

**REVISED RULES & REGULATIONS**

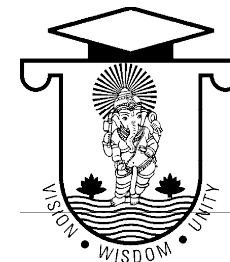
**of**

**FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

**For**

**MEDICAL PG Degrees /PG Diplomas**

**2011 onwards**



**VINAYAKA MISSIONS UNIVERSITY**

**SALEM, INDIA**

**REVISED REGULATIONS FOR THE  
MEDICAL PG DEGREES / PG DIPLOMAS  
COURSE  
SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

These Regulations shall be called "REVISED REGULATIONS FOR MEDICAL PG DEGREES / PG DIPLOMAS Program of Vinayaka Missions University, Salem from 2011 onwards"

They shall come into force from April 2011 onwards. These regulations are applicable to the students who are admitted to the course from the academic year 2011-2012 onwards.

The regulations framed are subject to modification as made by the Standing Academic Board from time to time.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTION**

**LIST OF HIGHER COURSES IN MEDICAL SUBJECTS**

**ELIGIBILITY :**

M.D. / M.S. for which candidates must possess recognized degree of MBBS. The specialties for which Post Graduate courses may be conducted are:-

**I. Specialties in which a straight M.D./M.S. can be taken in**

1. M.D. Obstetrics and Gynecology
2. M.S. Orthopaedics
3. M.S. E.N.T
4. M.D. Paediatrics
5. M.D. General Medicine

6. M.S. General Surgery
7. M.S. Ophthalmology
8. M.D. Radio Diagnosis
9. M.D. Anesthesiology
10. M.D. Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy
11. M.D. Biochemistry
12. M.D. Microbiology

### **BASIC SCIENCES**

1. Anatomy
2. Physiology
3. Biochemistry
4. Pharmacology
5. Microbiology
6. Pathology

### **II. Ph.D. (DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY)**

Ph.D. Degree may be instituted in all subjects both in basic medical sciences and clinical sciences by the concerned universities subject to fulfillment of the following guidelines.

1. Ph.D. should be taken only after M.D. or M.S. or M.R.C.P. or F.R.C.S as the case may be.
2. The Rules and Regulations and the period of study would be the same for the Ph.D. Degree both in an basic and clinical medical sciences.
3. For the Ph.D. degree the period of training shall be two years for those who already possess M.D. / M.R.C.P. / M.S. / F.R.C.S. and three years for those with M.Sc. (Med.). This would apply to all the subjects.

5. The same set of examiners shall ordinarily be responsible for the written, practical, oral part of the examination.

6. In the event of there being more than one center in one city, the external examiners at all the centers in that city shall be the same.

7. There should be a Chairman of the Board of Paper-setters who shall be an external examiner and shall moderate the question papers.

8. Where there is more than one center of examination, there shall be Co-ordinator appointed by the University who shall supervise and co-ordinate the examination on behalf of the University with independent authority.

9. The Head of the Department shall ordinarily be one of the examiners, second internal examiner shall rotate after every two years.

### **2. Number of candidates**

The maximum No. of candidates to be examined in clinical / practical and oral on any day for MD / MS Degree shall not exceed eight and eight for Diploma per day. This is to ensure that sufficient time will be available for evaluation of the candidates.

The University shall not conduct more than two examinations in a year, for any subject, with an interval of 4 to 6 months between the two examinations.

## POST GRADUATE EXAMINATIONS - EXAMINERS RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPOINTMENT OF POST GRADUATE EXAMINERS

1. No person shall be appointed as an examiner in any subject unless he fulfils the minimum requirements as a P.G. teacher as stipulated by Medical Council of India and has an experience of 5 years as a recognized PG teacher in a recognized P.G. Center and holds the rank of not less than Reader.

2. There shall be at least four examiners in each subject at an examination out of which at least 50% shall be external examiners. The external examiners who fulfill the conditions laid down in Clause - 1 above should ordinarily be invited from another recognized University, from outside the State on recommendations on appointment of P.G. Examiners. Under exceptional circumstances examinations may be held with 3 examiners provided two of them are external and MCI is intimated with the justification of such action prior to publication of result for approval. Under no circumstance, result is to be published in such cases without the approval of MCI.

3. An external examiner may ordinarily be appointed for not more than three years consecutively. Thereafter he may be re-appointed after an interval of two years.

