

Bridge Programme Certificate Course in Community Health (BPCCHN)

The Directorate in collaboration with National Health Mission (NHM), Jammu & Kashmir Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to run Six Months Bridge Programme Certificate Course in Community Health for the unemployed BUMS graduates of the valley. In view of the short term duration of course, administration has directly tasked the Directorate to conduct this programme keeping in view, the paucity of time and the job availability for the aspirants in the Government sectors.

The various dimensions like development of course curriculum syllabus etc were reproduced from IGNOU which was already available and running for B.Sc. nursing candidates. The proper permission to use the course content which was done by NHM authorities from the IGNOU authorities was also done.

In the first instance, batch first of BUMS graduates were screened and proper Entrance was held by the NHM authorities, a total of 198 candidates were selected and were enrolled by the Directorate in the four study centres which were identified by NHM viz Government JLNH Hospital Srinagar; Government District Hospital Pulwama; Government District Hospital Kulgam; Government District Hospital Ganderbal.

The theory and practical classes, clinics, specialties and trainings were conducted over a period of six months at the respective Hospitals and the first batch was successfully completed. After the completion of first batch of 198 candidates, the respective successful candidates were inducted and recruited by National Health Mission, Jammu and Kashmir, Government and were placed in various Health and Wellness Centers of Jammu and Kashmir, UT as Mid-Level Health Providers(MLHPs)/ Community Health Officers(CHOs).

Similarly, in second, third & fourth batch, 160, 44 & 39 BUMS graduate were trained and successfully placed as Mid-level Health providers(MLHP)/Community Health officers (CHOs) in various Districts of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir .

Thus, a total of 442 BUMS graduates were successfully trained and made job ready and among them 402 are working as Community Health Officers in various Health and Wellness Centers across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

This Six months programme is sponsored by National Health Mission, J&K Government. The sponsor is paying Rs 15000/= (Fifteen thousand fee) per candidate to the Directorate for training the aspirants which stands deposited in the respective account under an joint signatory of Director, Finance KU and Director DLL.

This programme has largely benefitted not only to the trained Human resources but also had bridged the gap in the Health care system in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The details of trainings offered by DLL in collaboration with National Health Mission (NHM) J&K Government, Ministry of Health Government of India are as under:-

S.No.	Training(6-months)	Enrollment
1	Bridge programme Certificate course in Community Health (BPCCHN) 1 st Batch	198
2	Bridge programme Certificate course in Community Health (BPCCHN) 2 nd Batch	161
3	Bridge programme Certificate course in Community Health (BPCCHN) 3 rd Batch	44
4	Bridge programme Certificate course in Community Health (BPCCHN) 4 th Batch	39
Total Certified Trainees		442