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NRI / Foreign students are admitted to all the undergraduate courses offered under Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai - 600 116. A short list of courses offered is given below :-

#### **UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:**

MBBS	-	Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery
BDS	-	Bachelor of Dental Surgery
BPT	-	Bachelor of Physiotherapy
B.Sc	-	Nursing
B.Pharm.	-	Bachelor of Pharmacy
B.Sc	-	Allied Health Sciences
B.Sc.	-	Audiology and Speech - Language Pathology
B.Sc	-	Emergency & Trauma Care Technology
B.Sc	-	Biomedical Sciences
B.Sc	-	Optometry

Postgraduate Degree and Diploma programs in all Medical, Surgical specialities and Super-speciality (DM, M.Ch) Courses.

Postgraduate courses in Dental, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, M.B.A. (Hospital & Health Systems Management), Clinical Psychology, Human Genetics, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Nursing, Nutrition and Medicinal Chemistry.

Ph.D - Interested candidates should write to the Registrar and seek permission to register for Ph.D Courses.

For details you are invited to visit our website: www.srmc.edu

All enquiries should be addressed to:

**The Registrar Sri Ramachandra University** Porur, Chennai - 600 116 Tamil Nadu, India. E.mail: deansrmc@hotmail.com

All admission related enquiries should be addressed to the Registrar, Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai - 600 116, India. No agency is involved in the admission of students to Sri Ramachandra University.

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All **fax informations** regarding admissions will be received in the following fax nos.: 0091-44- 2476 5995 0091-44- 2476 7008

Kindly send fax information to the attention of the Registrar and mention **"NRI/Foreign Student admission"** on the cover page.

Address all the Postal mails to :

#### The Registrar Sri Ramachandra University Porur, Chennai 600 116 Tamil Nadu, India.

### INFORMATION AND PROSPECTUS FOR NRI/FOREIGN (INTERNATIONAL) STUDENTS

#### Eligibility to apply for M.B.B.S and B.D.S. courses

All the courses offered under the purview of **Sri Ramachandra University** are open to all the students irrespective of their sex, caste, religion or national origin. To be eligible to apply for the **MBBS or BDS** courses, students must have completed and passed the 10 + 2 examinations under CBSE/ ISC/ State Board syllabus with Physics, Chemistry and Biology (Botany-Zoology)

Candidates who are applying for admission under the **NRI/Foreign student's category** should have successfully completed equivalent qualifications prescribed for the local candidates before they will be considered eligible for admission to these courses.

NRI/Foreign students must have **completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and secured a pass** before the date of starting the academic year.

All applicants must have taken courses in **Biology**, **Physics and Chemistry** in addition to English in the High School Years (during their 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>)

Although not a requirement, students are encouraged to take Advanced Placement courses to strengthen their background in these subjects.

A grade point average of 3 (on a scale of 1 to 4) or a B- average in these core subjects is preferred.

Wherever alphabetical grades like A, B-, C+ are used by the school, appropriate equivalence in terms of percentage like 90%, 75% and 60% should be made available.

Only students from **high schools accredited by the respective State or the country** will be eligible for admission and a statement to this effect must be produced.

#### **Exemption from All-India Entrance Examination requirement**

Non-resident Indian Students and Foreign students are exempted from taking the All India Entrance Examinations conducted by Sri Ramachandra University for admission. As students from countries other than India come from different backgrounds and from a wide range of countries graduating at different times each year, an examination for them becomes a difficult task. However the applications are carefully scrutinized to assess the relative merits of the candidates before being selected for admission.

If an NRI or Foreign student wants to take the entrance examinations he/she can seek the application for the same from the Registrar.

As the number of seats in this category is limited, parents and students are encouraged to contact the Registrar's office at the earliest possibility. On the basis of the information provided in the format given, a process of screening will take place and the eligibility will be assessed. Once accepted to the course the candidate will be notified by e-mail/letter regarding the status.

### Process of application and admission

As the first step the university expects all the prospective students to send their high school transcripts of 10th, 11th and 12th grades to the attention of the Registrar by mail or fax. The same can be sent as e-mail attachments also (**Please do not send original documents at this stage**). All original documents will be verified and accepted only at the time of admission. If the student is in the middle of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the transcripts should include all the courses taken as of the date of sending the information. The final original transcripts and the High School Diploma have to be submitted on the day of admission.

