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UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA

The University of Kelaniya has its origin in the historic Vidyalankara Pirivena, founded in 1875 as a centre of learning for Buddhist monks. It was one of the two great national centres of traditional higher learning, heralding the first phase of the national movement and national resurgence. With the establishment of modern Universities in Sri Lanka in the 1940s and 1950s, the Vidyalankara Pirivena became the Vidyalankara University in 1959, later the Vidyalankara Campus of the University of Ceylon in 1972 and, ultimately, the University of Kelaniya in 1978.

Today, the University of Kelaniya is one of the major national Universities. It is located just outside the municipal limits of Colombo, in the ancient and historic city of Kelaniya, on the north bank of the Kelani River. It has six Faculties and three institutes. The six Faculties, which form the main body of the University, are:

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies
- Faculty of Graduate Studies

Three institutes are attached to the University of Kelaniya.

- The Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (**PGIPBS**), Colombo.
- The Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (**PGIAR**), Colombo.
- The Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute (**GWAI**), Yakkala.

The main University itself has a student population of more than 8,500 undergraduates, with nearly 1000 more in the institutes, several hundred postgraduate students and over 95,000 candidates registered for external degrees.

The University of Kelaniya has pioneered a number of new developments in Higher Education. It was one of the first Universities to begin teaching science in Sinhala, and also the first to restructure the traditional Arts Faculty into three separate Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences and Commerce and Management studies. It also has several unique Departments not generally found in the Sri Lankan University system. Some Kelaniya innovations have been subsequently adopted by other Universities. These include the

Department of Industrial Management and Microbiology in the Faculty of Science; Departments of Linguistics, Fine Arts, Modern Languages and Hindi in the Faculty of Humanities; and Mass Communication and Library and Information Sciences in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

In keeping with its historic roots, the University is one of the national centres of excellence in Pali and Buddhist Studies and related fields. It has long-established and well-developed departments of Pali and Buddhist Studies (incorporating chairs in Buddhist Civilization and Buddhist Philosophy), Sanskrit, Linguistics, Philosophy, Sinhala and Hindi, as well as the Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies. Kelaniya also maintains close links with the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka. Thus, the University of Kelaniya forms the centre of an academic complex, specializing in modern development in traditional disciplines. It also retains a close link with its mother institution, the Vidyalandara Pirivena, whose Head is also the Chancellor of the University.

At the same time, the University of Kelaniya has a modern and multi-cultural structure and perspective, with the Faculties of Science, Medicine, Social Sciences and Commerce & Management and a strong base in modern languages, including the teaching of Chinese, English, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Russian, Tamil, and Modern Linguistics. Presently engaged in extensive restructuring as it enters the 21st century, the University of Kelaniya looks forward to a new phase in its 125-year history of development.

Mission Statement

Vision

To become a centre of excellence in creation and dissemination of knowledge for sustainable development

Mission

To nurture intellectual citizens through creativity and innovation, who contribute to the national development

THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Kelaniya is situated on a spacious 35 acre campus at Ragama. It is one of eight state medical faculties in Sri Lanka. The Faculty commenced classes with the admission of 120 students in September 1991. The first batch of students completed their five year course and graduated MBBS in September 1996.

Today, the Faculty has about 900 students on its roll. This includes several foreign students, mainly from other South Asian countries, who have been admitted on a fee levying basis. The Faculty also welcomes students for elective appointments and many students from medical schools in Europe, USA and Australia have spent their elective periods with us.

There is a permanent academic staff of about 120 and, in addition, there are over 40 temporary academic staff and over 60 visiting staff that include consultants who are based in the affiliated teaching hospitals.

The Faculty comprises sixteen academic departments, a Medical Education Centre, a Computer Centre, a Centre for Tropical Medicine & International Health, and a Molecular Medicine Unit. The Computer Centre is dedicated to providing computer training; it aids in self directed learning, maintaining an intranet and providing internet connectivity.

In keeping with the need to expand and improve allied health services in the country the Faculty established the Disability Studies Unit in 1993 and the Centre for Tropical Medicine and International Health, which conducts courses for primary health care workers, in 1999. The Molecular Medicine Unit was established in 2003 with the aims of improving molecular diagnostic facilities for infectious diseases and providing DNA finger-printing. In 2007, the Disability Studies Unit was upgraded to the Department of Disability Studies, the only one of its kind in the South Asian region.

Since 1991, the faculty has produced a large volume of research publications. Several of the staff have been awarded prestigious prizes for research papers presented at national and international scientific forum and Presidential Research Awards. The clinical and

paraclinical academic departments have been recognized as training centres by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. Postgraduate research degree programs - M. Phil, DM and Ph.D, are conducted by the Faculty under the auspices of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In collaboration with the University of London, the Disability Studies Unit conducted a diploma course in Speech and Language Therapy; this course was upgraded into a Bachelor of Science Special degree course and the first batch of students based on A' level results were admitted in August 2008. Many of the departments have academic links with foreign universities.

The Colombo North Teaching Hospital, which is one of the busiest tertiary referral centres in the country, is the main teaching hospital. University clinical departments have wards in this hospital. Other allied teaching hospitals include, the Ragama Rehabilitation Hospital, Welisara Chest Hospital and Base Hospitals in Negombo and Gampaha

The Faculty provides hostel facilities for most of its students. It also has an open air theatre, a sports ground, a multi-purpose court and a gymnasium. Funds are being sought to develop a sports complex and a swimming pool. A Cultural Centre was opened in January 2009 and programmes in music, dance, art and photography are conducted. Yoga classes are held every Thursday afternoon. Tamil classes are conducted every year to enable our graduates to be able to practice in any part of the country. There is an elected student council and several other thriving cultural and literary student societies.

Mission Statement

Vision

The Faculty aspires to be an internationally recognized institution of higher education in a culture of excellence and integrity that helps to generate and impart knowledge in the medical sciences

Mission

The Faculty of Medicine

- Educates medical students, postgraduate doctors, allied health care professionals and the public,
- Provides patient oriented medical care to prevent, diagnose and treat human illness, and
- Conducts basic, applied and clinical research

in an environment of high quality education that nurtures a spirit of inquiry, initiative, equality and social responsibility

Graduates of the Faculty will have the knowledge, the skills and attitudes to be successful in providing services to the community, country and beyond as individuals and opinion leaders in a globalised health care environment

At the Faculty of Medicine, knowledge is advanced by an academic community with a passion for teaching, student training and scientific enquiry. By providing an excellent environment for learning and research, we will encourage scholarship at the highest level.

QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED BY THE FACULTY

The qualifications offered by the Faculty at present are as follows:

Undergraduate degrees

- Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Science (Speech & Hearing Sciences)

Postgraduate research degrees

- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Medicine (DM)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)

REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS

This is done by the Senior Assistant Registrar's Office in the Faculty, after initial registration by the Academic Branch of the University of Kelaniya. Registration must be renewed for each year of study with an endorsement by the SAR/Medicine on the student's University Identity Card.

Identity Card

All students registered in the University of Kelaniya are issued an identity card by the University's Academic Branch. Registration must be renewed annually thereafter, at the SAR's Office in the Faculty of Medicine, on payment of a registration fee. Students who lose this identity card must obtain a duplicate card at their own expense.

Record Book

In addition to the University Identity Card, students are also issued a record book. Details of attendance at tutorials and laboratory classes

are entered by the relevant academic staff in this book at the end of each course of study. Students will not be permitted to register for a given examination unless satisfactory attendance has been certified in this record book. Students who lose this record book must obtain a duplicate book, and obtain all missing details from the relevant academic staff.

Students who lose this record must obtain a duplicate, and obtain all the missing signatures again, from the relevant consultants.

Change of name

Students who wish to change the name by which they have first registered in the University may do so within the first five terms in the medical faculty.

Certificates and transcripts

Original certificates submitted at the time of registration can be retrieved from the University, and student transcripts can be obtained through the SAR's Office.

THE B.Sc. (Speech and Hearing Sciences) COURSE

OVERVIEW OF THE DEGREE PROGRAMME

This degree programme is the first university-approved professional training programme leading to a BSc Degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences (specializing in Speech & Language Therapy or in Audiology) in Sri Lanka. Successful completion of the programme indicates professional competence to practice as a Speech and Language Therapist or an Audiologist in Sri Lanka. The curriculum includes both theoretical classroom based learning and practical experience in a variety of settings in the health, education and rehabilitation sectors.

PROGRAMME AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The overall aim of the study programme is to train competent Speech and Language Therapists and Audiologists who have the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills to provide a range of rehabilitation services to people with communication disabilities, and to their families; to raise the level of awareness and knowledge about communication disabilities in the wider community of Sri Lanka; and to contribute to the development of the academic base in the field, through research and their own professional development in practice.

COMPOSITION OF THE PROGRAMME

The duration of the degree programme is four (04) years (with 3 terms in each year), a modular structure and a minimum requirement of 120 credits. There is a compulsory research project during the final year.

Each module has assessments attached to it and students must pass all modules in order to qualify with a BSc. Details about assessment and progression requirements are given separately. Students **must pass all modules within 6 years** before they are eligible to graduate.

THE MODULAR SYSTEM

There are 3 types of modules that students will take over the 4 years of the study programme. The first type consists of **core modules** that all students must take. The second type consists of **optional**

modules related to either Speech & Language Therapy or Audiology. Students will be expected to choose one track, either Speech & Language Therapy or Audiology, at the end of the first year of study. The Audiology track will be open only to students who have passed Physics at the GCE Advanced Level examination. The third type comprises those **modules which are basically bridging courses**, and which will not be taken into calculation of the final GPA.

Notation of modules

An alpha numeric code is used to identify each module. The code consists of five digits prefixed by a set of four letters which refer to the type of module as shown above. Course units with the prefix 'CORE' are modules that should be taken by all students. Course units to be taken by students following the Speech & Language Therapy Track are designated by the letters SLTH, while those for the Audiology track students are designated by the letters AUDI.

The first digit denotes the year of study (1-4), whereas the fifth digit signifies the credit value. The third and fourth digits together form the specific number assigned to that module for that year of study. The second digit signifies the term of the year during which the module is offered. If the module is offered in the first term, digit one (1) is used, if in the second term, digit two (2), in the third term, digit three (3) and if the module could be offered anytime during the year, then digit four (4) is used.

Credit value

Course modules comprise a combination of lectures, practical work and SLT/Audiology practice. Depending on the component of the module, students will earn one (01) credit for an allocated number of contact hours as shown below:

Lectures

15 contact hours = 1 credit

Practical Work

30-45 contact hours = 1 credit

Lectures + Practical work
20-25 contact hours = 1 credit

SLT/Audiology practicum
50 contact hours = 1 credit

Research project
40 contact hours = 1 credit

NB: The credit value is rounded to the nearest whole number.

STRUCTURE OF THE STUDY PROGRAMME

First Year

Code	Course Unit	Total No. of Credits
CORE 11013	Disability: Theory and Concepts	3
CORE 11034	Introduction to Professional Practice	4
CORE 11044	Linguistics and phonetics	4
CORE 13092	Clinical Practicum 1 SLT	2
SLTH 13102	Advanced Clinical Practicum 1- SLT	2
CORE 11024	Anatomy & Physiology for SLTAs	2
AUDI 13112	Clinical Practicum 1- Audiology	2
CORE12052	Psychology 1	2
ELTU 12720	(On-going English Course)	3
CORE 12064	Communication and Hearing across the Life Span	4
CORE 12073	Fundamentals of Hearing	3
CORE 12083	Essentials of Speech & Language Therapy	3

