NISH

Admission to Degree Courses
Exclusively for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
2016 – 2017

B.Sc. (Computer Science) (HI) [*]

Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI) [*]

Bachelor of Commerce (HI) [*]

PROSPECTUS

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH & HEARING

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* HI – Hearing Impaired

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1.   THE INSTITUTION

1.1   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 COURSES

2.1   This prospectus is for the Degree Courses for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The courses offered are B.Sc. Computer Science (HI), Bachelor of Commerce (HI) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI). The courses are affiliated to the University of Kerala.

2.2   The curriculum for the above courses consists of theory and practical, with stress on practical sessions. There are supplementary courses to build skills in English and Mathematics in addition to the main subjects. On successful completion of the course the candidates will be awarded the Bachelor degree by the University of Kerala.

2.3   The regulations, scheme and syllabus for the courses has been revised in 2013. The duration of B.Sc. Computer Science (HI) and B.Com (HI) is 4 years having 8 semesters and Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI) is 5 years having 10 semesters. The first year is Preparatory year and is common for all the courses and will focus exclusively in Basic Mathematics and Communicative English. A student admitted to a course is required to pass all the subjects in Preparatory year to be eligible to continue into the second year of the degree program.

3.   NUMBER OF SEATS

3.1   The total number of seats for each of the above courses is 30.

4.   RESERVATION OF SEATS

4.1   Reservation for SC/ST shall be as per University norms from time to time.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1   Admission is restricted to those who are hearing impaired, as defined in "The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995" .i.e., Hearing Impairment means loss of 60 dB or more in the better ear in the conversational range of frequencies.

5.2   Candidates seeking admission to the degree programmes should have passed the Plus Two/Pre degree or its equivalent from any Board or University in India, recognized as equivalent for admission to a degree course in the University of Kerala or equivalent of 10+2 education in India or abroad.

6. HOW TO APPLY

6.1   Candidates should apply online through the website http://admissions.nish.ac.in.

6.2   The admissions website will be open from June 1, 2016.

6.3   The application fee is 150/- for general candidates and 75/- for SC/ST candidates.

6.4   Payment of application fee can be made at any branch of State Bank of Travancore using a challan form. Payment should be made to State Bank of Travancore, Akkulam branch Account No: 67224749979. The candidate can also download the bank challan form from the website. The 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.

6.5   Those who have internet banking facility can remit the fees through 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.

6.6   **The candidates must download the application form and submit it along with the self-attested copies of the required documents and original challan /proof of NEFT at the time of entrance examination. Please mark clearly on the top of the cover the name of the course you are applying for.**

6.7   The following self-attested documents should be submitted at the time of entrance examination:
   a. Copy of mark lists of qualifying examinations.
   b. Copy of certificate of hearing disability (hearing loss 60 dB or more in the better ear)
   c. Copy of the relevant page of SSLC showing date of birth.
   d. Copy of community certificate for reservation under SC/ST quota, if applicable.

6.8 Application forms along with the documents and original challan / proof of NEFT can be handed over at NISH front office at the time of entrance examination.

6.9 Online application forms received after the due date (for whatever reasons) and those not accompanied by required documents/details will not be considered.

6.10 Candidates are advised NOT to enclose originals of any supporting documents along with the application form.

6.11 Original documents should be produced when called for the interview.

7. ADMISSION SCHEDULE

1	SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS	JUNE 1 to JUNE 15, 2016
2	EDITING APPLICATION AFTER SUBMISSION	till JUNE 18, 2016
3	ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	JUNE 25, 2016
4	PUBLICATION OF RANK LIST	JULY 7, 2016
5	INTERVIEW FOR ADMISSION	JULY 16, 2016
6	COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES	JULY 18 2016

Note: **Applications received after closing date and those which are incomplete will not be considered and the institute will not be responsible for the delay.**

8. METHOD OF SELECTION

8.1 Candidates seeking admission to the degree programme will have to appear for a Degree Admission Competency Examination (DACE) conducted at NISH.

8.2 Candidates are requested to download the hall ticket and produce at the time of online examination. Those without hall ticket will not be permitted to attend the exam.

8.3 DACE examination will test English, Mathematics and Logical ability. Duration of examination is 3hrs.

8.4 The candidate has to score marks above a pre-determined cut-off level in the DACE in order to secure admission to the course.

8.5 The rank list will be prepared on the basis of scores in the DACE. In case there is a tie for one position the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the following in the given order:

a) Marks for Mathematics paper in DACE
b) Marks for English paper in DACE.
c) Date of birth, older candidates being given preference.

