

Malabar Cancer Centre

(Post Graduate Institute of Oncology sciences and Research)



Certificate Course in Head and Neck Onco-Rehabilitation

A Joint venture by MCC(PGIOSR) & National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH)

ABOUT THE INSTITUTIONS

Malabar Cancer Centre(PGIOSR), Thalassery is an autonomous institution under Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Kerala, started with an aim to establish a comprehensive cancer centre, providing the much-required oncology care to the population of Northern region of Kerala and neighbouring parts of Karnataka and Tamilnadu states and Union Territory of Pondicherry(Mahe). The main objective of the Centre is not only to provide comprehensive cancer care but also to develop as a Research and Training Centre of International standards. At present MCC(PGIOSR) has a total bed strength of 203 with 170 in-patient beds. MCC(PGIOSR) is being developed as a postgraduate institute of Oncology sciences and research. It has research association with School of Health Sciences, Kannur University, Centre for Electronic Materials Technology, Thrissur and HTIC-Chennai, various institutions of National cancer Grid etc.

National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH), Trivandrum Kerala : National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH) was set up as a Society by the Government of Kerala perGO (Ms) No. 7/97/SWD dated 11 Mar, 1997. NISH is a comprehensive multi-purpose institute focusing on the identification, intervention, rehabilitation and education of individuals with disabilities. Since its inception in 1997, NISH has made significant contributions to improving the quality of life of individuals with disabilities and has taken a pioneering effort in implementing various higher education programs in the disability sector. Academic functions of NISH include various courses for professional preparation viz. Bachelors in Audiology and Speech language pathology, MSc Audiology, MSc Speech, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy which are affiliated to Kerala University of Health Sciences. NISH is also conducting three under graduate courses for the students with Deaf and Hard of hearing students viz. BSc Computer Science (HI), B.Com (HI), BFA (HI) which are affiliated to Kerala University along with many other unique value added certificate programs

ABOUT THE PROGRAM :

This is a twelve months onsite certification program for graduates and Post graduates in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology who have special interest in rehabilitation of Head & Neck cancer patients. The certificate course in Head & Neck Onco-Rehabilitation is both academically and clinically oriented and has a strong and standard curriculum, experienced teaching facility and good faculty supervision.

MCC(PGIOSR) shall be the primary site for the program and candidates shall be observing and performing speech and swallow rehabilitative services at MCC(PGIOSR). NISH will be providing theory classes in Online mode.

Specific skills will be developed in assessment and management of impairments, disabilities and handicap with Head & Neck Oncology patients undergoing treatment and on Follow up.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The course curriculum is oriented towards training students to undertake the responsibilities of oncology rehabilitation in head and neck.

- This course enables the students to acquire professional knowledge in assessment, rehabilitation of voice and swallowing aspects.
- To develop skills to communicate effectively for the Persons with head and neck oncology diseases.
- To develop the time management and organizational skills necessary to provide efficient care for clients.

SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME

To assist people who need care after head and neck surgery due to oncology diseases and rehabilitate them for effective communication and feeding skills which might be compromised the same.

On completing the course, the person will be able to provide appropriate rehabilitative measures for a person with head and neck oncology diseases.

After successful completion of the course the person can be employed by private care agencies, long term care facilities, home care, and can be self-employed.

SELECTION PROCESS

Who Can Enroll :

Qualified Speech Language Pathologist (BASLP/ MASLP/M.Sc SLP)

Program Duration : 12 months

Seats: – 5

Selection : By Interview. Screening exam will be conducted, if 10 or more candidates apply

Course Fees : Rs. 1,50,000/* + Rs. 5000 (Refundable caution deposit) + Rs. 1000 (Library fees- non refundable). All payments made are Non-refundable

*Scholarship Discount of Rs 50,000/ for meritorious candidates

Application Fees : Rs. 250 /*. The application fee shall pay online through the payment gateway system provided in the online application.

Stipend: Rs 15,000 per month (Last 6 months of the course).

OTHER DETAILS:

Academic eligibility for admission: Minimum entry qualification is BASLP/ MASLP/M.Sc SLP

Period of completion of course :12 months program which comprises two months theory classes, four months practical classes & direct observations and 6 months internship with stipend.

Medium of Instruction: The medium of instruction will be English

Number of seats: The intake for each year of the course will be maximum five

Minimum attendance/ Working days: 80% of the total course duration.

Timing: 9 am-5pm. [MCC(PGIOSR) has the right to change the shift time based on Hospital needs.]

Leaves: As per MCC(PGIOSR) policy for all certificate courses. Maximum of 12 Casual leaves in an year. (Maximum one leave /month). One day week off.

Log book: Candidates shall maintain the log book. It shall reflect the details of theory, clinical sessions and project details, presentations and performance evaluation reports.

Project and publications: Candidate shall complete minimum one clinical study as a project within the course timeline (6 Months) and the same shall be published in indexed journals (Minimum Article submission should be completed within the tenure (12 Months)

Transport: The candidates shall avail the MCC(PGIOSR) Transport facility from Thalassery Bus stand as per MCC(PGIOSR) policy

Canteen and food: MCC(PGIOSR) has its own canteen facility within the campus and candidates shall avail the dining facility on a daily payment basis or on pre-paid Basis (Advance payment).

EXAMINATION

As per NBER norms, Continuous Assessment and Term End Examination.

For the annual system of exams, two internal theories and two internal practicals. Candidates need to clear the internal exams to be eligible for the exam. Otherwise candidates may have to repeat the course/ programme.

The candidates on successful completion of the Program shall be entitled for the Certificate "Certificate in Head & Neck Onco-Rehabilitation" issued by MCC(PGIOSR) & NISH.

TIME LINES:

Last date for application: **November 25th 2025**

Date of Interview: **First week of December 2025**

(Date Will inform the shortlisted candidates via email)

Course start Date: **Jan 2026.**

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