



DAYANANDA SAGAR COLLEGE OF DENTAL SCIENCES

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Policy document for Mid-Course Improvement

The following are the measures adapted by the institution for improving the students' performance:

1. Timely administration of CIE:

Institute makes effective arrangements for conducting three continuous internal evaluations, annually, for the students, in the form of written test, clinical examination, practical examination and viva-voce. The CIE question papers are set as per RGUHS format so as to familiarise the students to RGUHS question paper pattern. After the answer scripts are valued, feedback on the performance and how to improve is discussed with each student. End posting test is conducted to assess the skills acquired by the students during the posting. Post graduate mock exams are conducted for the 1st and 3rd MDS students prior to the University examination. Mock practical examinations are conducted by the respective departments in the presence of both internal and external examiners.

2. On time assessment and feedback:

The CIE papers are evaluated by the respective subject faculty and the marks shown to the students within a week of completion of CIE. Performance of the students is assessed based on their CIE marks. Valuable verbal feedback is given by the respective faculty to each and every student. The slow performers are identified after the 1st CIE and their performance and progress are monitored. Advanced learners are further motivated and trained to do well and avail rank in the main exam. The performance of postgraduates is continuously assessed throughout their MDS course by assessing their preclinical and clinical work, patient handling and care and also lecture classes taken for undergraduates. Postgraduate seminars and journal clubs are evaluated and feedback is given using evaluation forms prescribed by DCI.

3. Make-up assignments and Tests:

After the second internal evaluation all students are given written assignments, made to solve previous year question papers and if required remedial teaching is also provided followed by a class tests. This provides scope for those who have poorly performed to improve their scores and also motivating the students with good scores to do better and achieve ranks in the university examination. The students are also taught on how to prepare for the assessments and also improve their writing skills to a sufficient level.

4. Remedial teaching:

All the students are given additional support and assistance in the form of remedial teaching/clinical postings, group discussions, one on one discussions, peer teaching and learning so as to help improve the scores of poor performers and also guide the advanced learners to do even better and secure ranks in the respective subjects. The students are mentored and also taught on how to prepare well for the CIE and main exams, time management and also improve their writing skills to a sufficient level.