4. The internal examiner in a subject should not accept external examinership for a college from which external examiner is appointed in his subject.

4. Any institution or department, which is considering the question of starting the training for the award of Ph.D. Degree should have adequate facilities for experimental medicine and experimental surgery. The ancillary department should be adequately equipped and well staffed as prescribed for P.G. departments and there should be facilities for advanced research work and laboratory investigations in the departments of Biochemistry, Physiology, Microbiology, Histopathology etc. There should be adequate facilities for all types of investigation, x-ray.
5. A guide for the Ph.D. degree should have not less than 10 years teaching and research experience after obtaining his postgraduate qualifications and should not have less than 5 years postgraduate teaching experience.

**NOTE:** As Ph.D. is obtained after work in a limited field, it may be an adequate qualification for research appointments as teacher in basic medical sciences. It cannot be considered adequate for teaching appointments in clinical subjects, unless the candidate also possesses M.D. / M.S. / M.R.C.P. / F.R.C.S. in these subjects.

### III. PG DIPLOMA

Candidates must possess recognized degree of M.B.B.S. (or its equivalent recognized degree).

#### **P.G. Diplomas:-**

1. Anaesthesiology (D.A)
2. Obstetrics & Gynaecology (D.G.O)
3. Ophthalmology (D.O)
4. Orthopaedics (D.Ortho.)
5. Oto - Rhino-Laryngology (D.L.O)
6. Child Health (D.C.H)

#### **Nomenclature**

The following nomenclature should be uniformly adopted for all clinical and non-clinical subjects.

1. M.D. / M.S. in General Medicine / Surgery
2. M.D. / M.S. for specialities in which a straight postgraduate degree can be taken.
3. M.D / M.S. in Basic Medical Sciences.
4. M.Sc by examination for non-medical persons in Basic Medical Sciences.

**Note:** Non-medical persons should not be admitted to postgraduate courses in Pathology. Ph.D. by thesis for both medical and non-medical persons.

### **GENERAL**

Some Specially well-equipped and properly staffed private hospitals can also be recognized for this purpose, provided they fulfill the following conditions.

I. Medical Council of India can allow in appropriate cases after fulfilling the formalities, medical colleges to utilize the facilities of well equipped non-teaching hospitals for the purpose of training and teaching of the post-graduate students admitted in that college and permission may also be accorded to non-teaching hospitals to undertake postgraduate training provided that such requests comes from the University concerned and the hospital / institution concerned forms a part of a teaching complex with one of the local medical colleges.

II. There should be an arrangement of posting of students from the medical college to the hospital and from the hospital to the medical college so that all the students are exposed to the facilities available in both the institutions. This arrangement with the college should have the concurrence of the concerned University and approval of Medical Council of India.

III. The hospital should fulfill the minimum requirements by way of facilities as per regulations herein of the Medical Council of India on Postgraduate Medical Education, especially with regard to accommodation, staff, equipment, clinical material etc.

12. Whether the candidate has paid the prescribed fee for readmission sought for (furnish the details) Processing Fee : Rs.500/- Condonation Fee: Rs.1,000/- Per year of part there of (or) as revised by the University from time to time).
13. Previous correspondence if any made (Furnish copies of relevant records)
14. Recommendation of the Dean / Principal Director concerned

Certified that the details furnished above in respect of the candidate are verified and found to be correct.

**Signature of Dean / Principal / Director**

With seal.

**ANNEXURE - II**  
**PROFORMA FOR RE-ADMISSION**

1. Name of the student :
2. Name of the course and :  
period of study
3. Name of the College :
4. Date of Joining the course:
5. Duration of break of study :
6. Details of examinations :  
appeared & Subjects  
passed
7. Reasons for the period of :  
break of study of the course  
(Evidence should be produced)
8. The details of previous :  
break of study (Enclose  
Xerox copy of the condonation order)
9. Whether his / her own :  
vacancy is available for  
rejoining the course
10. Whether any disciplinary :  
case (i.e) Production of taste
11. Whether the candidate :  
has registered with this  
University. If so furnish the Registration No.

During the training for Degrees / Diplomas to be awarded in Clinical Disciplines, there shall be proper training in Basic Medical Sciences related to the disciplines concerned and during the training for the degrees to be awarded in Basic Medical Sciences, there shall be training in Applied aspects of the subject. There shall also be some training in Allied subjects related to the disciplines concerned. In all Postgraduate training programmes, whether in Clinical or Basic Medical Sciences. Preventive and Social aspects shall be emphasized. Facilities for Autopsies, Biopsies, Cytopsies, Endoscopic and Imaging etc. be also available for training purposes. Social aspects and emergency care shall be emphasized.