Second Year

Code	Course Unit	Total No. of Credits
CORE 21123	Paediatrics	3
SLTH 21132	Introduction to SLT 1- Observation and Assessment	2
SLTH 21142	Introduction to SLT 2 - Intervention and Management	2
SLTH 21153	Child Social Communication & Language Disorders	3
AUDI 21162	Otology for Audiologists	2
SLTH 21174	Child Speech Disorders	4
AUDI 21183	Introduction to Audiology 1	3
AUDI 21193	Auditory Physiology	3
CORE 22202	Neurology 1	2
AUDI 21213	Introduction to Audiology 2	3
SLTH 22222	Hearing Impairment and its Management	2
SLTH 22232	Child Communication & AAC	2
SLTH 22242	Learning Disabilities- a life span approach	2
CORE 22252	Psychology 2	2
SLTH 22263	Speech & Language Therapists Working in Education & Employment	3
AUDI 22273	Diagnostic Audiology 1- Behavioural Methods of Hearing Assessment	3
AUDI 22283	Diagnostic Audiology 2- Physiologic Methods of Hearing Assessment	3
AUDI 22293	Instrumentation for Audiology	3
SLTH 23303	Clinical Practicum 2- SLT	3
AUDI 23313	Clinical Practicum 2 - Audiology	3

Third Year

Code	Course Unit	Total No. of Credits
CORE 33324	Research Methodology	4
CORE 31332	Personal and Professional Management 1	2
SLTH 31344	Voice and its Disorders	4
SLTH 31352	Neurology 2- Acquired Neurological Disorders	2
SLTH 31363	Adult Language Disorders	3
AUDI 31373	Paediatric Audiology	3
AUDI 31383	Environmental Audiology	3
AUDI 31393	Hearing Aids and Assistive Listening Devices	3
AUDI 32402	Balance and its Disorders	2
SLTH 32413	Fluency and its Disorders	3
SLTH 34432	Language & Cognition	2
SLTH 32442	Paediatric Dysphagia and its Management	2
SLTH 32452	Adult Dysphagia and its Management	2
AUDI 32462	Educational Audiology	2
AUDI 32473	Implantable Devices	3
AUDI 32484	Rehabilitative Audiology	4
SLTH 33494	Clinical Practicum 3 (SLT)	4
CORE 44514	Clinical Practicum 3 (Audiology)	4

Fourth Year

Code	Course Unit	Total No. of Credits
CORE 44514	Transfer of Skills	4
CORE 4352C	Research Project	12
CORE 41532	Personal and Professional Management 2	2
SLTH 4354C	Clinical Practicum 4 (SLT)	12
AUDI 4355C	Clinical Practicum 4 (Audiology)	12

EXAMINATION BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (SPECIAL) DEGREE IN SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES

- 1) These By-Laws made by the Council of the University of Kelaniya under Section 135(1) (a) and (b) of the Universities Act No 16 of 1978 as amended by the Universities (Amendment) Act No 7 of 1985 may be cited as the Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences [BSc (SHS) Special Degree] By-Laws No 1 of 2013 and shall come into operation with effect from 1 March 2013.
- 2) Subject to these by-laws, a student may be admitted to the Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences (specializing in Speech & Language Therapy or in Audiology), if he / she
 - a) has been admitted as an internal student of the University, and
 - b) has been registered as a student of the University for a period not less than 4 academic years, and
 - c) has completed to the satisfaction of the Senate, courses of study as prescribed by these By Laws and Rules and Regulations made there under, and
 - d) has passed each course unit of the degree through evaluation at each end of term examination within six years of commencement of academic work¹, and
 - e) has paid such fees or other dues as may be prescribed by the University, and
 - f) has fulfilled any other conditions or requirements as may be prescribed by the University.
- 3) The courses of study and syllabi for the examinations/assessments leading to the B.Sc. (Special) Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences and the number of papers, oral presentations and other forms of evaluation in each course unit shall be prescribed by the regulations made by the Senate.

¹ Subject to conditions stipulated in Paragraph 23

- 4) Each of the examinations/assessments prescribed by these by-laws and the regulations there under shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners constituted for the conduct of that examination/assessment.
- 5) A candidate shall present himself / herself for each examination/assessment leading to the BSc (SHS) Special Degree at the earliest scheduled examination/assessment after completion of the relevant course work, on the first occasion at which he / she is required to do so, provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare that he / she is eligible to appear for that examination/assessment.
- 6) A candidate must have evidence of satisfactory completion of the relevant mandatory course work in order to be eligible to enter the end-of-course examinations/assessments of a course unit. Completion is deemed as 80% attendance at lectures and practical classes and 90% attendance at clinical placements and a satisfactory competency report from clinical supervisors from all clinical placements relevant to the year's course work.
- 7) A student who has less than the required mandatory attendance for a course unit in a given term, without a valid excuse², will not be allowed to enter the assessment of that course unit, which will be then deemed to be a failed first attempt which will be given an E grade. The student will be required to make up the shortfall in attendance of that course unit in the subsequent year, in order to be eligible to enter the assessment.
- 8) If the student's absence from mandatory course work is covered by a valid excuse², this subsequent assessment would be considered as his / her first attempt at the examination/assessment. The student will be nevertheless required to make up the shortfall in attendance of that course unit in the subsequent year, in order to be eligible to enter the assessment.
- 9) A student may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt at an examination on the basis of a valid

excuse accepted by the Senate². The attempt at which he/she sits the examination after the postponement shall be regarded as the attempt for which he/she has submitted a valid excuse.

- 10) In the absence of an excuse accepted by the Senate², failure to register and/or sit any due or scheduled examination/assessment shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination/assessment.
- 11) Marks obtained in each course unit will be graded according to the following grading system. A grade point value as indicated below is assigned to each grade.

Range of marks	Grade	Grade Point
85-100	A+	4.00
70-84	A	4.00
65-69	A-	3.70
60-64	B+	3.30
55-59	B	3.00
50-54	B-	2.70
45-49	C+	2.30
40-44	C	2.00
35-39	C-	1.70
30-34	D+	1.30
25-29	D	1.00
00-24	E	0.00

- 12) The pass mark is 40% or a 'C' grade. Students are required to pass all course units to graduate.
- 13) Students who obtain a 'C-' grade or lower (<40%) will be given the opportunity to re-take the relevant assessments/examination. There will be at least three

² An excuse accepted by the Senate on the recommendation of the Student Appeals Committee (where relevant), the Faculty Board and the Medical Faculty Management Committee.

opportunities to do so: the first will be during the relevant year of study; the second and third will be with the next batches of students. Students will be given a minimum of three weeks' notice of examinations/assessments.