If any additional information or reference letters are required at this stage the Registrar will contact the candidates through a letter or e-mail.

Starting the **Fourth week of April** each year, the process of sending provisional admission papers to the selected candidates will begin.

# Those students who receive the letter of acceptance are expected to send the first installment payment within 20 days of the date of notification.

The payment must be made as a **Draft or Cashier's Check** drawn in favour of **'The Registrar', Sri Ramachandra University** and sent to the attention of the Registrar by air-mail Speed-post. Unless this payment is received it will not be possible to hold the seat for the candidate beyond the specified time.

Candidates are expected to successfully complete their 12<sup>th</sup> grade and maintain their grade averages to gain confirmed admission. On the day of admission, a formal detailed application form filled in with particulars about local guardians, contact numbers if any etc. will have to be submitted along with passport size photographs and other necessary credentials for the office records.

On arrival at the college on the day of admission, all students will first report to the Deputy Registrar, Academic (Mr. A. Subramaniyan) who will help the new students with all these formalities and also assign the hostel accommodation. His office will assist the candidates in processing the clearance from the Health Department, Government of India and also the necessary papers required for student visa. His office is located in the ground floor of the main college building.

Adjoining his office is the office of Mr. A. Gerard, NRI/Foreign student's coordinator who will provide the necessary help for the students and parents to settle down in the campus. Students who have the PIO cards, OCI cards (or) students multiple visas could seek his help in processing the resident permit requirement for all foreign passport holders whose stay in India is expected to exceed 180 days. The offices of the Registrar and the Dean are in the same block and parents and students can seek their help when needed.

#### Important dates to note:

The request for admission to MBBS/BDS courses in Sri Ramachandra University from NRI/foreign candidates should reach before the 31<sup>st</sup> March of the academic year of admission.

Request received after the 31<sup>st</sup> March will be included in the wait list and taken for consideration only if there is any vacancy.

**By Third week of April,** only accepted candidates will be notified through e-mail and letter.

The first installment of US \$ 25,000 (for MBBS) has to be sent within 15 days from the date of the acceptance letter. It will not be possible to hold the seats for the accepted candidates unless this payment is received on time.

It is important to know that all remittances are to be made only through check (Cashier's Check/Draft) and in foreign exchange (USA) only.

Acceptance letter does not ensure admission unless the candidate successfully completes the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade and other requirements stipulated.

#### Day of Commencement of the academic year

The Academic year is usually set to start in the month of July  $2^{nd}$  week. Letters will be sent to all the candidates regarding the exact date of commencement three to four weeks in advance to enable them to plan their travel. Following the arrival of students there will be a short orientation program to help them adjust to the changes as well as to get to know the faculty, staff and the administration.

#### NRI/FOREIGN Students Tuition fee/Hostel Fee schedule:

As of academic year 2009 the Tuition Fee and Hostel accommodation charges for students admitted to the M.B.B.S. course will be as follows :

The total amount for the entire course of five and a half years (four and a half years of course period + one year for internship) will be One hundred and twenty five thousand US dollars (US 125,000). When the first letter of acceptance is received in  $3^{rd}$  week of April, the first Installment has to be paid within 20 days of the date of the letter. The entire balance amount (vaz., US 100,000) will have to be paid at time of admission.

This US \$ 125,000 will cover the **tuition** fees for the **Five and a half years** and also the NRI - bath attached single room accommodation at the Hostel. This does not include the monthly charges for the food.

#### Tuition Fees for BDS course :

The total tuition fees for the entire course of five years (There is no separate internship period) will be US \$ 35,000 (Thirty Five Thousand) can be paid in installments as follows :-

First Installment at the time of	US \$ 5000 (Five Thousand US dollars)
acceptance	(Five Thousand US donais)
<b>Second Installment</b> payable on the day of Admission - 2009	US \$ 10000 (Ten Thousand US dollars)
<b>Third Installment</b> on entering 2nd year (First of May) - 2010	US \$ 10000 (Ten Thousand US dollars)
<b>Fourth Installment</b> on entering 3rd year (First of May) - 2011	US \$ 10000 (Ten Thousand US dollars)

The total fees of thirty five thousand US dollars will only cover the tuition fees. Hostel accommodation and monthly food charges will be extra.

