

ACADEMIC PROSPECTUS

(RCI Regulated Programmes)
Affiliated to Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University

Academic Session 2025–2026

Programmes Offered:

- B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Honours)
 - M.A. Clinical Psychology
 - Psy.D. Clinical Psychology



Department of Clinical and Rehabilitation Psychology and Research

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan)
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Application form Link:

<https://forms.gle/ZRKMHQmfbVLHNCFF8>

Application fee : General Rs. 5000/- SC/ST/OBC Rs. 3000/- Free for PwD

Department of Clinical and Rehabilitation Psychology and Research

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1. Department Overview

The Department of Clinical and Rehabilitation Psychology and Research, NIEPVD, Dehradun offers a **structured, tier-based professional training pathway** in Clinical Psychology, fully aligned with the **Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)** and the **National Education Policy 2020**.

You receive **progressive academic knowledge, intensive supervised clinical exposure**, and **clear professional role definition** at each level of training. The department functions as an independent clinical unit with outpatient services, community outreach, interdisciplinary liaison, and supervised research.

2. Programmes Offered (Session 2025–26)

Level	Programme	Duration	Regulatory Status	Seats	UR 50%	SC 15%	ST 7.5%	OBC 27%	Fee per annum*	Course fee
Undergraduate	B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Honours)	4 years	RCI regulated	20	10	3	2	5	1 lakh per annum	4 lakh
Postgraduate	M.A. Clinical Psychology	2 years	RCI regulated	10	4	2	1	3	2 lakh per annum	4 lakh
Doctoral	Psy.D. Clinical Psychology	4 years or 2 years lateral entry	RCI regulated	03	Reservation has not been applied as the total number of seats is limited to only three.				2 lakh per annum for fresh candidates and 4 lakh per annum for lateral entry	8 Lakh

Note. Fees may be paid in equal quarterly instalments. Reservation norms apply as per Government of India rules except for Psy.D., where seats are limited to three.

3. Integrated Eligibility Comparison Table

Criterion	B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.)	M.A. Clinical Psychology	Psy.D. Clinical Psychology
Minimum Qualification	Class 12 with Science stream	Applicants must have one of the following qualifications : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A four-year B.A. or B.Sc. in Psychology, or • A three-year B.A. in Psychology along with a one-year bridge course such as PGDRP or PGDCP, or • A B.A. in Psychology with the successful completion of the first year of M.A. Psychology, or • A B.A. in Psychology with a completed M.A. in Psychology. Candidates who have completed an M.A. in Psychology but do not hold an undergraduate degree in Psychology are not eligible .	M.A. or M.Sc. in Psychology
Minimum Marks	55 percent. SC and ST 50 percent	55 percent. SC and ST 50 percent	65 percent. SC and ST 60 percent
Age Limit	As per university rules	As per RCI norms	Degree completed within last 5 years
Entrance Requirement	Entrance Test	Entrance Test plus Interview	Entrance Test plus Interview
Lateral Entry	Not applicable	Not applicable	M.Phil Clinical Psychology with RCI registration
Mode	Full time, on campus	Full time, on campus	Full time, on campus

4. Programme-wise Training Focus

4.1 B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Honours)

You are trained as a **first-level mental health professional**.

Your focus is on:

- Mental health promotion and prevention
- Early identification and screening
- Psychoeducation and psychological first aid
- Supervised basic assessments
- Community and institutional exposure

Independent practice, psychotherapy, advanced assessment, and disability certification are **not permitted** at this level.

4.2 M.A. Clinical Psychology

You are trained as a **professional clinical psychology practitioner under supervision**.

Your focus is on:

- Psychopathology and diagnosis
- Psychological assessment and case formulation
- Evidence-based psychotherapies
- Clinical research and statistics
- Hospital and community-based interventions

This programme replaces the earlier M.Phil Clinical Psychology structure under NEP 2020.

4.3 Psy.D. Clinical Psychology

You are trained as an **advanced practitioner and supervisor-level clinical psychologist**.

Your focus is on:

- High-intensity clinical practice
- Advanced psychotherapeutic competence
- Sub-specialization through electives
- Leadership, advocacy, and ethics
- Empirical doctoral-level clinical research

This programme follows the **practitioner-scholar model**, with clinical competence as the core outcome.

