

Revised Draft Regulations regarding M.Phil & Postgraduate Diploma in Various Programs of Rehabilitation Sciences, Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences made under Statute 6(4) of the First Statutes appended with Isra University Act, 1997.

- 1. Short Title:** These regulations shall be called “The Isra University Regulations 2018, for **M. Phil & Postgraduate Diploma in Various Programs of Rehabilitation Sciences**, Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences”.
- 2. Commencement:** These Regulations shall come in force with effect from January 2019.
- 3. Definition:** In these regulations.
 - i. “University” means “Isra University” (IU)
 - ii. “Institute” means “Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences (IIRS)”,
 - iii. “Principal” means “Principal of IIRS”
 - iv. “CE” means Controller of Examinations
 - v. “Addl COE” means “Additional Controller of Examinations”
 - vi. “BASR” means “Board of Advanced Studies & Research” (at main campus)
 - vii. “ASRC” means “Advanced Studies and Research Committee” (at the Campuses other than Main Campus)
 - viii. Unless otherwise mentioned, all the above terms will have the same meaning as given in Article 2 of the Isra University Act, 1997.

4. Studentship

I) Full Time Studentship:

A full time student of programs in Rehabilitation Sciences of the University is required to be present in the Institute daily for the minimum training period of one and half year/two years for M.Phil and 1 year for PGD. During this period, the student will pay regular fee and have access to all the facilities of the Institute.

II) Non-Resident Studentship:

A non-resident student of the programs in Rehabilitation Sciences of the University, during the non-residency period, will pay Admission Retention Fee (ARF) and continue his/ her studies without using Institute facilities. He/ she will however, complete the requirement of minimum training period of one and half year/two years for MPhil and 1 year for PGD to be full student.

5. Program in Rehabilitation Sciences: Nomenclature, Minimum, Maximum Tenure & Minimum Credit Hours.

Name	Nomenclature	Minimum Tenure	Maximum Tenure	Course Credit hours	Thesis credit hours	Remarks
Master of Philosophy	M. Phil	1.5/2 years	3 years	24	12	Further extendable for one year with the approval of Statutory body
Post Graduate Diploma	PGD	1 year	2 years	24	-	

6. Minimum and Maximum Credits in a Semester

A student in various programs of Rehabilitation Sciences is required to register minimum of 9 and a maximum of 12 credit hours of course work per semester.

7. Admission Requirements (General): The students desirous of taking admission in various programs in Rehabilitation Sciences will have 16 years of education in relevant disciplines from a HEC recognized institution.

a) Admission Requirements for Speech Language Pathology (SLP): The students desirous of taking admission in M. Phil, Speech Language Pathology (SLP) will have: 16 years of education with any of these subjects i.e. Psychology, Linguistics, Child Development, Management sciences, Physics, Zoology, Special Education, Behavior Sciences, Social Sciences and Medical Sciences, from HEC recognized degree awarding Institute.

b) Admission Requirements for Hearing Sciences (HS): The students desirous of taking admission in M. Phil, Hearing Sciences (HS) will have: 16 years of education with any of these subject: Psychology, Linguistics, Child Development, Physics, Zoology, Special Education, Behavior Sciences, Management sciences, Biomedical engineering, Social Sciences and Medical Sciences, from HEC recognized degree awarding Institute.

c) Admission requirement for Physical Education & Sports Sciences (HPESS) Master degree in Physical Education, Post Professional Doctor of physical Therapy or M.Sc. Physiotherapy or Doctor of physical Therapy, B.S Occupational Physiotherapy or B.S Nursing or equivalent degree from a HEC recognized degree awarding Institute (16 years of education)

d) Admission requirements for Sports Medicine & Manipulative Physical Therapy(SM&MPT): 4- Years Bachelor's degree in physiotherapy or three year BSc in physiotherapy with one year certificate course in physiotherapy or 5 years DPT or PP-DPT or M. Sc. Physical therapy or equivalent from a HEC recognized degree awarding institute.

