

CDC Courses

a) Regular Programme

PG Diploma in Clinical Child Development (PGDCCD)

The Centre offers a regular course started by the Director of Medical Education, Government of Kerala. This Diploma in Clinical Child Development is the first course of its kind in India designed to create qualified community level trainers in clinical child development for prevention of childhood disability. These persons can effectively deal with all areas of Early Child Care & Education including Newborn follow-up, Early Detection of developmental delay and early stimulation therapy. Graduation with Science subject is the prescribed qualification for admission to the course.



Duration of the course is two years. The training is conducted at Child Development Centre and during the report year 12 students were admitted to this regular programme.

IAP Fellowship programme in Development and Behavioural Pediatrics

The Centre offers a regular course started in association with Indian Academy of Pediatrics. Duration of the course is one year and the training is conducted at Child Development Centre. In the 2023-24 academic year, the two pediatricians from our Centre achieved 1st (Dr.Nagee) and 2nd ranks (Dr.Indu Viswanathan), respectively.

b. Distance Education programmes

As part of human resource development, this Centre is undertaking distant learning programme of University of Kerala. The courses are conducted by Center for Adult Continuing Education & Extension (CACEE) in partnership with Child Development Centre



1)PG Diploma in Adolescent Pediatrics (PGDAP)

Adolescent Paediatrics is an emerging sub-specialty of paediatrics essentially for creating a cadre of doctors who can effectively deal with the psycho-medical, emotional, growth and development of children between 10-20 years. This one year course is mainly meant for Paediatricians and MBBS doctors. During 2022-23, 25 candidates were enrolled for the course.

2) PG Diploma in Child, Adolescent and Family Counseling (PGDCAFC)

Many counselors who are working in the field have not necessarily had formal clinical counselling training but have shown interest in undertaking long term training provided the mode of training is distance education. Hence a “PG Diploma in Child, Adolescent & Family Counselling” was started for master’s degree holders in any of the branch of science, B.Sc. Nursing or personnel already working in the field.

3) Post Graduate Diploma in Developmental Neurology (PGDDN)

Another Postgraduate programme offered is the PG Diploma in Developmental Neurology, which is also having one year duration. The basic qualification for getting admission is PG Degree / Diploma in Pediatrics MD /Dip.NB / MNAMS / DCH/MBBS. During 2022-23, 105 candidates were enrolled for the course.

India has a vast number of highly trained health professionals whose clinical skills are second to none. However this is not recognized by those outside the country due to lack of publications and a dearth of epidemiologically sound studies. In this age of evidence based medicine it is important to make clinical decisions based on studies. Research methodology is unfortunately

not taken very seriously during the training of health professionals. This course is meant to equip health professionals with epidemiological and research skills.

The major objectives of P.G. Diploma in Health Science Research (PGDHSR) are to equip health professionals to interpret and apply the principles of epidemiology confidently to their particular needs.

Proposed Courses (one year duration):

1. Certified course in Autism
2. Certified Course in Learning Disorders
3. Diploma in Developmental Therapy