

NISH

Admission to Degree Program
Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (BASLP)
2016 – 2017

PROSPECTUS

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH & HEARING

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA

1. THE INSTITUTION

National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH) is 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 Bachelor of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology Program. This course is a part of the professional preparation program. This program trains students for professional careers in Audiology, Speech Therapy and allied fields.
- 2.2. The curriculum consists of theory and practical classes in the field of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and allied subjects such as Psychology, Linguistics, and Electronics. Those who successfully complete the 4 year degree (3 year coursework and 1 year mandatory internship) will be awarded the degree Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (BASLP) from the University of Kerala.
- 2.3. The candidates admitted to the course will be trained 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 4 years which includes a mandatory internship for one academic year after first 3 years of classroom instruction and clinical training.

3. NUMBER OF SEATS

- 3.1. The total number of seats for course - 28.
- 3.2. 50% of the seats (i.e. 14 seats) are general merit seats. The remaining 50% seats (i.e. 14 seats) are second merit seats. All the seats will be allocated based on rank list prepared based on marks in the qualifying examinations.
- 3.3. Supernumerary seats for foreign students - 3
- 3.4. Supernumerary seat for candidates sponsored by Union Territory of Lakshadweep – 1

4. RESERVATION OF SEATS

- 4.1. Reservations to the general merit seats will be as per the University rules and regulations.
- 4.2. Twenty percent of the total general merit seats (i.e. 3 seats) are reserved for candidates belonging to SC/ST.
- 4.3. One seat from the general merit is reserved for Persons with Physical Handicap (PH) as specified in the PWD Act, 1995.
- 4.4. One seat from the general merit will be reserved for a student from Government After Care Home for Adolescent Girls, Government of Kerala.
- 4.5. If any seat remains unfilled in the above categories, the same will go to the general merit.
- 4.6. One seat from the second merit category is reserved for NRI sponsored candidate.
- 4.7. The supernumerary seats for foreign students and for candidate sponsored by the Union Territory will not be filled up by any other candidates.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Only Indian citizens of Kerala origin are eligible for admission under the general merit seat category.
- 5.2. Minimum educational requirements for admissions to this course will be a pass in plus two/ pre degree/ 12th standard or its equivalent from any Board or University in India,

recognized as equivalent for admission to a degree course in the University of Kerala. The candidate must have secured a minimum of 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics/Biology/Computer Science/Statistics/Psychology. For SC/ST and persons with disabilities the minimum marks is a pass.

- 5.3. Age must be between 17-25 years on the last day set for receiving applications.
- 5.4. The upper age limit is relaxable by two years in the case of SC/ST and persons with disabilities (PH).

6. HOW TO APPLY

- 6.1. Candidates can apply online through website <http://admissions.nish.ac.in>. Read the guidelines for filling online application form available in the given website before applying for the course.
- 6.2. All applicants should have a valid email id and a mobile phone number in which notifications can be received. This should be entered correctly in the application form. All communication to the candidate will be done through email or SMS. **No paper notifications through postal mail will be sent.**
- 6.3. The website will be active from 1st June 2016.
- 6.4. The application fee is ₹ 500 for the general candidates and ₹ 250/- for SC/ST candidates.
- 6.5. Payment of application fee can be made at any branch of State Bank of Travancore (SBT) using a challan form available at all SBT branches. Payment should be made to the NISH Account No: 67224749979 at SBT, Akkulam, Trivandrum. The candidate can also download the challan form at the NISH admissions website 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 also remit the fees via NEFT transaction to "NISH FEE ACCOUNT", State Bank of Travancore, Akkulam branch Account No:

67224749979 with IFSC Code SBTR0000581. 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 the signed application form along with the original challan/ proof of NEFT to the Executive Director, National Institute of Speech & Hearing, NISH Road, Sreekariyam P.O., Trivandrum - 695017, Kerala, India.
- 6.8. Please mark clearly on the top of the envelope the name of the course you are applying for (e. g., "Application for Admission to BASLP").
- 6.9. The application form should be dispatched to NISH immediately after applying online. The signed application form along with the original challan/ proof of NEFT can be handed over at NISH front office or sent by registered post or any reliable courier service to ensure safe receipt at NISH.
- 6.10. The application form should reach NISH on or before 24/6/2016. If the signed application form is not received within the last date of receipt of application, the online application cannot be considered.
- 6.11. Application forms received after the due date (for whatever reasons, including postal delay) and those not accompanied by the original challan / proof of NEFT will not be considered.
- 6.12. Candidates are advised NOT to enclose originals/copy of any other 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 does not match with the supporting document.
 - c) The required application fee 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 original challan/ proof of NEFT are not submitted with the printed application form.
 - g) The printed application forms are not received at NISH before the last date.