### Frequently asked questions

### Why should I choose Sri Ramachandra University for my medical or dental education?

Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute is located in suburban Chennai, the capital City of Tamil Nadu State and is only about 20 minutes away from the airport. The City of Chennai well known and called Madras in the past, is a modern metropolis with all the amenities and comforts that one would look for in a big city. The temple town of Kancheepuram and the shore temple and architectural marvel of Mahabalipuram are only a short travel from the college campus and are great tourist attractions.

Commissioned in the year 1985, so far 19 batches of MBBS students have passed out of Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute and they are all well placed in different parts of the world including India. The 150 acre campus is indeed a mini town with facilities well suited for several thousand students pursuing various courses of studies. The natural setting of the campus and the infrastructure created to meet the highest standards in medical care, education and research are only too well known in India. The view books / CDs on the colleges and the medical centre will provide all the necessary information about the institution. The website can be accessed through www.srmc.edu. The following information highlights the reasons why one should consider joining Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute.

- Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute is fully recognized by the Medical Council of India and Sri Ramachandra Dental College and Hospital is fully recognised by Dental Council of India and Malaysian Dental Council, Malaysia.
- Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute is included in the directory of the World Health Organisation, which is a requirement for the college qualifications to be recognized internationally for purposes of higher postgraduate education and employment opportunities.
- Sri Ramachandra University has been accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade with CGPA 3.52, which is the highest for a private medical institution in India.
- Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute is recognized by the General Medical Council of UK.
- Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute has an ongoing inter institutional alliance with Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA, since 1997. Through the aegis of this alliance the quality of academic education at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute receives frequent reviews and upgradation. Several meaningful student and faculty exchange programs, CME seminars and research collaborations are included in the activities. The Harvard Liaison Committee at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute will assist and facilitate the process of securing clerkship positions at Harvard related institutions through Harvard Medical International for the benefit of our senior students. Every year the best out-going student from Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute will receive partial funding and sponsorship to undertake a clerkship position in a Harvard related institution. Senior students are encouraged and allowed to participate in many of the Medical Education related programs and workshops conducted at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute in association with Harvard Medical International.

- Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute and has developed the necessary infrastructure not only to meet the expectations and standards of the Medical Council of India but to stay competent and competitive in the area of medical education, health care and research globally. As an institution offering post graduate and higher speciality education in medicine and health related areas, the institution offers a very high level of academic strength to the undergraduates.
- Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre and the Hospital located inside the campus maintain a bed strength in excess of 1745, offering a wide spectrum of primary, secondary and tertiary levels of health care. The outpatient department and the private clinics receive 4000 patient- visits each day. There is a good mix of patients from the city of Chennai and also those from hundreds of villages close to the campus. Being close to major interstate highways the emergency department stays busy with patients receiving Emergency and Trauma care. Several thousands of deliveries and surgeries take place each year. The medical centre is one among the most modern facilities in the country with a full range of diagnostic equipment and treatment options. Students can readily appreciate the significant amount of clinical knowledge and experience they can gain from all these. Students of Sri Ramachandra University do not have to depend upon any facility out-side the campus for their learning and training.
- There are close to 2500 rooms in the hostels for men and women students. Good sized single bath attached rooms are available for NRI/Foreign students. These hostels are located in safe and beautiful surroundings and have quick direct access to the classrooms, laboratories, hospitals and the Sri Ramachandra -Harvard Library Learning Center.
- Facilities for sports and cultural activities have been given special importance and to promote this, ground facilities and courts for playing cricket, tennis, volleyball, basketball etc. have been developed extensively. Coaches for all indoor and outdoor sport activities are available. Students from Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute actively participate and compete in many inter-college and varsity sports events. Indoor games facilities for Table tennis, Billiards, and Carrom etc in addition to well- equipped gymnasium are available in each hostel. Several social and cultural activities take place and students have shown a lot of interest in these activities over the years.
- The safety and security of our students have been given utmost importance in Sri Ramachandra University campus. The entire campus is well compounded by walls and trained security men are posted in all strategic locations including the single main gate entrance. Several faculty members and hostel wardens live inside the campus in proximity to the hostels. Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute has a track record of no student intimidation or ragging incidences of any significance inside the campus since the inception. Apart from the excellent traditions set by the senior students in this regard our faculty also help monitor the situation and take prompt and severe disciplinary action when necessary.

- Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute can be considered as one of the most wired institutions in India. Internet with its broadband capabilities is a great asset to the students. In addition to the hundreds of computers available to students in the Sri Ramachandra Harvard Library Learning Center connectivity can be established from many areas including the hostels.
- All the classrooms and lecture theaters are air-conditioned. Provision for multi media presentations including models and visuals are made available in all the teaching areas.
- Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute receives students from many countries and from all the different states in India. Several fellows sponsored by the WHO for higher training in specialties and many medical students from other countries including US, UK and Canada come for short-term rotations and clerkships. The cosmopolitan culture and the international attitude and outlook in the campus are readily perceptible even to a casual observer.
- Students who have an inclination towards research in addition to their course work and training will be able to find appropriate mentors in the areas of their interest.
- Ever since the college started in the year 1985 each year Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute has admitted several NRI/Foreign students coming from different countries like USA, Canada, UK, Australia, South Africa, Mauritius, Mid-east countries and Malaysia. The faculty and staff are aware of the various backgrounds from which these students come from and are able to reach out and provide the necessary special and academic help for every individual student to express his/her full potential.
- Students who have graduated from Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute have consistently performed well in USMLE and PLAB examinations and were able to secure very good residency positions in USA/ Canada and UK. Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute graduates are practicing a very wide range of specialties in different parts of the world and are very well placed.

# Is it possible to contact any of the alumni of Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute ?

The Alumni of Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute are spread over several parts of USA, Canada, UK and other countries. It is possible to contact old students of Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute close to the applicant's home and Sri Ramachandra University will be happy to provide the contact numbers and addresses.

#### Who should be contacted if a NRI/Foreign student has any difficulty or problems?

The Chancellor, the Vice-chancellor, the Registrar, the Dean of Faculties, the Principal and the Chief Hostel Warden are all available to help any student with his/her problem when needed. The management and administration of Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute maintain an open door policy for any student to seek advise or get help in case of any difficulty experienced by any student.

#### Is it necessary that every NRI student should stay in the Hostel?

Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute encourages every student to stay in the hostel so that they can save a lot of time in their demanding schedule of studies and not waste it in long travels. It is certainly important that the first year is spent in Hostel. Whether an NRI student stays in the hostel or attend, as a day scholar the fees collected will be the same.

#### How well are the hostel rooms furnished? Are they air-conditioned?

Every hostel room has a desk, chairs, bookrack and godrej safe in addition to a cot without mattress. Students have to procure their own mattresses, pillows and sheets. Rooms are given provision to place window air-conditioners. The Maintenance staff will help to install a window Air-conditioner if a student can procure the same.

# Are there facilities for parents or guardians to stay in the campus when they come to visit the students?

Single, double rooms are available on payment of reasonable charges at the Annexe and the Canteen facilities are available for the benefit of guests including students' parents and guardians. Sri Ramachandra University does not allow anyone else to stay with the student in his / her hostel room. The college authorities wish to maintain a close rapport with the parents and guardians of students and they are most welcomed to meet members of the faculty or the Dean.

# Are students in the hostel allowed to visit their friends and guardians and stay over night or the weekend?

Students are expected to let the Warden in charge know about their visit to the guardian and their expected time of return. These rules are only for the benefit and safety of the students and also give the information to their parents if they should call in the meantime.

### What kinds of Meal plans are available for NRI/Foreign students?

For these students there is a flexible plan that each student can use depending upon his/ her own preferences.

Both Male and Female hostels serve Vegetarian and Non-vegetarian food. Students can buy coupons at the monthly rate or pay as they take the meals each time. There is a special restaurant close to the ladies hostels (Forest Restaurant) where meals and special dishes can be ordered. Payment is made as and when the meal is taken.

There is a large Vegetarian cafeteria in the ground floor of the Archana Guest house where again students can pick up their needs and pay as they come each time.

There are two other eating facilities inside the campus.

Thus one can see the alternatives and varieties of foods that are available for students in Sri Ramachandra University.

# What kind of Visa is required for a foreign passport holder to come to India and study?

For any NRI student, getting a visa for studies in Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute or for that matter in any major institution in India is not a problem. Most students prefer to come with a PIO card issued by the Indian Embassy (or) overseas (OCI). This gives a lot of privileges for students to come in and out of the country any number of times with ease. Sri Ramachandra University will be able to give the necessary papers to get a student Visa also for NRI/Foreign students. As a matter of requirement, all NRI foreign students should be cleared by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and in this regard the institution will help with the process.