5. Integrated Career Ladder in Clinical Psychology

Career Progression Pathway

Academic Qualification	RCI Status	Professional Role
B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.)	Clinical Assistant (Clinical Psychology)	Frontline mental health worker under supervision
M.A. Clinical Psychology	Eligible for Clinical Psychologist registration as per RCI norms	Independent clinical services as permitted
Psy.D. Clinical Psychology	Senior Clinical Psychologist	Advanced practice, supervision, leadership, training

This tiered structure ensures **ethical practice, patient safety, and competency-based progression.**

6. Curriculum Integration and Clinical Exposure

Common Training Principles Across All Programmes

- Supervised clinical work is mandatory
- Interdisciplinary exposure with Psychiatry, Neurology, Medicine, Pediatrics, and Rehabilitation
- Community-based learning and outreach
- Continuous internal assessment
- Emphasis on ethics, mental health laws, and professional conduct

Clinical Load Standards

- Adequate monthly patient turnover as prescribed by RCI
- Minimum 50 percent cases involving active psychological intervention at postgraduate and doctoral levels
- Structured supervision by RCI-registered Clinical Psychologists

7. Attendance, Leave, and Discipline

Parameter	Requirement
Minimum Attendance	80 percent
Casual Leave	Maximum 15 days per academic year
Training Continuity	Mandatory without breaks
Maximum Completion Period	As per RCI norms for each programme

Failure to meet attendance or clinical requirements leads to **ineligibility for examinations.**

8. Assessment and Evaluation System

- Theory examinations with descriptive answers
- Practical and clinical examinations
- Viva-voce with internal and external examiners
- Continuous internal assessment during postings
- Minimum 60 percent required to pass each component
- Distinction awarded at 75 percent aggregate where applicable

9. RCI Compliance Notes for Students

You should clearly understand the following:

1. All programmes are **RCI regulated**, not general academic psychology degrees.
2. Professional roles are **legally defined and restricted** at each level.
3. Independent clinical practice is permitted **only after meeting RCI registration criteria**.
4. Registration under the **Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR)** is mandatory for practice.
5. Misrepresentation of role or scope of practice is a **legal and ethical violation**.

10. Infrastructure and Faculty Assurance

The department maintains:

- Independent Department of Clinical Psychology
- RCI-registered faculty
- Psychological testing cubicles and therapy rooms
- ICT-enabled classrooms and departmental library
- Barrier-free and disability-friendly campus
- Active outpatient and community services

11. Hostel accommodations

- **Hostel facilities at the Institute are reserved exclusively for persons with disabilities.**
Accommodation in the hostel is subject to availability and is allotted strictly on a **first-come, first-served basis**.
- **Hostel accommodation is not available for other students**, and they are required to **make their own residential arrangements**.

12. All admitted students are expected to **strictly comply with the rules and regulations of the Institute, the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), and the affiliated University**, and to **maintain discipline at all times** within the Institute.

In the event of **any disciplinary misconduct**, the Institute reserves the right to **take appropriate disciplinary action**, including **expulsion at any stage**, in accordance with applicable rules and procedures.

13. Ragging is **strictly prohibited** in the Institute. All admitted students are required to **mandatorily submit an anti-ragging undertaking** and must **refrain from any form of ragging or related misconduct**.

Any violation of this policy will invite **strict and appropriate disciplinary action** by the Institute, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

11. Why Choose This Department

You benefit from:

- Clear professional identity at every stage
- Strong clinical exposure rather than theory-only training
- RCI-aligned career progression
- Ethical and legally sound practice preparation
- Pathway from undergraduate to doctoral-level specialization

For more information about the courses, please refer to:

Rehabilitation Council of India. (2011). *Syllabus, norms and regulations for Psy.D. Clinical Psychology*.

Rehabilitation Council of India. (2024). *Guidelines and syllabus for B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Honours)*.

Rehabilitation Council of India. (2025). *Guidelines and syllabus for M.A. Clinical Psychology*.

How to Apply

You must submit your application **only through the online Google Form (Click here <https://forms.gle/ZRKMHQmfbVLHNCFF8>)**. Applications submitted through any other mode will not be accepted.

You can pay the application fee (General Rs. 5000/- SC/ST/OBC Rs. 3000/- Free for PwD) **online** to the following bank account or **deposit it directly** in the Institute's Accounts Department:

- **Account Name : NIVH**
- **Account Number:** 6185000100023598
- **Bank:** Punjab National Bank
- **IFSC Code:** PUNB0618500

You must **upload the proof of fee payment** in the Google Form.

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If you face any difficulty while filling out the online application or making the fee payment, contact us **immediately** at **9412081752, 9412053116** between **9:00 AM and 5:30 PM** on all working days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and gazetted holidays.

You may also write to niepvddcrpreentranceexam@gmail.com , clearly describing the issue you are facing, so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Important Admission Notice:

Filling and submitting the application form does not guarantee admission. You are permitted to appear for the entrance examination; however, clearing the entrance examination alone does not ensure final admission. Final admission will strictly depend on your performance in the entrance examination, completion of all prescribed admission procedures, verification of original documents, and fulfillment of all mandatory eligibility conditions as laid down by the institute and the regulatory bodies. Therefore, you are advised to fill the application form carefully and after due consideration. No admit card will be issued in advance. The admit card will be issued to you on the day of the entrance examination at the examination venue in the morning, and it must be collected in person. You are advised to bring a printed or digital copy of the Google Form submission receipt received on your registered email ID along with a valid photo identity proof. The entire admission process will be conducted under video recording for transparency and compliance. Hence, candidates are instructed to follow all instructions carefully and ensure full compliance at every stage of the admission process.