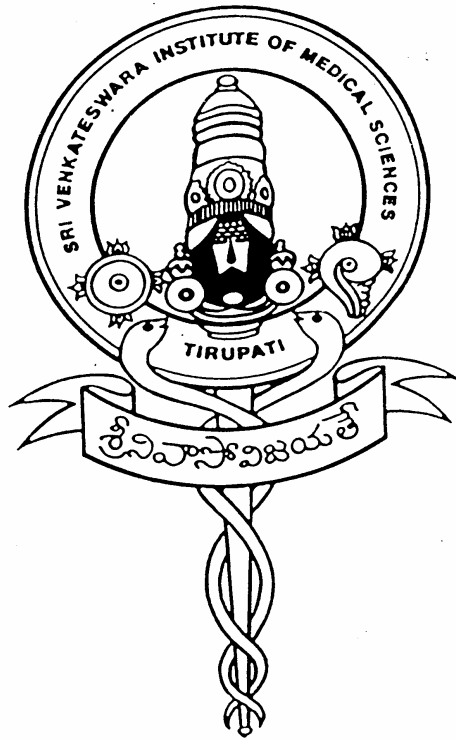


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**SRI VENKATESWARA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
TIRUPATI- 517 507**

(A UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE STATE ACT, 1995)



SVIMS UNIVERSITY

**Prospectus for Admission to
Ph.D. Programme for the year 2012**

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS

Completed application forms must be returned to :

**The Registrar
Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences
SVIMS University
Alipiri Road
Tirupati – 517 507.**

Last date for submission of filled in Application with enclosures : **12-06-2012**

01. INTRODUCTION

Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati, established in the year 1993, under the aegis of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, as a modern super speciality hospital, was granted the status of a University in the year 1995 by an Act of A.P. State Legislature vide Act No.12 of 1995. The objectives of the Institute are:

- a) To create a centre of excellence for providing medical care, education and research facilities of a high order in the field of medical sciences
- b) To develop patterns of teaching in postgraduate level and in super specialities so as to set a high standard of medical education.
- c) To provide for training in paramedical and allied fields.
- d) To function as a referral hospital.
- e) To provide for post graduate teaching and conduct of research in the relevant disciplines of modern medicine and other allied sciences, including inter-disciplinary fields of Physical and Biological Sciences.

The Institution, spread in a 150 acre campus, is gradually growing into a prestigious university. Today, SVIMS has 25 super/broad speciality medical departments, two colleges and two inter-disciplinary departments and is developing into a centre of excellence for providing medical care, education and research activities of a high standard in the field of medical and other allied sciences including inter-disciplinary fields of physical and biological sciences. In addition to these, SVIMS also provides training in para-medical and allied fields, particularly related to super-specialities.

The Institution is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956, and the Medical Council of India (MCI) has granted permission and later recognition to start DM/M.Ch. super-speciality courses in Cardiology, Neurology, Nephrology, Endocrinology, Medical Oncology, C.T. Surgery, Neurosurgery, Urology, Gastroenterology, Surgical Oncology and MD Courses in Anaesthesiology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Pathology, Medicine, Immuno Haematology & Blood Transfusion and Radiotherapy.

The various super/broad speciality departments are;

SNo.	Name of the Department	SNo.	Name of the Department
1	Anaesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine	14	Nephrology
2	Anatomy	15	Neurology
3	Biochemistry	16	Neurosurgery
4	Biotechnology & Bioinformatics	17	Nuclear Medicine
5	Cardiology	18	Pathology
6	Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery	19	Physiology
7	Endocrinology	20	Plastic Surgery
8	General Surgery	21	Radiology
9	Immuno Haematology and Blood Transfusion	22	Radiotherapy
10	Medical Gastroenterology	23	Surgical Gastroenterology
11	Medical Oncology	24	Surgical Oncology
12	Medicine	25	Urology
13	Microbiology		

The constituent colleges are:

- 1) **College of Nursing:** The College of Nursing was established in the year 1996, with the objective of providing graduate, postgraduate teaching and conducting research in the relevant disciplines of modern nursing. Courses offered are B.Sc. (Nursing), M.Sc. (Nursing) and Ph.D. The college has excellent infrastructure with well equipped laboratories and advanced teaching and learning activities.
- 2) **College of Physiotherapy :** The College of Physiotherapy was established in the year 1998. The college offers graduate and postgraduate courses in physiotherapy, in-patient and out patient services and special services through Obesity Clinic, Pain clinic, Paediatrics clinic, Advanced Physiotherapy, Ergonomics & Life style modification

The other interdisciplinary departments are;