- 14) Where a course unit has more than one assessment/examination component, and a student obtains a grade of C- (35 – 39%) for one or more components, the student will not be required to re-take the assessment/examination, provided the overall grade for all components is a C grade or better. This rule will not apply to the clinical practicum course units, where a student must obtain a grade of C or better in all assessment components in order to pass.
- 15) Where a course unit has more than one assessment/examination component, if a student who gains a C- for one or more components, does not gain an overall C grade for all the assessment/examination components, OR if a student obtains a D+, D or E grade for one or more assessment components, the student will be required to re-take that/those particular component/s.
- 16) A student who fails more than four course units, with an aggregated weight of more than 8 credits, after the second attempt in a year will not be allowed to register for the next year of study. Such a student is required to repeat the year of study by attending all classes and practical sessions related to the failed course units, and pass the assessments in order to be eligible to enter the next year of study. A student who has failed four course units, or three course units and one assessment component each of two more course units in the same year will not be required to repeat the year of study.
- 17) In order to be permitted to register for the 2nd year of study, a student should have
 - a) Satisfactory attendance for all 1st year course units AND
 - b) Not more than four failed course units for the 1st year of study.
- 18) In order to be permitted to register for the 3rd year of study, a student should have

- a) Satisfactory attendance for all 2nd year course units AND
 - b) Not more than four failed course units in the 2nd year of study AND
 - c) Passed all course units in the 1st year of study.
- 19) In order to be permitted to register for the 4th year of study, a student should have
- a) Satisfactory attendance for all 3rd year course units AND
 - b) Not more than four failed course units in the 3rd year of study AND
 - c) Passed all course units in the 1st and 2nd years of study AND
 - d) Passed all components of the English course unit examinations.
- 20) A student who has failed one or more components of the English course unit must re-sit those particular components. A student who has failed two or more components must follow the on-going English course and show satisfactory attendance. A student will be required to have passed all components of the English exam before registering for the 4th year of study.
- 21) In the final calculation for degree classification, all re-sits subsequent to failure at first attempt or missed first attempt due to an invalid reason (as deemed by the Faculty Board and Senate), will not be given more than 40 marks or a 'C' grade.
- 22) Interruption of study and repetition of studies (e.g. repeating a year) at the request of a student will be granted under the regulations of the University of Kelaniya and after consideration by the University Appeals Committee. A student who has valid reasons may be allowed up to two extra academic years (a total of eight years) in which to complete all requirements for graduation. Such permission shall be granted by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board and the University Appeals Committee.
- 24) Grade Point Average (GPA) is the credit weighted arithmetic mean of the Grade Point Values, which is determined by dividing the total credit-weighted Grade Point Value by the

- total number of credits. GPA shall be computed to the second decimal place.
- 25) To be eligible for the award of the BSc (SHS) Special Degree, a student should have
- a) Accumulated grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 120 credits;
 - b) Obtained a GPA of 2.00 or greater;
 - c) Completed the relevant requirements within a period of six consecutive academic years (subject to conditions stipulated in Paragraph 22).
- 26) To be eligible for the award of the BSc (SHS) Special Degree with a First Class, a student must have:
- a) Accumulated grades of B- or better in course units aggregating to at least 120 credits;
 - b) Obtained a GPA of 3.70 or greater;
 - c) Obtained grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of the total credits for the course units considered under (a) above;
 - d) Completed the above requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years.
- 27) To be eligible for the award of the BSc (SHS) Special Degree with a Second Class (Upper Division), a student must have:
- a) Accumulated grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 120 credits;
 - b) Obtained a GPA of 3.30 or greater;
 - c) Accumulated grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of the total credits offered for the course units considered under (a) above;
 - d) Completed the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years.

- 28) To be eligible for the award of the BSc (SHS) Special Degree with a Second Class (Lower Division), a student must have:
- a) Accumulated grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 120 credits;
 - b) Obtained a GPA of 3.00 or greater;
 - c) Accumulated grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of the total credits offered for the course units considered under (a) above;
 - d) Completed the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years.
- 29) The student who has the highest GPA on completing the BSc (Speech & Hearing Sciences) degree programme, specializing in Speech & Language Therapy, shall be awarded a gold medal, provided that the student
- a) has completed the relevant requirements within four academic years, and
 - b) has obtained grades of B or better in more than 50% of the total number of credits offered, and
 - c) has obtained a minimum GPA of 3.30.
- 30) The student who has the highest GPA on completing the BSc (Speech & Hearing Sciences) degree programme, specializing in Audiology, shall be awarded a gold medal, provided that the student
- a) has completed the relevant requirements within four academic years, and
 - b) has obtained grades of B or better in more than 50% of the total number of credits offered, and
 - c) has obtained a minimum GPA of 3.30.
- 31) A student who does not fulfil the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 25) for award of the BSc Honours degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences but who

- a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and/or 6,
- b) obtains a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and
- c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of three consecutive academic years

may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma in Communication Sciences.

- 32) A student who does not fulfil the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 25) for award of the BSc Honours Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences, but who

- a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,
- b) obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and
- c) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3

may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma in Communication Sciences with Merit.

- 33) A student who does not fulfil the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 25) for award of the BSc Honours Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences, but who

- a) accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits of SLQL 3,
- b) obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
- c) completes the relevant requirements within one academic year at SLQL 3

may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Diploma in Communication Sciences with Distinction.

- 34) A student who does not fulfil the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 25) for award of the BSc Honours Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences, but who

- a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3, 4, 5 and/or 6,
- b) obtains a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and

- c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of four consecutive academic years
may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma in Communication Sciences.
- 35) A student who does not fulfil the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 25) for award of the BSc Honours Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences, but who
- a) accumulates grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4 of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,
 - b) obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and
 - c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQLs 3 and 4
- may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma in Communication Sciences with Merit.
- 36) A student who does not fulfil the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 25) for award of the BSc Honours Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences, but who
- a) accumulates grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 60 credits of SLQL 3 and 4 of which at least 30 credits must be from SLQL 4,
 - b) obtains a GPA of 4.00, and
 - c) completes the relevant requirements within a period of two consecutive academic years at SLQLs 3 and 4
- may be considered by the Board of Examiners for the award of a Higher Diploma in Communication Sciences with Distinction.
- 37) After awarding any qualification named in Paragraphs 31) to 36), it cannot be changed and/or reverted back under any circumstances.