**ELIGIBILITY :**

**P.G. DEGREE AND P.G. DIPLOMA :**

Eligibility for students for admission to the postgraduate medical courses must possess recognized MBBS degree and should have obtained permanent Registration as medical practitioners with the Medical Council of India, or any of the State Medical Councils. The authorities of the institutions will ensure that every candidate admitted to the postgraduate courses in that medical college / institution gets his permanent Registration, or may get such Registration within one month from the date of his admission failing which the admission of the candidates shall be liable to be cancelled.

Provided that in the case of foreign nationals holding non-schedule foreign medical qualifications the Medical Council of India may, on payment of the prescribed fee for Registration, give them temporary Registration for the duration of their postgraduate training restricted to the medical college / institution to which they are admitted for the time being for post graduate studies and for no other purpose. Temporary Registration to such foreign nationals shall be subject to the condition that those persons are duly registered as medical practitioners in their own countries, or in the countries from which they have obtained their medical qualifications and that their degrees are recognized by their own Medical Council /concerned authority.

Provided further, that the basic foreign medical qualification possessed by foreign nationals, who seek admission to postgraduate medical courses in India, is either already included in any other Schedules to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, or alternatively the Registration and Equivalence Committee of the Medical Council of India is satisfied about the standard of Medical qualification so as to ensure that the holders there of possess the requisite knowledge and skill to practice medicine.

An Indian citizen possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India who is desirous of getting provisional or permanent registration with the Medical Council of India or any State Medical Council on or after 15.03.2002 shall have to qualify a Screening Test conducted by the prescribed authority for that purpose as per the provisions of section 13 of the Act.

Provided that a person seeking permanent registration shall not have to qualify the Screening Test if he / she had already qualified the same before getting his/her provisional registration.

**No person shall be allowed to appear in the Screening Test unless:**

1. he/she is a citizen of India and possesses any primary medical qualification, either whose name and the institution awarding it are included in the World Directory of Medical Schools, published by the World Health Organisation; or which is confirmed by the Indian Embassy concerned to be a recognised qualification for enrolment as medical practitioner in the country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated;
2. he/she had obtained 'Eligibility Certificate' from the Medical Council of India as per the 'Eligibility Requirement for taking admission in an undergraduate medical course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulations, 2002'. This requirement shall not be necessary in respect of Indian citizens who have acquired the medical qualifications from foreign medical institutions or have obtained admission in foreign medical institution before 15th March, 2002.

**ANNEXURE - A**  
**DECLARATION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ Son of / Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_  
residing at \_\_\_\_\_

And admitted to in first year of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the College) do hereby affirm and sincerely state as follows.

I declare that I shall abide by the Rules and Regulations prescribed by the  
Vinayaka Missions University, Salem for the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Course) including regulations for re-admission after the break of study.

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

/Counter signed/

**Dean/Principal/Director**

(Office date seal)

c) Only one spell of break of study for PG diploma and higher courses speciality and two spells of break of study for PG degree courses will be allowed for the entire duration of the course. Any further break of study shall entitle the candidate to be de-registered and his admission stands cancelled.

d) Any break of study beyond 3 years is considered as discontinuation of study. This is applicable for all the years to study of the Post Graduate higher specialities Degree/diploma courses concerned however in exceptional cases if a candidate having a break of study beyond three (3) years and up to five (5) years and the number of break of study is not more than one spell, the Board of Management, may, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor shall permit the candidates to rejoin the course from the beginning of the year. The Candidate shall be permitted to rejoin at the beginning of the first year of the course (i.e.) the candidate has to re-do the course from the beginning and shall after fulfillment of the Regulations this University to the course concerned be admitted to the examinations. The candidate shall not be exempted in the subjects already passed.

e) If the candidates name is not registered with the University within sixty (60) days from the cut off date prescribed for the respective courses for admission without any valid reasons / ground for such non-registration, permission for re-admission for such candidates will not be issued by the University.

The maximum number of postgraduate candidates, who can be registered in any recognized department, for training for the award of postgraduate degree and diploma by the affiliating university, shall be determined by the facilities available in the department by the Medical Council of India. Besides these, no additional candidates for postgraduate training shall be registered in the department without the approval of Medical Council of India.

