GITAM

GITAM SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
A Three-day Faculty Development Programme on RCI Accreditation / Certification
08th to 10th July, 2024

About GITAM

Established in 1980 by Dr. M. V. V. S. Murthi and a consortium of intellectuals and industrialists, the Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM) is a leading institution in Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Karnataka for higher education. Its Visakhapatnam campus, with over 6000 students, is the largest among GITAM's three campuses. GITAM is committed to advancing knowledge through robust research, fostering an environment for educational and scholarly growth. Life at GITAM is vibrant, offering ample opportunities for learning, discourse, research, and innovation. With distinguished faculty and leadership, the institution delivers specialized programs, driving academic excellence and promoting research and innovation to nurture future leaders across disciplines.

About the Department of Applied Psychology

The Department of Applied Psychology at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences offers Undergraduate, Masters, and Doctoral Programs in various areas of psychology. At the Master's Level we offer four specializations: Clinical Psychology, Organizational Psychology, Health Psychology and Rehabilitation Psychology. Staffed by faculty who are highly qualified in diverse areas, the Department is supported by a well equipped Psychology Laboratory and a Yoga Hall. The Department has an active outreach program offering services, facilitating student internships, and collaborating with local schools, hospitals, and vulnerable groups to supplement classroom education and promote a culture of volunteerism and community engagement.

About the FDP

This Faculty Development Program is designed to address the latest updates in the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) guidelines. Focusing on assisting educational institutes in adapting to these changes, the program aims to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to initiate the RCI accredited programs within GITAM. Through educational sessions, the FDP will guide the department in preparing for the establishment of RCI registered programs, and in RCI certification for faculty members. By enrolling in courses aimed at RCI recognition, educators can update their knowledge on how to get registered as RCI recognized professionals, thereby enabling them to apply advanced skills and techniques in their classrooms and practice.

FDP Objectives

- To comprehend the standards and guidelines established by the Rehabilitation Council of India for institutions seeking approval.
- To develop an action plan to streamline the RCI approval process.
- To provide guidance and mentoring for faculty members aspiring for RCI certification.

About the Resource Persons

- **Dr. Krishna Kumar**, Associate Professor, Consultant of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP), Department of Psychiatry at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

- **Dr. Hardeep Lal Joshi**, Professor, and Head, Department of Psychology, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana.

- **Dr. Mustafa Nadeem Kirmani**, Associate Professor, and Head, Amity Institute of Clinical Psychology (AICP) Amity University Haryana.

Schedule

Day 1: 08/07/2024

Session 1
9.30am - 10.30am
Need and Importance of RCI Accreditation

Tea Break: 10:30 am - 10:45 am

Session 2
10.45 am - 12.15pm
Various programs run by RCI

Lunch Break: 12:15pm - 1:30pm

Session 3
1.30pm - 3.00pm
Standards and guidelines necessary for RCI accreditation

Tea Break: 3.00pm - 3.15pm

Session 4
3.15pm - 4.45 pm
How to start new RCI accredited course and what are the recent updates on RCI programs

Feedback & Evaluation: 4.45pm - 5.00pm

Day 2: 09/07/2024

Session 1
9.30am - 10.30am
Establishing a comprehensive framework for RCI approval for clinical and rehabilitation programs

Tea Break: 10:30am - 10:45am

Session 2
10.45am -1 2.15pm
Infrastructural and clientele requirements at departmental and institutional levels

Lunch Break: 12:15pm - 1:30pm

Session 3
1.30pm - 3.00pm
Human resource requirements for RCI approval

Tea Break: 3.00pm - 3.15pm

Session 4
3.15pm - 4.45pm
Discussing and understanding existing gaps

Feedback & Evaluation: 4.45pm - 5.00pm

Day 3: 10/07/2024

Session 1
9.30am - 10.30am
Exploring the benefits of obtaining RCI certification.

Tea Break: 10:30am - 10:45am

Session 2
10.45am - 12.15pm
Understanding the process of obtaining RCI certification.

Lunch Break: 12:15pm - 1:30pm

Session 3
1.30pm - 3.00pm
Engaging in research and development activities related to certification.

Tea Break: 3.00pm - 3.15pm

Session 4
3.15pm - 4.45pm
Hosting discussions on certification related matters.

Valedictory: 4.45pm - 5.00pm

Convenors

Prof. Nalini Bikkina & Dr. Nidhi Mishra
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Coordinators

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