- 1) **Biotechnology :** The Department of Biotechnology was established in 2003. It offers two courses M.Sc. (Biotechnology) and Ph.D. programmes. The department has developed cardiomyocytes from human CD 34+ stem cells. The successful students are absorbed in industrial organizations, who are leaders in production of drugs, vaccines, etc. The students are selected in various national level examinations like CSIR, GATE, ICMR, BCIL (Biotechnology Consortium India Ltd., New Delhi).
- 2) **Bioinformatics :** The Department of Bioinformatics was established in 2003. The SVIMS is first of its kind to start P.G. Course in Bioinformatics in Andhra Pradesh. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and technology has approved the Bioinformatics Centre, Bioinformatics Infrastructure facility in the department of Bioinformatics. The centre has under taken research project sanctioned by DBT. It has four positions of studentship/traineeship sponsored by DBT.

02. DEPARTMENT OF STUDY - The following positions are available for the academic year 2012-13.

Sl. No.	Department	Name of the guide with designation	Number of students permitted
01.	Cardiology	Dr.D.Rajasekhar, Dean Prof. & HOD	01
02.	Anaesthesia	Dr.Aloka Samanthroy Addl. Professor	01
03.	Biochemistry	Dr.M.M.Suchithra Assoc. Professor	01
04.	Bioinformatics	Dr.A.Umamaheswari Assoc. Prof., & HOD	02

03. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION :

- a) Candidates with MD/MS, DM/MCh M.Sc. (medical), or equivalent Master's degree awarded by a University & recognized by SVIMS are eligible to register for PhD course under faculty of Medicine/Allied health Sciences.
- b) Candidates with a PG degree in Physiotherapy i.e., MPT degree awarded by this University or a Master's degree in Physiotherapy considered as equivalent by SVIMS University, M.Sc. in Nursing degree awarded by this University or a University recognized by INC or a P.G. degree in Nursing considered as equivalent by SVIMS are eligible for enrollment to PhD course under faculty of paramedical sciences.

- c) Candidates must have scored a minimum of 55 % (aggregate of second and/or third year marks for medical courses). However, a concession of 5% marks is allowed to SC/ST candidates. For MD/MS candidates, the decision of the selection committee appointed by the Director is final.
- d) Candidates with MD/MS, DM/MCh who are acting as chief guides cannot apply
- e) Post graduate degree awarded by distance education will not be considered.
- f) Age at admission: For admission to full time PhD as regular candidates, the age of the candidate should be below 45 years as on 1-7-2012.
- g) A JRF/SRF working in a project funded by the institute or any other extramural funding agency and teaching faculty working on ad hoc basis or on daily wage / contract basis can apply for full time registration. They will be allowed to continue their assignment only if they get provisional registration in the same department where they are working subject to
 - i) Production of a concurrence certificate from the Principal Investigator/Head of the department(Form A) and
 - ii) An undertaking that he/she will not claim any extension of the tenure of the post or any other benefit whatsoever, linking the claim to his/her registration and pursuance of PhD program (Form B).
- h) Regular employees of this university who are approved probationers can apply for registration under part time category provided
 - i) The candidate is a regular teaching employee and is an approved probationer.
 - ii) The candidate applies to register in the same department where employed.
 - iii) The candidate fulfills all the eligibility criteria of a regular full time candidate
 - iv) Submit Form C (NOC) along with application from the Head of the Department in the prescribed format.
 - v) The employee enters into an agreement with the institute that she/he will work in SVIMS for a minimum period of 3 years after the award of PhD.
- i) **THERE IS NO PROVISION OF PART-TIME RESEARCH FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES.**
- j) **THERE IS NO PROVISION TO REGISTER FOR PhD AS SELF GUIDE**

04. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

- a. The prescribed application form for admission to the course can be had from the Office of the Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati - 517 507 either in person, on payment of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) by way of Demand Draft, drawn in favour of "The Director, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati". The application can also be obtained by post on submission of DD for Rs.1050/- (Rupees one thousand and fifty only) along with self addressed request letter. Bank Challans, Cheques, Postal Orders and Money Orders will not be accepted.
- b. Application and prospectus can also be downloaded from the website and can be submitted with necessary documents along with DD for Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) in favour of the "Director, SVIMS, Tirupati.

- c. The filled-in application form along with the xerox copies of the following certificates should reach the Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati - 517 507 on or before the last date specified in the application.
- i. S.S.C
 - ii. Degree certificate
 - iii. PG Degree/Provisional pass certificate
 - iv. PG marks statement
 - v. Caste Certificate in case of SC/ST/BC candidates.
 - vi. Study certificates from Inter to Post Graduation.
 - vii. Copy of certificate of having passed UGC/CSIR-NET/GATE/M.Phil., (if any).

Applications received after 5.00 P.M on the said last date will not be entertained. The University is not responsible for the loss of application or postal delay.