e) Admission requirements for Orthopedic Physical Therapy (OPT): 4-years Bachelor degree in Physiotherapy/ Physical therapy or 3 years B. Sc. in physiotherapy with one-year additional certificate course in Physiotherapy or 5 years DPT program or Post Professional DPT or Master in Physical Therapy or equivalent from HEC recognized University.

f) Admission requirements for Neurological Physical Therapy (NPT): 4-years bachelors' degree in Physiotherapy/ Physical Therapy or 3 years B.Sc. in Physiotherapy with one-year additional certificate course in Physiotherapy or 5 years doctor of Physical Therapy program or Post Professional DPT or Master in Physical Therapy or equivalent from HEC Recognized University.

g) Admission requirements for Prosthetics & Orthotics (PO): 4 -years Bachelor degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics or equivalent from a HEC recognized University.

8. Admission Process:

The cases of admission to **programs in Rehabilitation Sciences** in the Institute will be processed on the following lines:

- i. The student will apply on the prescribed application form, available at the Admission Office of the Isra University.
- ii. The Admission Office will forward the complete forms to the Principal IIRS or his nominee, for scrutiny.
- iii. The students who fulfill the requisite conditions for the admission will be required to submit GRE (General) Certificate with 60% score or qualify in University Based GRE (General) with minimum 70% marks, in lieu thereof, and will appear in a comprehensive interview.
- iv. **The Comprehensive Interview Committee** comprises of:

Principal of, Isra Institute of Rehabilitation, Isra University	Convener
Vice Principal, Isra Institute of Rehabilitation, Isra University	Member
A senior member of the faculty nominated by the Concerned Principal of IIRS.	Member

9. Requirement for Award of M. Phil in various programs of Rehabilitation Sciences

(I) M. Phil Degree

The M. Phil degree will be awarded after successful completion of work of 24 credits; achieving competencies i.e. acquiring of sufficient knowledge, skills and attitude; and passing of final certifying examination with minimum CGPA 3.00 or equivalent marks as approved by the University in practical and theory components separately and also successful defense of thesis of 12 credit hours.

(II) Post Graduate Diploma

The Diploma will be awarded after successful completion of work of 24 credits; achieving competencies i.e. acquiring of sufficient knowledge, skills and attitude; without passing of final certifying examinations as approved by the University in practical and theory components separately.

(III) Terminal Degree

A student of M. Phil, who fails to obtain the degree before the expiry of maximum tenure and maximum extension, may be awarded Post Graduate Diploma instead, subject to fulfillment of other necessary requirements.

10. Writing of Thesis

(I) Work on Thesis

The students may be allowed to start work on a thesis proposal during the second semester of the second year under the supervision of the Principal or the senior teacher appointed by him or her.

(II) Presentation of the Thesis Proposal

The students will be permitted to present their theses proposal after successful completion of the first semester before the Non-Statutory Advanced Studies and Research Committee (ASRC), chaired by Pro-Vice Chancellor.

(III) Recommendation of Research Topic & Supervisors

After the successful proposal presentation, ASRC shall recommend the research topic and supervisor and /or maximum two co-supervisors (if required) to the student within the institute and /or outside the Institute, before placing the case to the BASR for approval of research topic and assignment of supervisors and co-supervisors.

(V) Modification/Change of Research Topic

(a) Time Limit for Modification/ Change

The student may within six months, after the approval of the thesis topic by the BASR, apply to the Pro Vice Chancellor for modification/ change of the topic of his/her research, duly forwarded by the concerned supervisor(s) and recommended by the Principal.

(b) Process of Modification/ Change

The Pro Vice Chancellor will place the request of the student before the ASRC. The committee may co-opt two other senior members of the teaching staff of the faculty. The final topic shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Advanced Studies & Research before the final submission of Thesis not less than six months before submission of the Thesis.