Academic leave

Interruption of study and repetition of studies (e.g. repeating a year) will be granted under the regulations of the University of Kelaniya after consideration by the relevant board. The entire programme must normally be completed within a maximum of **6** years in total.

Plagiarism

The DDS considers plagiarism a serious offence and students will be penalised if they knowingly present the work or property of another person as if it were their own. Plagiarism is cheating and can take various forms. Examples of plagiarism include:

- (i) word for word copying of sentences or paragraphs from one or more sources which are the work or data of other persons (including books, articles, thesis, unpublished works, working papers, seminar and conference papers, internal reports, lecture notes or tapes) without clearly identifying their origin by appropriate referencing;
- (ii) Submitting work which has been produced by someone else on the student's behalf as if it were the work of the student;

Plagiarised work will be liable for penalty.

Academic Misconduct

Students must conduct their studies at the University honestly, ethically and in accordance with accepted standards of academic conduct. Any form of academic conduct that is contrary to these standards is academic misconduct, for which penalties may be imposed on students by the University. Specifically, it is academic misconduct for a student to:

- present copied, falsified or improperly obtained data as if it were the result of their own research, clinical work or other investigatory work;
- include in their work material that is the result of significant assistance from another person if that assistance was unacceptable according to the instructions or guidelines for that work;
- assist another student in the presentation of that student's individual work in a way that is unacceptable according to the instructions or guidelines given for that work;
- cheat; (cheating is dishonest conduct in assessment);
- plagiarise (Plagiarism is knowingly presenting the work or property of another person as if it were one's own.)

EXAMINATION RULES

1. **Attendance:** Candidates shall be in attendance outside the examination hall at least 15 minutes before the commencement of each paper, but shall not enter the hall until they are requested to do so by the Supervisor.
2. **Seating:** On admission to the hall a candidate shall occupy the seat allotted to him and shall not change it except on the specific instructions of the Supervisor.
3. **Admission to hall:** No candidate shall be admitted to the examination hall for any reason whatsoever after the expiry of half-an-hour from the commencement of the examination. In the clinical examinations, candidates shall not be admitted to the examination hall after commencement of the examination.
4. **Record books:** A candidate shall have his Student Record Book and the Admission Card with him in the examination hall on every occasion he presents himself for a paper. His candidature is liable to be cancelled if he does not produce the Record Book.
5. **Items that should not be brought into the exam hall:** No candidate shall have on his person or in his clothes, or on the Admission Card, timetable or Record Book, any notes, signs or formulae etc. Books, notes, parcels, handbags etc. which a candidate has brought with him/her should be kept at a place indicated by the Supervisor / Invigilator.
6. **Declaration of articles in possession:** A candidate may be required by the Supervisor to declare any item in his possession or person.
7. **Copying:** No candidate shall copy or attempt to copy from the script of another candidate. Nor shall any candidate help another candidate.
8. **Articles candidates can bring:** Candidates shall bring their own pens, erasers, pencils etc., which they have been instructed to bring.
9. **University property:** All materials supplied, whether used or unused, shall be left behind on the desk and not removed from the examination hall.
10. **Index number:** Every candidate shall enter his Index Number on the Answer Book and on every continuation paper. He shall also

enter all necessary particulars as indicated on the cover of the Answer Book. A candidate who inserts on his script an Index Number other than his own is liable to be considered as having attempted to cheat. A script that bears no Index Number or an Index Number which cannot be identified, is liable to be rejected. No candidate shall write his name or any other identifying mark on the answer script.

11. **Rough work:** All calculations and rough work shall be done only on paper supplied for the examination and left behind on the table.
12. **Conduct:** Every candidate shall conduct himself in the examination hall and its precincts so as not to cause disturbance or inconvenience to the Supervisor or his staff or to other candidates. In entering and leaving the hall, (s)he shall conduct himself as quietly as possible. A candidate is liable to be evicted from the examination hall for disorderly conduct.
13. **Stopping work:** Candidates shall stop work promptly when ordered to do so by the Supervisor / Invigilator.
14. **Silence:** Absolute silence shall be maintained in the examination hall and its precincts. The attention of the Supervisor / Invigilator shall be drawn by the candidate by raising his hand from where he is seated.
15. **Cancellation /postponement:** If circumstances arise which in the opinion of the Supervisor render the cancellation or postponement of the examination necessary, (s)he shall stop the examination, collect the scripts already written and then report the matter as soon as possible to the Senior Asst. Registrar / Dean.
16. **Withdrawal:** Every candidate who registers for an examination shall be deemed to have sat the examination unless he/she submits a Medical Certificate prior to the commencement of the examination. The Medical Certificate should be from a Government Medical Practitioner. Only Medical Certificates authorised by the University Medical Officer shall be accepted by the University.
17. **Eligibility for classes:** A student who withdraws or absents him/herself from the examination shall not be eligible for classes at the next examination unless the Senate decides otherwise.
18. **Eligibility to continue to sit:** No student shall sit an examination, if he has exhausted the number of attempts that

(s)he is allowed to sit that particular examination, unless (s)he is granted permission to do so by the Senate. In the event that a student has to submit medical certificates for the postponement of a scheduled attempt at an examination on more than **one** (01) occasion, the student will have to appear before a Board appointed by the Faculty, before being permitted to sit for the examination. The recommendation of the Board shall be then submitted to the Faculty Board for ratification. The decision of the Faculty Board will be final. Each such period of exemption shall be considered on the basis of individual merit by the Faculty.

19. Appeals regarding Examination Results

Students will be informed of their grade in each subject at each main examination one week before the formal release of the results. During this week, they will be permitted to make appeals regarding their results to the relevant department. Appeals will not be entertained on academic grounds, and as such, examination papers will not be re-corrected. Appeals will only be considered on grounds of administrative error, and will be entertained for a period of 2 working days after notification of results. A non-refundable administrative fee of one hundred rupees will be charged for each subject that is re-checked.

