
**MD Degree in Community Health Administration (CHA) and
Diploma in Health Administration (DHA)
(Affiliated to The Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMSC), University of
Delhi)**

The NIHFWS is an apex public health Institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and has played an important role in strengthening public Health Education, Health Systems and Institutional Capacity since its establishment in 1977, through teaching, training, research, evaluation, consultancy and advisory services in the country. We have a lush sprawling green campus in 35-acre area situated in the idyllic southern part of Delhi sharing boundaries with prominent institutes like Jawaharlal Nehru University, Indian Institute of Technology and Central Information Commission.

Salient features of the Institute:

- ✓ Ten Academic Departments with highly competent faculty, covering the whole length and breadth of public health and administration.
- ✓ A vibrant academic environment with national and international training programmes, conferences, and workshops.
- ✓ Opportunities to interact with distinguished public health experts and global public health leaders
- ✓ India's unique Public Health Museum.
- ✓ Fully computerized National Documentation Centre and Library.
- ✓ State-of-the-art computer centers and video conferencing facilities.
- ✓ Residency benefits as per Government of India norms under the 7th Central Pay Commission.
- ✓ Hostel and mess facilities, including family accommodation for married students.
- ✓ Modern infrastructure with sports and recreational facilities.
- ✓ Excellent connectivity through metro, rail, and air transport networks.

The MD (Community Health Administration) programme, introduced in 1969, is the flagship academic programme of NIHFWS. Recognized by the National Medical Commission (NMC) and affiliated with the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Delhi, it is one of India's most distinctive postgraduate programmes integrating Public Health, Community Medicine, Health Systems Management, and Hospital Administration. Over the years, the programme has produced more than 300

graduates who have assumed leadership roles in government, academia, healthcare institutions, and international organizations. Two-years Post-Graduate Diploma in Health Administration (DHA) Started in 1993, this two-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Health Administration offered by the Institute is also affiliated to the University of Delhi and is recognized by the National Medical Commission (NMC). The programme(s) equips medical graduates with competencies in health policy, programme management, healthcare administration, research, monitoring and evaluation, and health systems strengthening.

Distinctive Features of the Programme:

During the residency, postgraduate residents gain extensive exposure to diverse components of India's healthcare system through academic training and field-based experiences.

Academic and Research Training

- ✓ Thesis/dissertation and capstone research projects.
- ✓ Regular lectures, seminars, journal clubs, and academic discussions.
- ✓ Training in scientific writing, research methodology, and publication.
- ✓ Opportunities for presenting research at national and international conferences.

Public Health and Health Systems Exposure

- ✓ Hands-on training in Community Health Administration and Health Systems Management.
- ✓ Exposure to planning, implementation, and monitoring of National Health Programmes.
- ✓ Practical understanding of healthcare delivery in both rural and urban settings.
- ✓ Field postings at Rural Health Training Centres, Urban Health Centres, State Health Missions, and district health systems.

Hospital Administration Training

- ✓ Structured practical training in tertiary care hospitals.
- ✓ Exposure to hospital operations, quality assurance, patient services, logistics, and healthcare management.
- ✓ Training experiences in government as well as corporate healthcare institutions.

National and International Collaborations

Residents have opportunities to work with leading organizations and institutions, including:

- ✓ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)
- ✓ National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC)
- ✓ NITI Aayog
- ✓ National Health Authority (NHA)
- ✓ National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)

- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- ✓ WHO and other international organizations

Evaluation and Programme Management

- ✓ Participation in large-scale evaluation studies of national health programmes and flagship government schemes.
- ✓ Experience in programme assessment, report writing, and policy analysis.
- ✓ Opportunities to contribute to institutional projects such as healthcare quality assessments and health system evaluations.

Career Paths

After the successful completion of the course, a number of exciting career paths open for the candidate including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Senior Residents in Community Medicine or Hospital Administration.
- ✓ Faculty members in Medical Colleges and Universities.
- ✓ Public Health Specialists in Government of India health programmes.
- ✓ Consultants with WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, JSI, and other international agencies.
- ✓ Hospital Administrators in public and private healthcare institutions.
- ✓ Health Systems and Policy Experts.
- ✓ District and State Programme Managers.
- ✓ Surveillance and Epidemiology Officers
- ✓ Station Health Officer in Indian Army Medical Corps and Organized Health Sectors

The Post Graduate Resident Doctors with MD (CHA) degree are eligible for appointment of teachers in the Department of community medicine/preventive and social medicine in the medical colleges in the country. The eligibility of MD(CHA) for appointment of teachers in Department of Hospital Administration was earlier approved by the MCI and currently is under consideration of NMC. The Senior Residency Scheme at the NIHFW is under consideration of the MoHFW.

Prestigious Positions held by Alumnus of the Course

The Alumni of MD(CHA) held senior positions in WHO, Director Health Services, Government of Delhi; Special DGHS, MoHFW; Director, NACO, OSD to Hon'ble Health Minister of Health, Government of Delhi, Additional/Deputy Commissioner of Health, MoHFW, Director, Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), Additional Commissioner of ESI, Professor in Community Medicines of Medical Colleges.

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