

Circular Letter No. 03/2025

My No. PGIIM/EX/SIDDHA/SE/2025
Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine
5th Floor,
National Ayurveda Teaching Hospital
Cotta Road, Borella

17th July, 2025

To: Commissioner General of Ayurveda
Provincial Commissioners of Ayurveda
Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo
Vice Chancellor, University of Jaffna
Vice Chancellor, Eastern University of Sri Lanka
Rector, Trincomalee Campus

**MD SIDDHA SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR ENROLEMENT TO THE FULL-TIME
TRAINING PROGRAMME IN
MD IN SIDDHA AND BOARD CERTIFICATION**

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **06/09/2025**.
2. Applications are invited by me from Siddha Medical Officers in the Department of Ayurveda, Universities, Armed Forces (including Police) and Non- State Sector possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for enrolment to the full time training programme in MD in Siddha and Board Certification.
3.
 - (a) Ayurveda undergraduate degree at Bachelors level (SLQF Level 6) recognized by the Senate of a University established by UGC under the University Act Sri Lanka and other relevant local or foreign higher education institutes recognized by UGC Sri Lanka.
 - (b) Ayurveda undergraduate degree at Bachelors level (SLQF Level 6) registered with the Sri Lanka Ayurveda Medical Council (SLAMC).
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Ayurveda Medical Council.
 - (d) Satisfactory completion of one year work experience in Sri Lanka, after completion of internship (in the state or private sector).
 - (e) Complying with any other PGIIM general regulations relevant to selection of trainees.

4. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus and relevant examination documents are available at the PGIIM.
5. The selection examination shall consist of a paper with 20 True/False MCQ questions (allocated time - 60 minutes) and 15 SBA MCQ questions (allocated time - 30 minutes). The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Annexure 01 of the Prospectus in Siddha and relevant documents available at the PGIIM (made available after registration).
6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% shall only be considered for enrolment to the course.
7. **The number of candidates indicated below for the following segments (Department of Ayurveda, State Universities, Armed Forces-including Police) and Non-State Sector who pass the selection examination will be enrolled as per order of merit.**

MD in Siddha Maruthuvam and Board Certification

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Three (03) Candidates from Dept. of
Ayurveda/State universities, non-state-
sector

MD in Siddha Gunapadam and Board Certification

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Three (03) Candidates from Dept. of
Ayurveda/State universities, non-state-
sector

Please Note:

The “MD and Board Certification Prospectus” of the above two programmes (v and vi) are being reviewed at the UGC. The enrolment to the two programs shall be done **only if the two programmes are approved by the UGC**. If approved, the candidates who applied for those two programmes and passed the selection examination shall be eligible for the enrollment based on order of merit.

The candidates in the state sector who selected at the selection examination will be enrolled to the PGIIM, only if the respective head of the department release those candidates full time for the MD programmes of the PGIIM.


8. A common selection examination will be conducted for all the candidates, but separate merit lists will be prepared for each specialty in Siddha.
9. At the time of applying for the selection examination for MD Siddha Program of PGIIM, candidate should mention their preferences (Maximum 3) of the specialty in the application.

10. All candidates in all four (4) segments who passed the Selection Examination will be prepared in the descending order separately under each specialty Based on the final mark in the Selection Examination.
11. The allocation of training units will be done at the allocation meeting based on **merit, preference of the candidates and the maximum number of training slots** approved to each unit based on facilities available for training. If a candidate is unable to accept the allocated unit due to any reason such a candidate shall have to leave the training programme. No appeals will be entertained.
12. The relevant information of the training programme, MD examination, requirements for Board Certification are **described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents** (made available following enrollment). However, if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments may be collected from PGIIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.
13. The prescribed fees for the MD programmes are as follows:

(a) Registration fee for the Selection Examination	- Rs. 2,000.00
(b) Selection Examination fees	- Rs. 10,000.00
(c) Total course fees	- Rs. 775,000.00
14. **Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine by payment of the registration fee (Rs. 2000/-) to the Account No. 0092027342 at any branch of the Bank of Ceylon and by submitting the payment receipt.** Request for an application and other details by post should accompany a SASE 9" x 4" in size and a cheque for Rs. 2000/- drawn in favour of the Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine. The envelope should be marked "**Application for MD Siddha and Board Certification Selection Examination**" at the top left-hand corner.
15. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training at PGIIM. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine, 5th floor, National Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Borella on or before **07/08/2025**.

Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

16. The selected candidates should report to the training units allocated within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit. **Appeals for change of date of commencement or training unit will not be entertained.**
17. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all Siddha Medical Officers/Academics concerned in your Department/Institute/Unit/Division.


Professor S.M.S. Samarakoon
Director, PGIIIM

Copies: 1. Secretary, Ministry of Indigenous Medicine.
2. Secretary of Board of Study in Siddha Medicine
2. Secretaries of Specialty Boards in Maruthuvam and Gunapadam