# NISH

# Admission to Master of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology [MASLP] 2017–2018

# PROSPECTUS

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH & HEARING

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# NISH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH & HEARING thiruvananthapuram, kerala, india.

#### 1. THE INSTITUTION

National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH) is an academic institution under the Ministry of Social Justice, Government of Kerala. It is established as a society of the Government of Kerala registered under Travancore–Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955. NISH has been set up with the primary aim of taking up educational and rehabilitation programs necessary for the integration of individuals with disabilities. The initial focus has been hearing and speech impairments. NISH conducts courses both for professional preparation and also for higher education of people with disabilities.

#### 2. THE COURSE

- 2.1.This prospectus is for the Master of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology degree course (MASLP). This course is a part of the professional preparation program at NISH. This program trains students for professional career in Audiology, Speech Therapy and allied fields. This degree is recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI).
- 2.2.The curriculum consists of advanced theory and practical classes in the field of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and allied subjects.
- 2.3. The candidates admitted to the course will be provided with advanced training in the assessment, management and rehabilitation of persons with speech, language and hearing disorders such as Aphasia, Learning Disability and other childhood communication disorders resulting from hearing loss, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism etc.
- 2.4. The total duration of the Degree program is 2 years divided into 4 semesters. There is no mandatory internship for this course other than the regular clinical practice and external postings during the course.

2.5.Currently NISH is a college under Kerala University and hence the students admitted during 2017-18 will be awarded degree by the Kerala University.

#### 3. NUMBER OF SEATS

- 3.1. The total number of seats for course is 10.
- 3.2. 50% of the seats (i.e. 5 seats) are first merit. The remaining 50% seats (i.e. 5seats) are second merit. (Fee paid to the first merit and second merit are different. Please see the fee structure)
- 3.3. All the seats will be allocated based on rank list prepared based on the entrance exam conducted by NISH.
- 3.4. Supernumerary seat for candidates sponsored by Union Territory of Lakshadweep 1

#### 4. RESERVATION OF SEATS

- 4.1 One merit seat is reserved for candidates belonging to SC/ST.
  - 4.1. If any seat remains unfilled in the above category, the same will go to the first merit.

#### 5. WHOCAN APPLY?

- 5.1. Only Indian citizens of Kerala origin are eligible for admission.
- 5.2. Minimum educational requirements for admissions to this course will be a Bachelor degree in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology from any recognized University or any other degree recognized by the RCI and University of Kerala as equivalent thereto, with minimum pass percentage required as per university norms

#### 6. HOW TO APPLY?

- 6.1. Candidates SHOULD apply online through website http://admissions.nish.ac.in
- 6.2. All applicants should have an email id and a mobile phone number in which notifications can be received. This should be entered correctly in the application form.No paper notifications through postal mail will be sent to the candidate.
- 6.3. The admissions website will be open from July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017.

- 6.4. The non-refundable application fee is Rs. 500/- for the general candidates and Rs. 250/- for SC/ST candidates.
- 6.5. Payment of application fee can be made at any branch of State Bank of India (SBI) using a challan form available at all SBI branches. Payment should be made to the NISH Account No: 67224749979 at SBI, Akkulam, Thiruvananthapuram. The candidate can also download the challan form at the NISH admissions website http://admissions.nish.ac.in. The downloaded bank challan will have the details of the NISH account to which the application fee has to be transferred. The reference number obtained from the bank and the remittance details should be entered in the application form.
- 6.6. Those who have internet banking facility can remit the fees via NEFT transaction to "NISHFEEACCOUNT", State Bank of India, AkkulambranchAcctNo:67224749979 with IFSC Code SBIN0070581. Please note the Unique Transaction Reference (UTR) number and date as this will have to be entered in the application form.
- 6.7. The candidates must print the completed application form from the downloaded link and send it by registered mail or reliable courier service along with required documents and the original challan/ proof of NEFT to the Executive Director, National Institute of Speech & Hearing, NISH Road, Sreekariyam P.O., Thiruvananthapuram- 695017, Kerala, India..
- 6.8. The following **self-attested** documents should accompany the application form:
  - a) Copy of mark lists of qualifying examinations.
  - b) Copy of the relevant document showing date of birth.
  - c) Copy of community certificate for reservation in SC/ST or other quota, if applicable.
- 6.9. Please mark clearly on the top of the envelope the name of the course you are applying for (e.g. "Application for Admission to MASLP)".
- 6.10. Application forms along with the documents and original challan/ proof of NEFT can also be handed over at NISH front office to ensure safe receipt at NISH before the last date for receipt of the same.
- 6.11. Application forms received after the due date and those not accompanied by required documents/details will not be considered for the entrance examination.
- 6.12.Candidates are advised NOT to enclose originals of any supporting documents along with the application form.
- 6.13. Original documents should be produced when called for the interview.