Dealing with the appeal will consist of the following;

- 1.1 A check to ensure that the aggregate mark of each examiner has been correctly recorded.
- 1.2 A check to ensure that the aggregate mark of each examiner was correctly presented to the Board of Examiners at their meeting to determine results.
- 1.3 A check to ensure that the mark considered by the Board was in accordance with the agreed marking classification guidelines for the examination in question.
- 1.4 A check to ensure that the notified results are in accordance with the marks awarded by the Board of Examiners.

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS IN THE FACULTY

Office of the Dean:

Administrative and financial functions pertaining to the Medical Faculty as a whole are handled by this office, which is in two sections: the Senior Assistant Registrar (SAR)'s Office and the Senior Assistant Bursar (SAB)'s Office.

The SAR's office handles the following matters related to undergraduate students:

- Administration and maintenance of student hostels, canteens, common rooms, and the photocopying service.
- Organisation of Student Council elections and other activities.
- Obtaining permission for activities organized by other student societies such as film shows, lectures, seminars, plays etc.
- Arranging time tables and schedules, and registering students for examinations
- Arranging transport for student's clinical appointments and approved extra-curricular activities
- Liaising with the Student Welfare and Academic branches of the University of Kelaniya for any other matters relating to students.
- General supervision and monitoring and the security personnel and the cleaning service personnel of the faculty.
- Procurement of services (processing of contracts and initiation of payments).
- Repair and maintenance of equipment.
- Convening of Faculty Board, Management Committee, Board of Study for Center for Distance and Continuous Learning and Students' Social Welfare and Admission Committee.
- Payment of Mahapola Scholarships and Bursaries for students.
- Issuance of concessionary season tickets for students.
- Processing of renewal of visa applications.
- All maintenance activities of the faculty.
- Monitoring of filling of vacancies in non-academic grades.
- Facilitating disciplinary procedures (academic staff, non-academic staff and students).

- Initiatives for payment for electricity, water, telephone, lubricants and newspapers.
- Monitoring of attendance of non-academic staff and leave control.
- Maintenance of records of the properties of the faculty.
- Survey on annual inventory of assets
- Handling audit queries.
- Issue of duplicate students' identity cards.
- Implementation of decisions of Faculty Board and Dean of the faculty.

The Senior Assistant Bursar's office deals with all financial matters in the Faculty of Medicine. All payments to students are made through this office. All goods are procured and payments of the faculty are made through this office.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS & UNITS

Department of Anatomy

Academic Staff

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The Department of Anatomy undertakes the training of undergraduate medical students in their preclinical years. The preclinical training incorporates an integrated programme of teaching involving all three preclinical departments. The teaching curriculum is based on a module system which was introduced in the year 2004. This new module system incorporates a horizontally and vertically integrated system of teaching aimed at training these students to take up the final MBBS and also embark on post graduate studies. Students are afforded a comprehensive knowledge in applied and clinical anatomy, tissue morphology and embryology. Also the Department of Anatomy undertakes the training of undergraduate BSc (Speech and Hearing Sciences) students.

The department has an ultramodern dissection hall and a virtual laboratory. The department also has a modern museum of dissected, preserved and mounted specimens. These mounted specimens enable students to study three dimensional views of gross anatomy specimens. The academic staff of the department apart from undertaking student teaching, are also involved in various research fields such as gastroenterology, osteology, sports medicine, human embryology, and reproductive endocrinology. In addition the department undertakes supervision of postgraduate students working for M.Phil, DM and PhD Degrees

Department of Biochemistry & Clinical Chemistry

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The Department of Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry is mainly involved in the teaching of Biochemistry, Clinical Chemistry & Nutrition to pre-clinical medical undergraduates, nurses, public Health, DDS inspectors and postgraduate students. In addition to providing our students with strong core training in biochemical sciences, the Department provides ample opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students who wish to pursue research.

Research programmes leading to MPhil and PhD degrees are offered by the Department under the supervision of the academic staff. Their research interests encompass Clinical Chemistry, Enzymology, immunology, Pharmacology of Medical Plants and Traditional Medicines, Molecular Biology, Cancer Genetics & Nutrition areas.

Further, Department provides diagnostics laboratory services for outpatients.

Department of Disability Studies

Academic Staff

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The Department of Disability Studies (DDS) was started as the Disability Studies Unit (DSU) in 1993 under a collaborative agreement between the University of Kelaniya and the University of Uppsala, Sweden. In June 1995, the University Grants Commission approved the DSU as a regular unit of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. In 2008, it was upgraded to a department in the Medical Faculty. The objective of the DDS is to promote services for people with disabilities through education, research and information dissemination.

The DDS maintains a Disability Resource Center with over 800 books, a selection of videos and slides in disability related areas and has published a number of training manuals and books in Sinhala and Tamil, in collaboration with UNICEF and the Ministry of Social Services.

From 1998, the DDS commenced a Diploma programme in Speech and Language Therapy in collaboration with the Institute of Child Health, University College London and the Great Ormond Street Hospital. To date over 60 Speech and Language Therapists have qualified from the Ministry of Health. The Department then offered a Diploma to Degree (BSc in Speech & Language Therapy) upgrade programme in collaboration with the University's Centre for Distance and Continuing Education. From 2008, the Department conducts a 4-year BSc (Speech & Hearing Sciences) for internal students admitted directly by the UGC. This four year degree course qualifies students to specialize in either Speech and Language Therapy or Audiology on completion of the course. The degree programme is accredited by the Ceylon Medical College Council (CMCC) and the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC). Graduates work either as Speech and Language Therapists or Audiologists.

The DDS also runs speech and language therapy clinics for the public. It provides assessments, diagnosis and intervention programmes for children and adults with communication or swallowing difficulties. These difficulties can be due to developmental delay, learning disabilities, social communication disorders (e.g.:-Autism), cleft lip and palate, hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, voice, dysfluency, motor speech disorders, aphasia and other language disorders, conditions related to neurological disorders and dysphagia. The programmes include caregiver training, home intervention programmes, liaising with schools and school programmes, and conducting awareness programmes regarding disability issues through campaigns, exhibitions, literature, workshops and presentations for the public.