6.14. **Admission for foreign candidates** for the supernumerary seats (3 seats) will be done as per the norms of the University of Kerala. Applications are also to be submitted to the University of Kerala. For details visit <http://www.keralauniversity.ac.in/fgn-gen-info>

6.15. **Foreign candidates** have to obtain equivalency certificate through the following link <http://www.aiuweb.org/Evaluation/evaluation.asp> and submit the same to the University of Kerala.

7. METHOD OF SELECTION

- 7.1. The selection will be made solely on the basis of marks obtained in the qualifying examination both for the general merit seats and second merit seats.
- 7.2. The total of the normalized marks in the three subjects concerned, each computed out of 100 will be the index mark of the candidate for the purpose of preparation of rank lists. Thus the maximum marks will be 300.
- 7.3. In case of a tie in the total marks computed for ranking, the candidate with higher marks obtained in Chemistry will be placed higher in the ranking.
- 7.4. If the tie still exists, the candidate with higher marks obtained in Physics will be placed higher in the ranking.
- 7.5. If the tie persists further, the percentage of total marks for the qualifying examination and then the percentage of marks in English in the qualifying examination will be considered for breaking the tie.
- 7.6. If the tie still remains, the age of the candidate will be taken into account and the older will be placed higher in ranking than the younger.
- 7.7. If the tie persists again, the alphabetical order of the name of the candidates in English will be taken in to account (e. g., 'A' has a higher priority than 'B' and so on)".

8. IMPORTANT DATES FOR ADMISSION

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

1	SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS	1 st JUNE 2016 to 15 th JUNE 2016
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2	LAST DATE FOR CORRECTING ONLINE APPLICATION	18 th JUNE 2016
3	LAST DATE FOR RECEIVING PRINTED APPLICATION FORMS AT NISH	24 th JUNE 2016
4	PUBLICATION OF RANK LIST	29 th JUNE 2016
5	INTERVIEW & ADMISSION	11 th & 12 th JULY 2016
6	COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES	18 th JULY 2016
7	ADMISSION CLOSES	29 th JULY 2016

9. FEE STRUCTURE

- 9.1. The first year fees is payable at the time of admission. No instalment is allowed.
- 9.2. Caution fee is payable at the time of admission only. Tuition and special 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.
- 9.3. The student has to pay the University fee as prescribed by the University at the beginning of each academic year.
- 9.4. 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 for the remaining period also. Fee is not refundable.
- 9.5. The student has to pay examination fee as per University norms from time to time.
- 9.6. For NRI candidate, the tuition fees will be ` 150,000/year. The special fee as prescribed below has to be paid at the beginning of each academic year.
- 9.7. For seats reserved for foreign students (who have completed qualifying examination outside India) admission procedure will be as per the University guidelines.
- 9.8. For seat earmarked for candidate sponsored by Union Territory of Lakshadweep & for the candidate from the Government Aftercare Home for Adolescent Girls, the fee will be that of general merit seat.

Fee Item	General seat	Second merit seat
Tuition Fee	₹ 42,500/- per year	₹ 81,750/- per year

Caution Deposit(refundable)	₹ 10,000/-	₹ 10,000/-		
Special Fees	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
Total	₹ 24,000/-	₹ 22,000/-	₹ 22,000/-	₹ 32,000/-

10. GENERAL INSTRUCTION

- 10.1. Candidates selected for interview will be intimated email or SMS. No paper notifications will be sent.
- 10.2. If any information given in the application form 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.
- 10.3. Candidates called for interview should report at the specified venue and time with the all original documents failing which he/she will forfeit his/her claim for admission. No change of date, time or venue of interview or extension of time for producing originals of documents will be allowed under any circumstance.
- 10.4. **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.

11. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1. All the candidates admitted to the course at NISH will abide by the rules and regulations issued from time to time by Executive Director, NISH.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. 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.

- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. Students cannot enter classroom or laboratory after the session has started nor will they be allowed to leave the session without the permission of the faculty-in-charge.
- 11.7. 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 remittance of additional fees.
- 11.8. Students are not allowed to use mobile phones inside the campus during working hours. Mobile phones with cameras are strictly prohibited inside the campus.
- 11.9. Leave of absence will be granted only on medical grounds. Such leaves will be considered only for the purpose of granting condonation of shortage of attendance.

12. EVALUATIONS, EXAMINATIONS AND ISSUE OF DEGREE

- 12.1. The admitted candidates will be evaluated continuously throughout the semester through internal assessments (IA). 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.
- 12.2. Each candidate has to undergo one academic year of mandatory internship after successful completion of the 3 year class room instruction and clinical training. Candidates may have to do part of their internship at approved centers outside Kerala as arranged by NISH. Information regarding internship will be obtained directly from the centers by NISH. The certificate of completion of internship will be issued by NISH only after the required clinical hours are completed successfully. Degree is awarded by the University after the student fulfills both academic and internship requirements.

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