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Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

*Dear colleague,*

This is regarding the Bridge Programme in Community Health offered as Certificate Programme in Community Health for Nurses and Ayurveda Practitioners by IGNOU to train them in public health and comprehensive primary care for their further deployment as Mid-Level Health care Providers at Health & Wellness Centres. Presently, 3<sup>rd</sup> batch of candidates has been enrolled in January, 2018 session.

IGNOU would be initiating the admission process for the July 2018 batch shortly and as per IGNOU's regular schedule, last date for submission of application forms will be 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. In order to ensure timely completion of selection of candidates and their nomination for enrollment to the July 2018 batch, it is advised that, State should initiate the process for selection without waiting for approval from GoI for training under Bridge Programme in the year 2018-19. However, you may ensure that requisite proposals are included in the proposal for Comprehensive Primary Health Care.

Accordingly, it is suggested to issue Call for Application from qualified and interested candidates for undergoing the Certificate Programme in Community Health, if not done so already, by 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 (Templates for Call for Application are attached). Tentative timelines for various further activities are enclosed. This will be reviewed in the national level consultations on Comprehensive Primary Health Care scheduled to be held shortly.

You may also ensure that requisite number of Programme Study Centres is notified by IGNOU in the State for training the candidates. The Programme Study Centres could be hospitals run by eminent not for profit organizations that fulfill the requirements of PSC of IGNOU.

For further assistance, if required, you may contact NHSRC (Ms Shalini Singh, Senior Consultant, [shalini.singh.1903@gmail.com](mailto:shalini.singh.1903@gmail.com)).

*With kind regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*7/19/03-18*

(Dr. Manohar Agnani)

Encl:

1. Tentative timelines for activities for selection of candidates for July 2018 batch
2. Advertisement Templates

Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health) - All States/UTs

Copy to:-

1. Mission Director (NHM), All States/UTs
2. Executive Director, NHSRC

### Bridge Programme in Community Health

#### Suggested Schedule of Activities for Enrolling Candidates for July 2018 Batch

Sl No	Activities	Timeline
1	Issue advertisement for selection	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
2	Receive applications	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
3	Scrutinize applications and shortlist candidates for selection procedure/written test	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of April
4	Arrange venue and other logistics for written test/selection procedure	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of April
5	Issue admit card/intimation to appear for written test/selection procedure	20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018
6	Conduct written test/selection procedure	Last week of April 2018
7	Evaluate performance of candidates in written test/selection procedure and prepare results	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May 2018
8	Finalize selected list of candidates based on written test/selection procedure and other criteria (eg: reservation policy)	
9	Issue offer letter to selected list of candidates	
10	Get surety bonds signed by candidates accepting the offer	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of May 2018
11	Draw final list of selected candidates who accepted the offer and signed the surety bond	End of May, 2018
12	Collect filled in Admission Application forms (of IGNOU) from the candidates	1 <sup>st</sup> week of June 2018
13	Administrative and financial approval for sponsoring the selected candidates	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of June 2018
14	Prepare DD(s) for payment fee or process online payment of fee to jurisdictional Regional Director(s) of IGNOU	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018
15	Submit Candidate Admission Application forms along with nomination letter to jurisdictional Regional Director(s) of IGNOU	(Last date is 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018)

## Draft Advertisement Template

(for inviting applications from regular/contractual in-service candidates)


**Call for Applications for 6-Month Bridge Program (Certificate) in Community Health Under .....(Name of the State) Health Mission/ Society**

"I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test. Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man [woman] whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him [her]. Will he [she] gain anything by it?....."

- One of the last notes left behind by Gandhi in 1948, expressing his deepest social thought.

Your career is one of the biggest steps you will take. Is it going to be only a means of earning your bread and butter or do you want it to be your calling?

Nation today requires dedicated young men and women who are willing to take up the challenge of reaching the unreached and sincerely serve the public who are in need. Do you have the courage, attitude and skills to be part of this Mission?

National Health Mission on behalf of the nation invites the candidates who are willing and enthusiastic to serve the community by bringing health care services to the doorsteps of the community to apply for the 6-Months Bridge Program (Certificate) in Community Health. This Course is part of an initiative under the National Health Mission to strengthen Sub-Centres as Health & Wellness Centers (H&WCs) for improved implementation of public health programmes and to enable comprehensive primary health care service delivery, including disease prevention and health promotion. Candidates who successfully complete this course will be posted at these Sub Centers as Community Health Officers (CHOs) to lead a primary health care team consisting of frontline workers such as the female health workers (ANMs), male health worker (MPW), and ASHAs.

The Program will be implemented through the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

The eligibility criteria for applying for the Bridge Program is as follows:

**Essential Criteria:**

- General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) RNRN from a recognized Institute/Bachelor of Science in Nursing from a recognized Institute or University/Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) from a recognized Institute or University
- Less than 35 years of age; however, less than 40 years for the SCs and STs.

**Desirable Criteria:**

- Proficiency in regional/local language and dialect
- Work experience in the public health system, preferably at the Primary/Community Health Center level
- 2 years of relevant work experience in the health sector

The course is open to regular & contractual employees of the State Government/State Health Society.

.....(Name of the State) National Health Mission shall provide support for boarding and lodging allowance; IGNOU fees; transport for practicum, and other training related costs. Apart from this, candidates will continue to receive their

## Draft Advertisement Template

(for inviting applications from eligible candidates afresh from open market)



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Candidates fulfilling above eligibility criteria may apply for the course.

.....(Name of the State) National Health Mission shall provide support for boarding and lodging allowance; IGNOU fees; transport for practicum, and other training related costs. Apart from this, candidates will receive a fixed honorarium/stipend during the training period.