With the commencement of the BSc (SHS) degree programme, the Department of Disability Studies established an Audiology laboratory at the Faculty of Medicine in January 2009 in collaboration with the Sunflower Village, Mulleriyawa. The services available at the Audiology clinic are related to issues of persons with hearing difficulties, including the diagnosis and provision of appropriate intervention programmes. The assessment, diagnostic and intervention process involves carrying out Audiological evaluations (PTA), Audiological diagnosis, appropriate recommendations and referral, counseling of patients and their families, providing appropriate amplification (hearing aids + ear moulds), intervention programmes, aided testing and follow up. Hearing aid distribution has been initiated in collaboration with the Sunflower Village, Mulleriyawa, to be distributed to clients who are referred to the clinics conducted by the DDS, based on the economic status of a family.

In addition, in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, the DDS has been running a multidisciplinary team (MDT) clinic in the past few years. The MDT clinic provides services for children with neurodevelopmental disorders by a team of professionals from several departments of the Faculty of Medicine including speech and language therapists, psychiatrists, paediatrician, psychologist, physiotherapist and occupational therapist. This clinic caters to children with a multitude of developmental needs including children with developmental delay, autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, and specific learning disorders. The services offered through this clinic include paediatric psychiatric, speech and language, gross motor, gait, hand function, developmental, feeding, IQ, psychological and learning assessments, regular training and therapy for feeding disorders, learning disorders, communication and

behaviour disorders and early intervention. Children undergo initial assessments by each relevant member of the team at presentation and are then directed for specific regular therapies as required. This clinic conducts the Bayley Infant and Toddler and Autism Diagnostic and Observation Schedule assessments.

Over the last two years, the DDS has also commenced two additional services: Early Intervention and Development Surveillance clinic and a paediatric feeding disorders clinic. The Early Intervention and Development Surveillance clinic offers services to children aged 0- 5 years. The newborn infants at risk of developmental delay, and infants and toddlers with features of early developmental concerns are commonly seen.

All children undergo rigorous paediatric clinical assessment and developmental assessment. Bayley Infant and Toddler assessments are carried out on at risk infants to monitor developmental attainments and to detect any deviations on a regular basis. Early intervention is offered through the other clinics conducted in our department specially the multi- disciplinary clinic and the speech and language therapy clinics. The children are also referred to clinical geneticist services and audiology services for further assessments and interventions. This clinic also closely collaborates with pre-schools and other community based services to ensure best care for the infants and toddlers attending the clinic. Infant surveillance services are also extended to the North Colombo Teaching Hospital at the at risk infant clinic attached to the Professorial Paediatric clinic as a joint collaboration with the Department of Paediatrics of our University.

The paediatric feeding disorders clinic offers assessment and intervention for children experiencing eating, drinking or swallowing difficulties due to a range of potential causes. It aims to provide holistic management, in consultation, where possible, with physiotherapists, paediatricians, occupational therapists and other relevant professionals together with the children and their families.

Department of Family Medicine

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MBBS (Kel)

Family medicine is the medical specialty, which provides comprehensive, continuing, health care in both preventive and curative contexts for the individual and family. It is a specialty in breadth that integrates the biological, clinical and behavioural sciences.

The University Family Medicine Clinic established in the Faculty in 1996, provides a medical care service to the community and is also a teaching centre for undergraduates and postgraduates. The clinic, the first such centre to be set up in a Sri Lankan university, has had from its inception, a closed circuit TV system to function as a skills training laboratory for the teaching and learning of communication skills through video-taped replay of consultations. The University Family Medicine Clinic is recognized by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine for the training of postgraduates for the Diploma in Family Medicine and the MD in Family Medicine.

The undergraduate teaching of the Department is through the Behavioural Sciences and Ethics strand. In addition to didactic lectures and small group teaching learning activities conducted in the third year students have a clinical rotation of one month at the University Family Medicine Clinic in the fourth year. During this period the student are exposed to primary care therapeutics and a range of common problems encountered in family practice. Consultation skills and communication skills are taught through observation, role play

and feedback. Group discussions are conducted on common clinical problems.

Assessments

1. CA 2: One hour SEQ paper consisting of 4 questions based on family Medicine lectures Small group discussions held at the end on the third year
2. CA 3; Half an hour SEQ paper consisting of 2 questions based on clinical problem solving in family practice held at the end of the clinical rotation
3. Unit 5 Examination:
 - i. Five true/false MCQs and four best of five MCQs
 - ii. Two SEQs and two essay questions based on family medicine principles and clinical problem solving in family practice
 - iii. Three 6 minutes OSCE stations on communication skills and four three minutes OSCE stations on family practice patient management

Department of Forensic Medicine

Academic Staff

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Forensic Medicine is a branch of medicine that deals with the application of principles of medicine, medical knowledge and expertise in the administration of justice. It is a clinical speciality that involves the examination of the dead and living. Department of Forensic Medicine provides its clinical services through the Colombo North Teaching Hospital Ragama, based at the Office of the Judicial Medical Officer, Ragama. The subject will be taught in the 4th year of undergraduate training through Legal Medicine & Toxicology module and the clinical appointment is conducted by the academic staff and the extended faculty at Teaching Hospital, Ragama. Other than undergraduate teaching the academic staff is also involved in postgraduate training of Diploma in Legal medicine (DLM) and Doctorate of Medicine (MD) in Forensic Medicine, and the Department is an approved training centre of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Academics attached to the Department also give their services to the Judiciary as experts in Forensic Medicine, in conduction of death investigations and Medico-Legal Examination of victims of assaults, sexual abuse, child abuse, road traffic accident, alleged torture etc. They give expert evidence in High Courts in Sri Lanka as well as provide assistance to the Ministry of Justice when required.

The Department of Forensic Medicine conducts research in many areas. Homicides, Child and adolescent sexual abuse, elder abuse, cause of death, alleged torture, Road Traffic Accidents, Compensation, effects of alcohol on drivers, forensic histopathology are a few to name.

Department of Medicine

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The main teaching commitments are in relation to the faculty's MBBS course during which students study the subjects Medicine for three years, from the third year onwards. The Department is also involved in training postgraduate students of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine preparing for the MD (Medicine) and specialist Board Certification. Academic staff also take part in the teaching programmes of the BSc in Speech and Hearing Sciences.