For M.D / M.S Degree in clinical subjects, there shall be proper training in basic medical sciences related to the disciplines concerned as well as paper in these subjects at the examination. In the case of M.D and M.S. in basic medical sciences there should be training in applied aspects of the subject and a paper on the subject.

In all postgraduate courses, whether clinical or basic medical sciences, Preventive and Social aspects should be emphasized.

This should be a part of the examination in the degree courses as this gives training in research methodology.

### **Selection of students**

The students applying for PG Degree / PG Diploma courses under Vinayaka Missions University shall be selected on the basis of merit through "ALL INDIA COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION" conducted by this University.

### **Eligibility Certificate**

Candidates who have passed any qualifying examination shall obtain an eligibility certificate from this university by remitting the prescribed fee along with the application form before seeking admission to the Medical Institutions.



### **Last Date for Admission**

The last date for Admission to 1 year of PG degree / Diploma is 31st May Every year.

### **REGISTRATION**

A Candidate admitted to the course in any of the associated colleges shall apply for registration with this University within three months from the date of joining in the College. The application for registration in the prescribed form along with the fee prescribed should be submitted to this University through the Head of the College.

### **DURATION OF COURSE OF STUDY**

The prescribed minimum period of training for the award of various postgraduate degrees / diplomas shall be as follows and the candidates must complete their respective course within twice the period specified below:

#### **1. M.D. / M.S.**

The minimum period of training for obtaining these degrees shall be three calendar years and the candidates can be admitted to this training after their full registration. No exemption shall be given from this period of training of 3 years.

#### **2. P.G Diplomas**

The minimum period of training for obtaining PG Diplomas, shall be two calendar years.

### **WORKING DAYS IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR FOR PG MEDICAL PROGRAMS:**

Number of days in a year	365 days
No. of holidays in a year	75 days
No. of working days in a year	290 days

in Annexure - B by remitting the stipulated fee for condonation of break of study to the academic Officer of this University through the Dean / Principal of the concerned college for issue of necessary permission to rejoin the course. The concerned Dean / Principal of the College shall not permit any candidate with a Break of study as stipulated above to rejoin the course without obtaining the prior permission from this University.

3) A candidate having a break of more than 6 months for PG Degree course and more than 3 months for PG diploma courses, the course of study shall be extended to that effect and the candidate is permitted to appear for the examination only after completing this extension period.

4) If the candidate does not submit the dissertation in time or even during the extension period (twice the time allotted for completing the course) then the candidate is de-registered from this university and his admission stands cancelled.

5) The Period of break of study of the candidate for rejoining the course shall be calculated from the date of first discontinuance of the course.

6) All the post graduate students have to execute a declaration at the time of registration with this university in this regard in the prescribed form as in **Annexure - A**

### **CONDONATION OF THE BREAK:**

a) The Vice-Chancellor has the power to condone any break of study as defined in this Regulation.

b) The candidate is given extension of study after getting special permission form the university approved by the vice-Chancellor. The Candidate shall forward the application for extension through the head of the institution.

## **RECORD BOOK**

The record book shall be submitted during the clinical examination. It shall have record of 20 cases. (In ophthalmology, the record book shall also have 20 refractions done by the candidate)

### **Passing Condition**

#### **1. Part - A**

50% i.e.50/100 Marks.

#### **2. Part - B**

Theory + oral - 50% i.e. 125 / 250 Marks  
Clinical examination - 50% i.e. 50/100 Marks. Overall 50% for Part B i.e. 175 / 350 Marks.

Migration / transfer of postgraduate students from one medical college to another Migration / transfer of students undergoing any postgraduate degree course / diploma shall not be permissible, during the period of training prescribed for the course.

## **BREAK OF STUDY**

1) For PG degree courses the Candidates having a break of study for more than three (3) months and above but less than six (6) months shall apply for rejoining the course in the prescribed form as in Annexure - B by remitting the stipulated fee for condonation of break of study to the Academic Officer of this University through the Dean / Principal of the concerned college for issue of necessary permission to rejoin the course. The concerned Dean / Principal of the College shall not permit any candidate with a Break of Study as stipulated above to rejoin the course without obtaining the prior permission from this University.

2) For PG diploma courses and Higher specialty courses, the Candidate having a break of study for more than 45 days and above but less than 90 days shall apply for rejoining the course in the prescribed form as

80% attendance is mandatory (ie) 232 working days for appearing for the University Examinations in May / November 2012 examination onwards.

