

NISH

Admission to Degree Programs
Exclusively for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

(Under University of Kerala)

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Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)

Bachelor of Commerce (HI)

B.Sc. (Computer Science) (HI)

PROSPECTUS

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TRIVANDRUM, 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. As the NISH operations expanded, the focus has also extended to include other disabilities. NISH conducts programs both for professional preparation and also for higher education of people with disabilities. NISH is currently a college under the University of Kerala and the degree will be awarded by the University of Kerala.

2. THE PROGRAM

- 2.1. This prospectus is for the Degree Programs for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The programs offered are **B.Sc. Computer Science (HI)**, **Bachelor of Commerce (HI)** and **Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)**. The programs are affiliated to the University of Kerala.
- 2.2. The curriculum for the above program consists of theory and practical, with stress on practical sessions. On successful completion of the program the candidates will be awarded the Bachelor degree in their respective subjects by the University of Kerala.
- 2.3. The regulations, scheme and syllabi for the program 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 (two semesters) is Preparatory Year and is common for all the programs and will focus exclusively in Basic Mathematics, Communicative English and Indian Sign Language. A student admitted to a degree program 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 maximum number of seats for each of the above programs is 30. However, the seats will be only filled with students who pass the DACE examination. A minimum of five students qualified through DACE is required to start a program.

4. RESERVATION OF SEATS

- 4.1. Twenty percent of the total seats (i.e. 6 seats) in each of the degree programs are reserved for candidates belonging to SC/ST.
- 4.2. If any seat remains unfilled in the above category, the same will go to the general category.

5. WHO CAN APPLY?

- 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 (HI) program 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 program in any University in India. Candidates with equivalent qualifications in India or abroad also will be eligible.

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.**
- 6.3. The application fee is Rs.150/- for general and OBC candidates and Rs.75/- for SC/ST candidates.
- 6.4. The bank charges for remitting the fee should be borne by the candidate.
- 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, 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 remit the fees via NEFT transaction to “NISH FEE ACCOUNT”, State Bank of India, Akkulam branch Account No: 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 are advised to bring the printed application form along with the original challan / proof of NEFT when they come for the interview.

6.8. Application forms not accompanied by the NEFT/ challan will not be considered.

6.9. Candidates are advised NOT to enclose originals of any certificates along with the application form. NISH will not be responsible for any original certificates enclosed with the application form.

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

6.11. 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.

6.12. **Foreign candidates need to contact the Admissions Helpline for details of submitting the application and the admission process.**

7. LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION

7.1. The last date for submitting online application will be **June 22, 2018**. Other important dates are listed in **Section 10**.

8. METHOD OF SELECTION

8.1. Candidates seeking admission to the Degree (HI) program will have to appear for

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 consists of 1 paper each in English, Mathematics & Logical ability.
- 8.4. The examination duration is 3 hours.
- 8.5. Those who desire to opt for Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI) will have to take an aptitude test in drawing. Aptitude test scores will only be a Pass/Fail.
- 8.6. Those who do not take the aptitude test will not be considered for BFA program later.
- 8.7. There will be a cut off mark for DACE. Only those who secure marks above the cut-off level will be considered for the rank list and admission to the Degree program.
- 8.8. The rank list will be prepared on the basis of scores in the DACE. In case there is a tie for one rank list position, the tie will be broken by taking into consideration the following in the order below. The higher scorer will be placed in the higher rank.
 - a. Marks for English paper in DACE.
 - b. Marks for Mathematics paper in DACE.
 - c. Marks for Logical ability paper in DACE.
 - d. Date of birth, older candidates being given preference.

The decision of the Executive Director will be final if there are disputes in the rank list.

- 8.9. The candidates who are in the rank list can choose the program for Degree at the time of interview based on the position in the rank list and cut off marks.
- 8.10. **The admission to BSc Computer Science (HI), B.Com (HI), BFA (HI) will be given based on separate cutoff in each program.**
- 8.11. The Candidates who **do not qualify the DACE examination** are not eligible for any of the Degree programs.
- 8.12. Once admitted to a program and the list sent to the University, no change of program will be permitted.

9. DEGREE ADMISSION COMPETENCY EXAMINATION:

- 9.1 The Degree Admission Competency Examination (DACE) is formulated as follows. For all applicants there will be one common written test with 3 parts – Mathematics, English and Logical Reasoning. Maximum marks will be equal for each part.

9.2 The rank list will be prepared based on the weightage assigned for each paper. The candidates will be called for interview as per the published rank list.

9.3 Applicants for the BFA program will have a pass/fail aptitude test.

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	May 23, 2018
2	Last Date to Submit Online Application	June 22, 2018
3	DACE examination (Entrance Exam)	June 29, 2018
4	Publication of Rank List	July 9, 2018
5	Interview & Admission Formalities	July 20 & 21, 2018
6	Classes Start	July 23, 2018

11. FEE STRUCTURE

11.1 The tuition fee for Indian nationals is Rs. 6000/- per semester.

11.2 Additionally students must pay Rs. 1000/- for the Graduation ceremony and a refundable caution fee of Rs. 2000/- at the time of admission. Caution deposit will be refunded after completion of the Degree program.

11.3 For foreign applicants from SAARC nations, the tuition fee per semester will be Rs.20,000/- and for those from other nations the tuition fees will be Rs.30,000/-.

11.4 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.

11.5 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.

11.6 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.

11.7 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.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1 Candidates selected for interview will be intimated by email / SMS. No paper notifications will be sent through postal mail.

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 program.

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 NISH does not have hostel facilities currently. Several established hostels are available in the city including Government hostel. NISH does not recommend the students to stay in paying guest facility offered by private individuals near NISH or anywhere in the city. Students should stay only at registered places.

13. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

13.1 All the candidates admitted to the program 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 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 and graded continuously throughout each semester. Apart from this, there will be an end-semester examination at the end of each semester. The grading obtained during the semester and end-semester examination will be considered for the final grading for the semester.

14.2 Preparatory Year

The first two semesters are preparatory semesters. This is called 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 program. However, the performance in the preparatory semesters will not be considered in the final grading for the issue of the degree.

14.3 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 program. For the even semesters i.e.; the fourth, sixth and eighth semester, the University of Kerala will conduct the semester examinations.

14.4 Bachelor of Fine Arts (HI)

There will be two internal assessments (IA) in each semester for each subject. The University will conduct the even semester examinations for the fourth, sixth, eighth and the tenth semesters. Semester examinations for the odd semesters third, fifth, seventh, 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 program.

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

14.6 University of Kerala will award the degree after the student has successfully passed the program.

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