### Do you have a dress code for the students?

Yes, even though no specific uniform is prescribed, students are expected to avoid wearing T-shirts, Jeans, Shorts, Sandals and Sneakers while in classrooms, laboratories, colleges & hospitals.

Students are expected to wear a half sleeve white lab coat while in the premises of the colleges and hospitals at all times.

Lady students are expected to wear Churidhar, Sarees or Pant suites.

Half dress and Skirts are discouraged.

Sri Ramachandra University respects the religious customs and sentiments of every student.

### Are there laundry facilities in the campus?

Yes, the laundry in Campus Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute serves the needs of students and the services have been rated satisfactory by the students.

#### Are there banking facilities inside the campus?

The Indian Bank (full time branch) have their extension counters inside the campus. ATM facilities are available.

#### Are students permitted to keep valuable things in their hostel rooms?

Although the hostel rooms are considered reasonably safe it is important that students do not bring valuable items with them like expensive jewellery, cameras, antiques etc. They can have a laptop and basic non-expensive music equipment (that will not make loud music) and their day-to-day needs.

#### Are there student counselors easily accessible inside the campus?

Yes, student counselors are available to give necessary help to students in social, psychological, academic and career related areas.

#### What facilities do students have in case anyone falls sick?

There is a special clinic for students and staff during all working days. The services of the Emergency department at Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre are open to all the students 24 hours of the day. Students are expected to contact these facilities without delay if they fall sick.

#### What about Health Insurance coverage?

If students have International Health Insurance coverage (Blue Cross, Blue Shield etc) they are encouraged to keep the same continued as it will cover them wherever they may travel during the year. Our students are also required to get a Health Insurance card through the college on a yearly payment, which provides them limited health coverage.

On arrival all new students will have to show evidence that he/she has received all the immunizations as necessary. An authorized medical officer at Sri Ramachandra University will conduct a basic health check on all students.

# Is it possible to move into the hostel a few days ahead of the day of college commencement?

Yes, hostel rooms will be ready and assigned 7 days ahead of the date of commencement of the courses. Students can receive the keys from the Deputy Registrar's office during working hours. (9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.).

Mr. Gerard may be notified of the time of arrival so that he can help facilitate the process.

# What are the subjects covered in the MBBS course during the first academic year (semesters I & II) and what are the recommended books in those subjects?

The subjects covered in the first two semesters are as follows :-

- 1. Human Anatomy including histology and embryology.
- 2. Human Physiology including Biophysics.
- 3. Biochemistry
- 4. Introduction to humanities and Community medicine.

All the books necessary for the above courses are available at the bookstore / gift shop in the campus and are easy to procure.

There may be changes in the recommendation of books according to the professor and head of each department and they will guide the students during the orientation period.

Certain standard books that are used are as follows :

Cunningham's Manual of Anatomy (3 Volumes) A.C. Guyton's Textbook of Physiology Harper's Biochemistry (Robert K.Murray & Daryl K.Garner)

The total duration of the BDS course is 5 academic years and there is no separate internship period.

The courses that are to be taken in the first year of BDS is as follows :-

General Human Anatomy including Embryology, Osteology and Histology

General Human Physiology

Biochemistry

Dental Anatomy Embryology and Oral Histology

**Dental Materials** 

Pre clinical Prosthodontics & Crown & Bridge

# Where can we get a copy of the regulations and syllabus for the MBBS/BDS Degree course?

Each year the syllabus and regulations are updated and the booklets are made available to the students in the Deputy Registrar's office.

#### What are the documents I should produce at the time of admission to the college?

It is important that on admission the following documents have to be handed over to the Deputy Registrar (Academic).

- 1. Original High School Transcripts
- 2. Original High School Diploma (If already received by the candidate)
- 3. Xerox copies of the first page of passport with the photograph and also the VISA to enter the country [Student VISA, PIO Card (or) OCI card]
- 4. A statement to show that the high school in which the student has studied has been accredited by the State / Country.
- 5. Two passport size photographs and two stamp size photographs.
- 6. Parents photographs (one).

Prospective Students to please note!

Sri Ramachandra University thanks you for your interest in the institution. Please direct all your enquiries regarding admissions to

The Registrar Sri Ramachandra University Porur, Chennai - 600 016. Tamil Nadu, India.

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