The Examination for the PG Medical students (Clinical) will be conducted at the end of first year (Part- I, One paper on Basic Medical Sciences) and the final Examination will be conducted at the end of III year (Part - II, three papers). The students of Pre and Para clinical PG Degree courses will appear for all the four papers at the end of III Year.

The Post Graduate students can avail leave on essential circumstances on the remaining 20% of 290 teaching days.

In case of Post Graduate students posted for training in any other Departments or Institutions for a period of one or two months as the case may be, the candidate should get the attendance from that Institution/Departments and submit the attendance to the Head of the Departments in which the candidate is undergoing the course who will forward the attendance to the University.

The Post Graduate Students in Non-Clinical courses who are appearing for the examination at the end of final year has to acquire the required 80% of attendance for every academic year. If the candidate is having lack of attendance in any of the academic year, the candidate has to attend the classes even after completion of the course and the candidate will be permitted to appear for the subsequent examination only after the candidate earns the minimum required attendance.

The Post Graduate students in clinical courses who do not have adequate attendance to appear for the first year examination will take up the said examination in the subsequent session after acquiring the required attendance. The duration of the second year of the Post Graduate programme will be calculated only from the time of appearance in the first year examination.

For example, if a candidate lacks attendance for May 2011 examination he/she can appear for the first year examination only in the subsequent session viz., in September 2011 after acquiring the required attendance. The second year Post Graduate programme will commence from September 2011 and the candidate will become eligible to appear for the University final year examination in September 2012 for Post Graduate Diploma course and September 2013 for Post Graduate Degree course, if he/she fulfilled attendance and other requisite eligibility.

The Dean/Principal of the institution has to furnish the attendance particulars indicating the number of working days attended by the candidate every quarter i.e. up to 14th August, 14th November, 14th February & 30th April through on line to this university. The hard copy of the attendance particulars has also to be sent to the Controller of Examinations of this university.

Before commencement of examination of the year the Dean/Principal of the Institution has to furnish the consolidated attendance particulars of the candidates indicating the number of days each month for a period of one year to this University, in the format annexed as annexure - II

There are no study holidays permissible by the University.

For calculating working days, the period of examination is considered as working days.

The attendance particulars for the examination session for the respective study period has to be submitted 15 days prior to the commencement of the examination. As the candidate has paid the fees for the particular examination, it is presumed that he/she will attend the rest of the classes for the next 15 days after submission of attendance particulars to the University and appear for the examination.

## ii) **PG Diploma**

Diploma examination in any subject shall consist of two parts:

- ◆ Theory
- ◆ Clinical and oral

### **THEORY**

#### **PART-A**

Paper 1 - Basic Medical Science - 100 Marks ( 3 hrs paper)

#### **PART-B**

Paper 2 & 3 - speciality papers each 100 Marks of 3 hrs duration

The theory examination will be held sufficiently earlier than the Clinical and practical examination, so that the answer books can be assessed and evaluated before the start of the clinical / practical and Oral examinations

### **CLINICAL / PRACTICAL AND ORAL EXAMINATION**

Clinical examination for the subjects in clinical Sciences should be aimed at eliciting the knowledge and competence of the candidates

For understanding independent work as a Specialist / Teacher.

**THE CLINICAL / PRACTICAL EXAMINATION:** one day for 100 Marks.( one Long case of 50 Marks and two short case of 25 marks each)

**THE ORAL EXAMINATION:** Held on the same day of the Clinical examination - 50 Marks

The oral examination is aimed at eliciting the candidate's knowledge and competence about the subject, investigative procedures, therapeutic technique and other aspects of the speciality which should form a part of the examination.

## **PART-B**

Paper 2,3 & 4 - Speciality Papers each 100 Marks of 3 hrs duration

The theory examinations will be held sufficiently earlier than the Clinical and Practical Examination, so that the answer books can be assessed and evaluated before the start of the clinical.

### **c) Clinical / Practical and oral**

Clinical examination for the subjects in Clinical Sciences should be maintained at eliciting the knowledge and competence of the candidates for undertaking independent Work as a Specialist / Teacher.

The Clinical / Practical Examination- one day for 100 Marks .(one long case of 50 Marks and two short cases of 25 Marks each)

The oral examination- Held on the same day of the Clinical examination - 50 Marks

The oral examination is aimed at eliciting the candidate's knowledge and competence about the subject, investigation procedures , therapeutic technique and other aspects of the speciality which should form a part of the examination.