- d. Application form should be filled up carefully by the applicant in her/his own handwriting and no column should be left blank or incomplete.
- e. Defective applications will be rejected and no further information will be given to the applicant.
- f. Full name of the candidate as seen in the school records should be given in the application and all other related forms should also be enclosed and specify the correspondence address.
- g. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ascertain whether they possess the requisite qualification for admission. Having been called for the written test/ interview does not mean acceptance of eligibility. The University will not reimburse any expenditure incurred by the candidate. Selection of the candidate will not be final unless
 - a. The original certificates are verified and found correct
 - b. The prescribed fees is paid.
 - c. The candidate passes through the medical examination
- h. The application must be forwarded and recommended by the chief guide under whom the candidate is applying.
- i. Fees once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances
- j. All information given in the application form should be correct. Any false information or suppression of any factual information in the application would be a disqualification. In case any false information is furnished or suppression of any factual information comes to the notice during any time of the course, he/she would be liable to be terminated, besides other actions by the institution, as may be deemed fit during any time of the course.
- k. Late or incomplete applications without the necessary enclosures will be rejected. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.

05. SELECTION PROCEDURE :

- a. The applications should be complete in all respects. Those applications which are incomplete shall be summarily rejected and the decision of the selection committee shall be final.
- b. The selection will be made by the committee based on the test and / or interview. The final selection list will be notified and will be communicated to the successful candidates.
- c. The selected candidates are required to deposit their fees and undergo medical examination before joining the course. The selected candidates must join within 30 days of the date of communication of the result to him/her.

06. FEES STRUCTURE

S.No.	Particulars	Amount
1	Admission fee	Rs.2,000.00
2	Library fee per annum	Rs.1,000.00
3	Registration fee at admission	Rs. 200.00
4	Cultural and sports activities fee per annum	Rs. 250.00
5	*Caution deposit at admission	Rs.2,000.00
6	*Hostel deposit at admission	Rs.1,000.00

* Refundable after completion of the course.

Thesis processing fee will be collected from the candidate at the time of submission of thesis.

07. CLOSURE OF ADMISSIONS

- a. The admission shall stand closed within 30 days from the date of commencement of the course. The duration of the course shall be calculated from the date of the commencement of the course without any reference to the date of joining of any individual.
- b. The candidates selected for admission should deposit all the original educational certificates and other relevant certificates with this university and these certificates shall be returned only when the candidate leaving the course and on production of No Dues Certificate from the concerned departments.

08. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Director can take any disciplinary action inclusive of cancellation of admission/registration at any given time, if it is proved that the candidate:

- a) has furnished any false information which had a bearing on the candidate's selection
- b) is/was involved in any academic malpractice
- c) is/was involved in any unlawful activity
- d) caused any damage to the Institute's property or peace.

PROGRAM DETAILS

01. DURATION OF THE COURSE

- a) The minimum period for completion of PhD will be three years from the date of registration. The date of joining will be considered as date of provisional registration. Maximum duration of the course will ordinarily be five years. Extension of one year may be considered on the

- recommendation of Doctoral Committee under extraordinary circumstances on payment of penal fee prescribed.
- b) The period of study would be same for the PhD degree under all faculties. There shall be no exemption allowable in the minimum period for any higher qualifications acquired like MD, MS, DM, MCh, MPhil
 - c) **Medium of instruction:** English
 - d) **Residential facility will be provided to women students only subject to availability**
 - e) **Library facility :** There is a well established Library with all the relevant text books and journals It has MEDLARS, CD ROM and INTERNET facility.
- 1) **MONITORING BODIES:** There shall be two committees to monitor the work of a research scholar
 - a) **Research Advisory Committee :**
 - b) **Doctoral Committee:** Which includes an external expert
 - 2) **SUBMISSION OF HALF YEARLY UPDATES**
 - a) After provisional registration, every candidate shall submit the half yearly updates on the progress of work done regularly through the Chief guide to the controller of examinations.
 - 3) The candidate will be eligible to appear for the Pre PhD examination only after the completion of one year from the date of selection. The provisional PhD registration of the candidate will be confirmed only after the candidate passes the Pre PhD examination.
 - 4) **EVALUATION: evaluation of the candidate who is given provisional registration is done in the form of Pre PhD examination, evaluation of synopsis & thesis.**
 - a) **Thesis Protocol:** The candidate shall prepare a detailed protocol of his proposed research plan clearly stating objectives and methodology to be employed under the guidance of Research Advisory Committee. Protocol shall be submitted to the Doctoral Committee within 6 months of provisional registration.
 - b) **Pre PhD Examination:** Pre PhD examination will be conducted at the end of 1st year. This exam is compulsory for all candidates who have been given provisional registration.
 - c) **Confirmation of provisional registration:** The provisional registration of a candidate for pursuing PhD course to the award of PhD degree shall be confirmed only when