8.6 The Candidates who fail in DACE examination are not eligible for any of the Degree programs. However they are eligible for one year Higher Education Foundation Program (HEFP).

8.7 On successful completion of the HEFP program the candidates seeking admission for Degree courses may appear for the DACE exam in the following year.

8.8 The candidate can choose the course for Degree at the time of interview.

8.9 Those who desire to opt for Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI) will have to take an aptitude test in drawing. Drawing test scores will only be a Pass/Fail.

8.10 Those who do not take the drawing test will not be considered for BFA course after the rank list is published.

8.11 Candidates must produce originals of all documents at the time of interview. Those who fail to do so at the time of interview will not be considered for admission.

8.12 Once admitted for a course and the list sent to the University, no change of course will be permitted.

9.   FEE STRUCTURE

9.1 The tuition fees for Indian nationals is currently Rs. 5000/- per semester.

9.2 Additionally students will pay a refundable caution fee of Rs. 2000/- at the time of admission. Caution deposit will be refunded after completion of the degree program.

9.3 Fees for foreign nationals will be different and will be as per the University norms for the same. Applications are also to be submitted to the University of Kerala. For details visit http://www.keralauniversity.ac.in/fgn-gen-info. **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.

9.4 SC, ST candidates are eligible for fee concession and will be exempted from payment of tuition fee. Candidates belonging to OEC will be exempted from payment of fee in case of un-availed seats of SC/ST, in the order of their merit of admission. The norms set by the SC/ST Department will be followed for the award of concession.

9.5 The candidate will have to pay the examination fee and other fees as prescribed by the

University from time to time. Fees remitted will not be refunded under any circumstance.

9.6 **Tuition fee is payable at the beginning of each semester. Late charges will be applicable if the fee is remitted after the first 10 working days of the semester.**

9.7 The admitted candidates can apply for the National scholarship for persons with disabilities by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, SC/ST scholarship and the State level Scholarship given by the Social Welfare department. NISH shall provide assistance to the candidates in applying for the scholarships.

10. OTHER CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

10.1 Candidates selected for interview will be intimated by individual memos, email or SMS.

10.2 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.

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 No TA will be given for attending examination.

11. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

11.1 All the candidates admitted to the degree programme will abide by the rules and regulations issued from time to time by 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 All students must strictly comply with the directions from the faculty in respect of academic matters and general discipline.

11.10 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. EVALUATION, EXAMINATION AND ISSUE OF DEGREE

The admitted candidates will be evaluated continuously through each semester. Apart from this there will be a semester examination at the end of every semester.

12.1 Preparatory Year

The first two semesters are Preparatory semesters or the Preparatory year. Only candidates who secure a pass for all subjects in the Preparatory Semesters will be eligible to register for the third semester. The Preparatory Semesters are common for all the courses. However, the performance in the Preparatory semesters will not be considered in the final grading for the issue of the degree.

12.2 B.Sc. (Computer Science) (HI)

There will be three internal assessments (IA) in each semester for each subject out of which the best two will be considered. Semester examinations for the odd semesters namely the third, fifth and seventh semester will be conducted by the Head of the Institute/Principal of the college, the marks of which will be recorded in the consolidated mark list issued to the candidate on completion of the course. For the even semesters i.e.; the fourth, sixth and eighth semester, the University of Kerala will conduct the Semester examinations.

12.3 Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)

There will be two internal assessments (IA) in each semester for each subject. The University will conduct the Semester examinations for the fourth and the tenth semesters. Semester examinations for the third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth semesters will be conducted by the Head of the Institute/Principal of the college, the marks of which will be recorded in the consolidated mark list issued to the candidate on completion of the course.

12.4 Bachelor of Commerce (HI)

There will be three internal assessments (IA) in each semester for each subject out of which the best two will be considered. Semester examinations for the odd semesters namely the third, fifth and seventh semesters will be conducted by the Head of the Institute/Principal of the college, the marks of which will be recorded in the consolidated mark list issued to the candidate on completion of the course. For the

even semesters i.e.; the fourth, sixth and eighth semesters, the University of Kerala will conduct the Semester examinations.

12.5 University of Kerala will award the degree after the student has successfully completed the course.

13.   BOARDING AND LODGING

Hostel facilities are not currently available at NISH. Students can stay at private & government hostels are available in the city. The list of hostels will be provided at the time of admission.

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