$$Q.P. = 3 \times 2 = 6$$

7. * **Grade Equivalence:** Equivalence between grades and the percentage of marks will be as under:

Grade	Equivalent Marks %
A+	91 and above
A	86 – 90
A-	82 - 85
B+	78 - 81
B	74 - 77
B-	70 - 73
C+	66 - 69
C	62 - 65
C-	58 - 61
D+	54 - 57
D	50 - 53
F	Below 50

8. **Grade Point Average:** Grade Point Average is an expression for the average performance of a student in the courses; he/she has taken during a particular semester. This is calculated by the Quality Points of all the courses taken in a semester, divided by the total number of credit hours.

$$\text{G.P.A.} = \frac{\text{Sum of Quality Points}}{\text{Sum of the credit hours}}$$

9. **Cumulative Grade Point Average:** Cumulative Grade Point Average is the expression describing the performance of a student in all semesters.

$$\text{C.G.P.A.} = \frac{\text{Sum of Quality Points of all semesters}}{\text{Sum of the credit hours of all the semesters}}$$

10. Examinations:

(i) Semester Examination would be conducted at the end of semester. This is in addition to class work activities including continuous assessment tests, quizzes, assignments or projects whatever applicable. The internal assessment carries 40% and semester examination will carry 60% weight-age.

(ii) Students are required to maintain at least 80% attendance in their lecture, demonstration, tutorial, practical or clinical sessions in in-patient and out-patient departments (OPD & Ward). Those who fail to keep up the required attendance in the subject will not be allowed to appear in the semester as well as re-sit examinations of that subject.

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(iii) In hardship cases, the committee consisting of the following members will examine the cases and recommend to the Pro Vice Chancellor for grant of exemption up to 05% only:

1. Additional Director IIRS	Convener
2. Senior Faculty Member	Member
3. A professional appointed by the Director of Institute	Member
4. Controller/Additional Controller of Examinations	Member/Secretary

(iv) External examiners are appointed in all the semester and re-sit examinations. All the written, oral and practical parts of semester/re-sit examinations are to be conducted by internal and external examiners. An external examiner can not be appointed for more than three consecutive years. The number of internal and external examiners will be at least one each for a group of fifty or less number of students.

(v) To pass a subject/component a student has to secure minimum 50% marks separately in theory and practical examination of that subject.

11. Re-sit Examination:

(i) If any student fails in any subject/module or component thereof in the Fall semester (semester I) of the year, he/she will be allowed to continue his/her studies in Spring semester of that year (semester II). He will be required to appear in the failing subject(s)/module(s)/component(s) in the re-sit of Spring Semester Examination.

(ii) Any student who fails in the subject/module or component thereof of the semester I or semester II examination will appear in re-sit examination to be conducted after one month break beyond examination.

(iii) Any student who fails in Semester examination have the option to attend the classes during gap period to be arranged between the student and the department or make preparation at home. In either case, the student may appear in the CATs (to be given by Departments) and if the marks obtained by him/her in these tests are higher than the previous ones, will be counted as internal assessment marks for Re-sit examination, otherwise, previous assessment marks will hold good.

(iv) Any student who fails in any subject/module or component thereof in Re-sit examination will not be promoted to the next higher class.

(v) A student repeats a subject in which he/she has failed in the re-sit examination by registering the subjects as a regular student in the following semester along with the incoming batch for which he/she pays the tuition fees as determined by the University rules.

(vi) Failure student will be given chance to clear the subject(s) within permissible attempts allowed under PPS or any Statutory Regulatory Authority's rules issued from time to time.

11. Setting of Theory Question Papers:

The question paper will be divided into 2 sections. Section 01 will contain 55 Best Choice Questions carrying one mark each, and section 02, the descriptive part, will comprise free response essay and short answer questions carrying 45% marks.

13. Practical Examination:

Practical Examination i.e. Task Oriented Assessment of Clinical Skills (TOACS), Objectively Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), Objectively Structured Practical Examination (OSPE) consists of interactive stations and non interactive stations of each subject or Lab experiment or long cases / short cases or viva voce or both as the case may be.

14. Academic Standing:

The instructions of Pakistan Physiotherapy Society (PPS) or any Statutory Regulatory Authority regarding number of attempts to be allowed to the undergraduate students will be followed.

15. Courses:

The courses for the programs shall meet the minimum requirements as laid down by the PPS or any Statutory Regulatory Authority from time to time and approved by the Academic Council.

16. Modification:

The Regulations are subject to modification by the concerned authority as may be felt appropriate from time to time.

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