

Personnel Certification Body (PrCB)

Voluntary Certification Scheme for Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (VCSTCHP)

The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU)

Information Brochure

VCSTCHP is a National Scheme established by the Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT), Bangalore and Quality Council of India (QCI), New Delhi to certify prior learning of traditional healers, following the international norms as per ISO 17024.

Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (TCHPs) play a vital role in meeting the health care needs of our populations in India especially in rural areas. They constitute a unique group of community supported paramedical health workers of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy). They treat from a range of simple primary healthcare related common ailments to management of jaundice, sprains, dislocations and bone fractures, childbirth, women and child health, poisonous bites, skindiseases, burns and so on. They provide treatment to their needy and poor patients solely based on their social legitimacy. National ISM Policy Statement (2002), National Rural Health Mission Statement (2005) and Five-Year Plan documents of Planning Commission, Government of India (2007 and 2012) and National Health Policy 2017 officially confirm the existence and relevance of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers. National or State programmes to strengthen and build the capacity of these community supported AYUSH paramedical health workers are yet to be designed and implemented by any Government Institutions. This neglect inhibits the continuity of the great tradition of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers of our country. To meet the growing demand for human resource in the public health system, the public health experts and professionals have recommended to certify and build the capacity of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers through a Voluntary Certification Scheme for TCHPs.

The Personnel Certification Body, in the University of Trans Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), approved by the Quality Council of India calls for application from the eligible applicants amongst Traditional Community Healthcare Providers who are interested to seek their certification under the Voluntary Certification Scheme launched by the QCI & FRLHT for Traditional Community Healthcare Providers, in the management of a few selected traditional community healthcare practices relating to **Common Ailments**,

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Jaundice, Joint Pain, Poisonous Bites, Traditional Birth Attendants and Traditional Bone Setting.

The following are salient features of the scheme.

Objective:

The objective of the scheme is to provide an opportunity to the interested Traditional Community Healthcare Providers (TCHP) to seek certification through evaluation of their competence through a third-party assessment of knowledge and skills.

Eligibility:

The candidates who fulfil the following criteria of eligibility are invited to apply for the scheme as per the enclosed application format:

a) Traditional Community Healthcare Providers as such endorsed by the local governments of his or her place of residence and provides health services to the local community members in the following streams of selected traditional community healthcare practices/streams:

I. Common Ailments

II. Jaundice

III. Joint Pain

IV. Traditional Bone Setting

V. Poisonous Bites and

VI. Traditional Birth Attendants

b) Age: 28 years and above

c) Experience: 10 years and above in one or more of the above streams of practice.

Medium of Evaluation: Kannada (for TCHPs from Karnataka) and all vernacular languages (according to the respective state's languages)

Fee per candidate:

A) For ONE stream/healthcare practice: amounting to Rs. 11,500/- (Including 18% GST)

B) For TWO streams/healthcare practices: amounting to Rs. 15,000/- (Including 18% GST)

C) For THREE streams/healthcare practices: amounting to Rs. 16,500/- (Including 18% GST)

D) For FOUR streams/healthcare practices: amounting to Rs. 17,500/- (Including 18% GST)

E) For FIVE streams/healthcare practices: amounting to Rs. 18,500/- (Including 18% GST)

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(Maximum Five streams can be applied by a candidate at a time). Payment should be made through **DD** only. DD in favour of “**UTDHST**” payable at Bangalore. Fees once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Geographical jurisdiction: Karnataka and all the States and Union Territories of India

Minimum number of candidates per batch: 10

Method, Duration and Weightage of evaluation:

The candidates whose applications are accepted shall be intimated to attend the assessment by a committee of evaluators consisting of at least two expert TCHPs from the relevant stream accompanied by an AYUSH physician and a community health or public health expert.

The certification process/evaluation of the candidates shall be done as per following methods, duration, and weightage:

1. Knowledge Evaluation through oral multiple-choice questionnaire: ~30 minutes, 10%
2. Case Presentation: ~30 minutes, 10%
3. Viva voce on case study presentation: ~ 30 minutes, 10%
4. Practical demonstration on identification of medicinal plants, preparation of formulations, storage of raw drugs and quality of preparations: ~30 minutes, 30%
5. Field verification at TCHP's work environment: ~60 minutes, 40%

The certificate shall only be issued to the candidates of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers who obtain at least 70% of marks in the assessment of their competence in their respective stream.

Evaluation Committee:

Two TCHPs aged 38 years and above with an experience of 20 years and above in the relevant stream, and one Ayurveda or Siddha or Unani physicians and/ or one Community Health or Public Health Expert.

The names of TCHPs whose certifications granted, suspended, or withdrawn shall be displayed in QCI/our Website. TCHPs desiring to submit their appeals and/or complaints may do so by writing to the address given below.

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