The thesis protocol is accepted by Doctoral committee AND
He/She passes the Pre-PhD examination conducted by the
University in a maximum of three attempts.
 - d) **Synopsis :** The candidate who has completed the minimum prescribed period and not later than three months before the prescribed maximum period of registration can submit ten copies of synopsis duly signed by the Chief guide and Co-guide/s along with a soft copy submitted to the Controller of Examinations.
 - e) **Thesis :** The candidate should submit 5 copies of his/her thesis within six months after receipt of acceptance of the synopsis to the Controller of examinations.
 - f) **Adjudication of the thesis:** Each external examiner appointed to adjudicate the thesis shall send the report to the chairman within two months from the date of receipt of the thesis. Such reports should include:

- i) A critical account of the work of the candidate as embodied in the thesis and an evaluation of the work in terms of its condition to the advancement of knowledge.
 - ii) Questions to be asked or points to be clarified at the time of viva-voce examination should be sent in a sealed cover to the Controller of examinations. These questions/comments should be made available to the candidate only one day before the commencement of the viva voce examination.
 - iii) **Definite recommendations as to:**
 - (1) Thesis accepted: The research work of the candidate has advanced the existing knowledge in the subject **and therefore the thesis can be accepted for the award of PhD degree in the present form.** The thesis can be accepted for the award of PhD degree after minor correction / revisions as suggested. (Points on which revision is required as to be stated by the examiner/s).
If there are major flaws in the presentation of the data and interpretation of results, it may be recommended to be revised and resubmitted within one month to the University.
 - (2) Thesis rejected: The research work has failed to achieve the desired standard and hence the thesis is rejected. (precise reason for such rejection must be stated clearly by the examiner). If all the three examiners reject the thesis, thesis is rejected. If two out of the three examiners reject the thesis, it will be sent to the fourth examiner with the consent of the Chairman of Examination Board. If the fourth examiner also rejects, then the thesis is considered rejected.
 - iv) If the reports from all the external examiners are not received within 4 months, a copy of the thesis be sent to another examiner from amongst the approved panel. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide one more copy of the thesis.
 - v) For award of PhD degree at least two examiners should recommend for acceptance of thesis.
- 5) ORAL EXAMINATION :** 'THESIS DEFENSE' shall be conducted after the receipt of "satisfactory reports" on the thesis. The oral examination is designed to test the general scientific background of the candidate and knowledge about his / her particular contribution to the subject of research work.
- 6) ISSUE OF PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE :** A candidate whose thesis is accepted and is successful in the public viva-voce examination will be declared to have qualified for the PhD degree with effect from the date of the public viva-voce examination. Notification to this effect & a provisional certificate may be issued by the Controller of Examinations after approval by the Dean & Director. It should be issued on the written request of the candidate along with prescribed fee. The Provisional certificate should contain all the details that are going to be incorporated in the degree certificate.
- 7) AWARD OF THE PhD DEGREE :**
The Academic Senate of the Institute after considering the detailed report of the Dean will recommend the award of the PhD to the candidate. The degrees will normally be given at annual convocation of the Institute. In case a candidate is not in a position to attend the convocation and he requests degree to be sent by the post the institute agrees to such a request.
- 8) FINANCES FOR THE Ph. D. PROGRAMME :** No financial support shall be provided by the University.

9) CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

The Registration of the candidates stands cancelled if

- a) The candidate fails to submit two consecutive half yearly progress reports in spite of three reminders issued fortnightly.
- b) When recommended by the Doctoral Committee or the respective Chief guide for any valid reason. However, if the Doctoral Committee recommends, the candidate can re-register for PhD course, on payment of the re-registration fee as fixed by the University.
- c) The candidate fails to clear the Pre PhD exam in 3 attempts. Even failure to apply for the Pre PhD exam will be considered as an attempt.
- d) The candidate is absent for a continuous period of 6 months without prior sanction of leave.
- e) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Dean of this Institute may at any time before completion of the course, either on his own motion or on the application of any person after due and proper enquiry and after giving the person 2 weeks time from the date of receipt of the show cause notice to submit the written explanation and on personal hearing, order the cancellation of the admission to the course, if in his opinion, such candidate had furnished incorrect particulars /false information in the application or in the documents attached thereto, or in the statements made either before the authority in charge of admission or the Dean or any other manner. Also in cases of indiscipline, negligence in the care of patients, willful damage to the equipment and disobedience to teachers, the admission of the candidate can be cancelled on the recommendation of the Head of the Department/Guide concerned. Against any such order of the Dean, the appeal shall lie with the Director, SVIMS, Tirupati.