- 6.14. The Institute reserves the right to reject the application of the candidate, if:
  - a) The application is incomplete in any aspect.
  - b) The details in the application form do not match the supporting document.
  - c) The required fees is not remitted or the proof there of is not attached.
  - d) The candidate fails to satisfy the eligibility criterion.
  - e) Any false or incorrect information is furnished.
  - f) The required enclosures are not submitted with the printed application form.
  - g) The printed application forms are not received at NISH before the last date.

#### 7. LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION

7.1. The last date for submitting **online application** will be **August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**.Other important dates are listed in Section 10.

#### 8. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

- 8.1. The duration of entrance exam shall be 120 minutes from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on 5th August 2017.
- 8.2. The language of the examination will be English.
- 8.3. The candidate have to bring the printed application form along with a valid ID proof (Voter's ID, Driving License, Passport, Aadhar Card or any other Government issued ID proof) for verification and collecting the admit card for the entrance examination. The candidate will not be permitted to appear for the examination without valid ID proof.
- 8.4. Candidates will not be allowed to take anything inside the examination hall including purse, wallet, phone, laptop, calculator, headphones, pendants, bracelets, ornaments that are worn on the ears or around the neck, pens, pencil etc. Appropriate pen will be supplied to answer questions inside the examination hall.
- 8.5. Some candidates have been reported to wear body worn electronic micro-devices for malpractice, and hence we are forced to take the above step. Your cooperation is requested to ensure a fair examination environment.
- 8.6. NISH will not have any provision to safe keep any ornaments not allowed inside the examination hall and hence the candidates are requested to NOT bring any valuables or make their own arrangements for safe keep.

- 8.7. Examination will not be delayed for any candidate failing to enter the examination hall (10.00AM) because of personal issues whatsoever and hence candidates are requested to take adequate precaution well ahead of the examination time.
- 8.8. The candidates have to answer 100 questions of multiple choice and the distribution of questions will be as follows;
  - a. Audiology 20
  - b. Speech Pathology 20
  - c. Clinical Practicum 20
  - d. Research and Statistics 20
  - e. Ethics & Legal Aspects Related to Speech & Hearing 20
- 8.9. Questions will be covering the BASLP syllabus approved by RCI and followed at NISH currently.
- 8.10.Each question carry 4 points. Negative scoring is applicable and 1 point will be deducted from each incorrect answer. The maximum points that can be obtained for the entrance examination shall be 400.
- 8.11.Marking two or more answers for a question is not acceptable even if there is a correct answer marked and hence a negative point will be awarded for the same.
- 8.12. There is no provision of re-evaluation of answer paper.
- 8.13.Rank list will be published based only on the total points obtained in the entrance examination.
- 8.14.In case two or more candidates score the same points in the entrance examination the ranking will be determined as follows;
  - a. The candidate with higher points for the sum of Audiology and Speech sections of the entrance question paper will be placed higher in the ranking.
  - b. If a tie still persists the candidate with higher points in the Clinical practicum section of the entrance question paper will be placed higher in the ranking
  - c. In case a tie still persists the candidate with higher points in the Research and Statistics section of the entrance question paper will be placed higher in the ranking.
  - d. If a tie still persists the candidate with the higher points in the Ethics & Legal Aspects section of the entrance question paper will be placed higher in the ranking.

- e. If the tie still remains, the age of the candidate will be taken into account and the older candidate will be placed higher in ranking than the younger.
- f. If the tie persists again, the Executive Director will make a decision based on the suitability of the candidate for the course in consultation with the Academic Coordinator and HOD of ASLP. This decision will be final and binding to everyone concerned.

#### 9. METHOD OF SELECTION

- 9.1. The selection will be made solely on the basis of the rank obtained in the entrance examination conducted by NISH.
- 9.2. Candidates must produce originals of all documents including internship completion certificate and eligibility certificate or receipt of application for Eligibility Certificate at the time of the interview. Those who fail to produce the originals at the time of the interview will not be considered for admission.