(VI) Appointment/ Change of Supervisor

(a) Initiation of Change by Student

In case, a student desires to change his/her supervisor, he/she shall have to apply through his/her Additional Director/ Principal. The ground(s) for such request shall be clearly specified. Moreover, if the existing supervisor of the student is not accessible or does not respond to the call from the Dean/Principal of the Institute, the Pro Vice Chancellor will appoint one of the co-supervisors to be the supervisor, on the recommendation of the Additional Director/ Principal, subject to the approval of the Board of Advanced Studies & Research Committee.

(b) Initiation of Change by Supervisor

If the supervisor is not satisfied with the progress of the student, he/she may send his/her report to the Pro Vice Chancellor for further action. The Pro Vice Chancellor, in consultation with the Principal of the Institute, will take the necessary action as he deems fit.

11. Pre-Requisites for the Initial Submission of the Thesis by the student

(I) Seminars by Candidates

The students shall give at least (02) seminars of their work. The first seminar will be chaired by the Principal of the Institute and the final one by Pro-Vice Chancellor and the students will be directed to incorporate the necessary suggestions, if any, in consultation with the concerned Dissertation/Thesis supervisor.

(II) Appointment of Examiners:

The Pro-Vice Chancellor shall appoint three external examiners and one internal examiner (thesis Supervisor) from the list of BASR approved examiners.

(IV) Submission of the Thesis

The student shall be eligible to submit his /her Thesis before the end of maximum tenure of studentship. In normal circumstances no extension shall be granted after the expiry of the maximum tenure.

(V) Certificate of the originality

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

(VI) Copies of the Thesis and its format

Six copies of the Thesis will be initially submitted without binding (loose) on A-4 size paper by the students for evaluation. The Thesis to will be written in conformity with Isra University Guidelines for the preparation of the thesis.

12. Processing of the documents

After completion of formalities, the Thesis will be submitted to the Additional Controller of examinations through Additional Director/ Principal, who will send it to the appointed examiners.

13. Evaluation of the Thesis

(I) The text of the thesis will be submitted to anti-plagiarism software for report

(II) The thesis will be evaluated by the approved examiners (by BASR) to be appointed by the Pro-Vice Chancellor.

(III) The students should make some contribution to knowledge and provide evidence of the originality of the work in the Thesis.

14. Open Defense of the Thesis

The student will be required to make a presentation of the work conducted in thesis in an open lecture/defense to be held in the Institute/University and answer questions relating to his/her work.

15. Oral/ Practical Examination of the Thesis

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 to explore and satisfy themselves regarding the knowledge, accuracy of the subject matter presented in the Thesis.

16. Resolution of the conflict

(I) After the completion of the oral (Viva-Voce) Examination, the examiners will normally prepare a joint report and may recommend that the thesis be accepted as submitted.

(II) 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 BASR.

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

17. Work by a Candidates falling short of Requirements

Where the work of the student fails short of the requirements, the following Recommendations are open to the examiners:

(I) Accept the Thesis subject to minor changes, as per comments given in the report.

(II) Accept the Thesis subject to major changes/reevaluation, as per comments given in the report(s) and subject to resubmission of the thesis that incorporates the suggestion 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 suggestion made by the examiners. The supervisor will inform the Additional Controller Examinations in writing that the student has satisfactorily taken care of all the suggestions, corrections and recommendations of the examiners.

(III) The Thesis is returned to the student for further research 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 Principal, IIRS.

(IV) The Thesis may not be accepted and the student be awarded a terminal degree (Post Graduate Degree, PGD) instead, subject to fulfillment of other requirements.

18. Receipt of Reports

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

19. Submission of Final Draft

(I) Having incorporated all the suggestions, the students will be required to submit **six** copies of the Thesis, prepared in accordance with the Isra University guidelines for the preparation of the thesis documents, to the Additional Controller of Examinations.

(II) The Thesis supervisor will certify in writing that all the suggestions and conditions have been incorporated.

(III) After completion of requirements the Additional Controller of Examinations will send all 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.

20. These Regulations shall repeal the earlier Regulations 2014 notified vide notification No. IUIRR-10/BOG-35/N/2015/2392 dated 03-11-2015