### **Passing Condition**

1. Dissertation must have been accepted by the examiners.

### **2. Part - A**

50%, i.e. 50/100 marks

### **3. Part - B**

Theory + oral 50% i.e. 175/350 Marks

**Clinical Examination** - 50% i.e. 50/ 100 Marks Overall 50% for part B i.e. 225/450 Marks

## **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum and the syllabi for all the courses are specified in the Annexure separately.

## **COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS**

There shall be two University Examination sessions in an academic year. Viz May and November for PG Degree and PG Diplomas.

The examinations for PG courses are conducted at the completion of their stipulated period and for the course of study.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The training given with due care to the PG students in the recognized institutions for award of various PG Medical Degree / Diploma will determine the expertise of the Specialities and / or Medical teachers / produced as a result of the educational programme during the period of stay in the institution.

All candidates joining the postgraduate training programme must work as full time Residents during the whole period of their postgraduate training. They will be required to attend a minimum of 80% of training period. All the candidates must be given full time responsibility and assignments, and their participation in all facets of the educational process assured. The postgraduate students should be paid stipends which are commensurate with the remuneration of equivalent members of the departmental staff.

Postgraduate students must maintain record book of the work carried out by them and the training programme undergone by them during the period of training, including details of surgical operations assisted or done independently by M.S. candidates. These record books should be checked and assessed by the Faculty members imparting the training.

The candidates should also be required to participate in the teaching and training programmes of undergraduate students and interns.

## **TRAINING PROGRAMME**

### **1. M.D. / M.S.**

#### **i) Basic Medical Sciences**

The training program should include Lectures, Seminars, Journal Clubs, Group Discussion, Participation in laboratory and experimental work, and involvement in research studies in the concerned speciality. The candidates have also to be exposed in the applied aspects of the subjects relevant to clinical specialities.

#### **ii) Clinical Disciplines**

The emphasis has to be on in-service training, with the candidates given graded responsibility in the management and treatment of patients entrusted to their care. In addition, the training programme should include participation in Seminars, Journal Clubs, Group Discussions, Clinical Meetings, Grand rounds, and Clinico - Pathological Conferences. Special emphasis should be laid on practical training in Diagnosis and Medical & Surgical treatment. (The candidates have also to undergo adequate training in the Basic Medical Sciences, as well as in Allied Clinical Specialities).

### **2. P.G Diplomas**

Emphasis should be on in-service training, with candidates given graded clinical responsibility. In addition, the training programme should consist of Lecturers, Seminars, Journal Clubs, Group discussions, and participation in Clinical and Clinico-Pathological conferences. They should be given sufficient practical training to enable them to manage independently common problems in their specialties. The candidates have also to undergo adequate training in the Basic Medical Sciences.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

### **a) Thesis / Dissertation**

Every candidate shall carry out work on an assigned project under the guidance of a recognized Postgraduate Teacher, the research topic must be selected within 6 months from the date of admission and the results of which shall be written up and submitted in the form of a Thesis or Dissertation 6 months prior to the date of examination.

Four copies of the dissertation shall be submitted to the Controller of Examinations of this University. Work for writing the Thesis is aimed at contributing to the development of a spirit of enquiry, besides exposing the candidate to the technique of research critical analysis, acquaintance with the latest advances in medical sciences and the manner of identifying and consulting available literature. Thesis have to be submitted well in advance at least six months prior to the theory and Clinical / Practical Examination.

The thesis shall be examined by a minimum of three examiners - one internal (guide of the candidate) and two external examiners, who shall not be the examiners for Theory and Clinical. Only after the acceptance of the thesis, the candidate shall appear for the final Examination.

## **EVALUATION OF DISSERTATION**

If the dissertation is approved but the examiners suggest minor corrections and re-submission of the dissertation, the candidate's results shall be withheld. The Chairman, Board of Examiners, shall submit detailed reports to the Controller of Examinations of the University, the corrections that the candidate has to carry - out and the dissertation shall be resubmitted within a month of publication of the results by the candidate. The dissertation should be revalued by the same set of examiners and on receipt of approval, the results of the candidate shall be declared.

If the dissertation is rejected, the candidate shall not be permitted to sit for the examination and the candidates shall re-submit a fresh dissertation two month prior to the commencement of the subsequent examination in which he has to appear subject to the approval of the fresh dissertation.

### **b) Theory**

There shall be four theory papers separated into two parts and are separately assessed.

## **PART-A**

Paper 1 - Basic Medical Sciences - 100 Marks ( 3 hrs paper)