#### 10. IMPORTANT DATES FOR ADMISSION

10.1.The following are the important dates in regard to admission. Any change will be notified through SMS and email to all relevant applicants.

No.	Description	Date
1	Application for Admission Starts	26/07/2017
2	Last date of submission of online application form	03/08/2017
3.	Last Date to Receive Printed Application	05/08/2017
4.	Entrance Examination	05/08/2017
5.	Date of Publication of Rank list	08/08/2017
6.	Date of interview for admission	16/08/2017
8.	Date of commencement of class	17/08/2017
9.	Date of closure of admission	25/08/2017

#### 11. FEE STRUCTURE

- 11.1. The first year fees is payable at the time of admission. No installment is allowed.
- 11.2. Caution Deposit is payable at the time of admission only. Tuition fee are payable at the beginning of each academic year. Late charges will be applicable if the fee is remitted after the first 10 working days of the academic year.
- 11.3. The student has to pay the University fee as prescribed by the University at the beginning of each academic year.
- 11.4. All candidates admitted to the course must execute an agreement that if he/she happens to discontinue the course at any time after the closure of admission, he/she will pay the complete tuition and special fee for the course. Fee is not refundable.
- 11.5. The student has to pay examination fee as per University norms from time to time.
- 11.6. Fee structure is as follows:

Fee Item	First Merit	Second Merit
Tuition Fee	₹ 109,000per year	₹ 218,000 per year
Caution Deposit	₹ 15,000/-	₹ 15,000/-

#### 12. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 12.1.Candidates selected for interview will be intimated by email / SMS. No paper notifications will be sent.
- 12.2. If any information given in the application by the candidate is found to be false on verification at the time of interview or even at a later stage the candidate will forfeit his/her claim for admission and continuation in the course.
- 12.3.Candidates called for interview should report at NISH with the all original documents failing which he/she will forfeit his/her claim for admission. No change of date, or venue of interview or extension of time for producing originals of documents will be allowed under any circumstance.
- 12.4. Every candidate admitted to the course in the first merit category must execute an agreement to serve NISH or any government department or government supported

institution for a minimum period of one year if the service is called for within a period of one year from the date of qualification.

12.5. **NISH does not have hostel facilities currently.** Several established hostels are available in the city including Government hostel. The list of hostels will be provided at the time of admissions. Those who choose to stay in paying guest accommodations around NISH or in the city will be doing so at their own risk. NISH does not recommend staying in private accommodations which are not registered.

#### 13. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- 13.1.All the candidates admitted to the course at NISH will abide by the rules and regulations issued from time to time by the Executive Director, NISH.
- 13.2.Ragging in any form is strictly forbidden inside the campus. Non-tolerance policy is implemented and any such case will be reported to the Police immediately.
- 13.3.A policy document is available regarding prevention of sexual harassment on campus. The Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment is in operation on campus to oversee implementation of the policy. Any complaint will be addressed immediately.
- 13.4.Smoking, consumption of alcohol, and use of illegal drugs in any form is strictly prohibited within the campus. Violators will be dealt with immediately and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
- 13.5.Students are required to maintain the buildings and campus clean and the equipment should be handled with care. Any damages to the building or equipment will be made good and the cost recovered from the person responsible.
- 13.6.Students cannot enter classroom or practical after the session has started nor will they be allowed to leave the session without the permission of the faculty-in-charge.
- 13.7.Every student will be issued an Identity Card, which must be worn around the neck using the tag provided. This is applicable at all times when the student is on campus. If the card is lost or damaged, duplicate cards will be issued on payment of additional fees.
- 13.8.Students are not allowed to use mobile phones inside the campus during working hours. Mobile phones with cameras are strictly prohibited inside the campus.
- 13.9.Leave of absence will be granted only on medical grounds. Such leaves only will be considered for the purpose of granting relaxation of minimum attendance requirements.

#### 14. EVALUATIONS, EXAMINATIONS AND ISSUE OF DEGREE

14.1.The admitted candidates will be evaluated continuously throughout the academic year. Apart from this there would be one pre-midterm, one mid-term and one post-midterm examination. The final examination for each semester would be conducted by the University.

Any other details not specifically covered by the above clauses will be decided by the Executive Director and such decision will be final.

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