The Department has a strong commitment to research. The special areas of interest are Tropical Medicine, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Neurology, Haematology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology and Pulmonology. The Deptment has three research and service oriented laboratories: one dedicated to Gastro-enterological

Physiology, with thalassaemia facilities for upper and lower GI endoscopy, Oesophageal manometry, and oesophageal and gastric motility studies, another dedicated to Clinical Neurophysiology with facilities for electromyography, nerve conduction studies, and EEG and third laboratory dealing with Haemoglobin Disorders. Research papers originating from this Department have been published regularly in prestigious international and national journals. Staff members have contributed chapters to specialist monographs from well-established international publishers, and function as editors of medical books and journals.

The academic staffs in the Department provide their services in a honorary capacity to the Professorial Medical Unit (Wards 21 and 22) of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital. A 6 bed stroke unit attached to the University medical unit. Patient dedicated stroke care for patient, and is a Centre for stroke research.

Department of Medical Microbiology

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The major teaching commitment of the department is to the Microbiology course for the third year undergraduate medical students. The Department has a large, well-equipped teaching laboratory with about 50 bench places. The department is recognized as a training site for the Diploma and MD in Medical Microbiology programmes conducted by the PGIM, University of Colombo, and senior academic staff members are resource persons in these courses.

In addition, the department conducts the Medical Microbiology Module for the students following the B.Sc. (Special) degree programme in Microbiology at the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya.

There is on-going research on influenza, antimicrobial resistance, viral gastroenteritis association of fungal infections with chronic urticaria and community Acquired MRSA.

The department maintains research contacts with other laboratories in the UK, Hong-Kong, Australia and the USA.

The Department provides a diagnostic microbiology service for patients admitted to the University Units of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital and also assists in infection control programmes, especially in monitoring hospital acquired infections.

Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Academic Staff

Prof PS Wijesinghe - **Senior Professor & Chair (Head)**
MBBS (Perad'ya), MS (C'bo), FRCOG (UK), FCOG (SL)

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MBBS (C'bo), MD (C'bo) MRCOG (UK)

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BSc (S.J'pura).Dip in Mgt & Ad, M.Phil (Kel'ya)

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MBBS (C'bo), MD (C'bo), MRCP (UK)

Dr Tiran Dias - **Senior Lecturer II**
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Dr TS Palihawadana - **Senior Lecturer II**
MB BS(C'bo), MRCOG(UK), MSc in Clin Embryo(Leeds), MPhil

The main responsibility of the department is the Obstetrics & Gynaecology course for the undergraduate medical students, which runs through the modules of phase 1, phase 2 and in the final year of the curriculum. In addition to this the department is also involved in postgraduate training on behalf of the postgraduate institute of medicine (PGIM) of the University of Colombo. Academic staff also teaches in the certificate course in Community Health conducted by the tropical medicine unit of the faculty, diploma in reproductive health program conducted by the PGIM and at the Nurses' training school at Kandana.

The research interests of the department include areas such as fetal medicine, infertility, gynaecological oncology, violence against women, medical diseases in pregnancy, urogynaecology, safe motherhood and perinatal care.

The department operates an infertility laboratory, which provides investigatory and therapeutic services and a well woman care service with latest screening and curative facilities.

The academic staff of the department renders their services in a honorary capacity to ward 24 & 25 of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital, and outpatient antenatal, gynaecology, infertility, well woman and family planning clinics.

Department of Paediatrics

Academic Staff

Dr EGDS Rajindrajith - **Senior Lecturer II (Head)**
MBBS (Ruhuna), MD (C'bo), FRCPCH (UK), PhD(Amsterdam)

Prof KAW Karunasekara - **Professor**
MBBS (Ruhuna), DCH(C'bo), MD(C'bo), M.Med.Sc. (Otago), FRCP (UK)

Prof AD Fernando - **Associate Professor**
MBBS (C'bo), MD (C'bo), FRCP (UK), FSLCP (SL)

Dr KPJ Perera - **Senior Lecturer I**
MBBS (C'bo), DCH (C'bo), MD (C'bo), MRCPCH (UK)

Dr YC Jayasinghe - **Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (Sri J'pura), DCH (C'bo), MD (C'bo), MRCPCH (UK)

Dr DSG Mettananda - **Lecturer**
MBBS (C'bo), DCH (C'bo), MD (C'bo), DPhill(Oxon)

Dr TRWW Rodrigo - **Lecturer**
MBBS (C'bo), DCH (C'bo), MRCPCH (UK), MD (C'bo), IBCLC

Dr CMP Fernando - **Lecturer (probationary)**
MBBS (Kel'ya), DCH(C'bo), MD(C'bo)

This department is responsible for teaching to Paediatrics to medical undergraduates. It includes lectures, tutorials and clinical appointments. There are two clinical appointments of one month each during third and fourth year and final year professorial clinical appointment of two months. History taking, examination and management of sick children and neonates are taught during the clinical appointments. In addition, this department provides lectures for students of Department of Disability Studies. Clinical training of registrars and senior registrars for postgraduate studies in MD Paediatrics, training doctors for Diploma in Child Health, supervision of thesis for M.Phil and D.Phils. and elective appointments for medical students of foreign universities.

The Paediatric unit comprises a ward contains 68 beds and Special Care Baby Unit which can accommodate 15 neonates. In addition to the services provided for in-ward patients there are five outpatient clinics and one high risk baby clinic in North Colombo Teaching hospital, Ragama per week.

The Unit contributes to Final MBBS examination paediatric component and makes contributions to the third and fourth year exams and exam in the Department of Disability Studies. In addition, the Department contributes to MD Paediatrics and Diploma in Child Health conducted by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Furthermore academic staff members participate as examiners at the final MBBS clinical examination in Paediatrics in other medical faculties in the country.

The special research interests amongst academics in the department include child abuse and neglect, gastro intestinal/respiratory tract/endocrine system disorders, childhood growth, neonatology and haematology.

Department of Parasitology

Academic Staff

- Prof NK Gunawardena - **Professor (Head)**
MBBS (Ruhuna), PhD (Nagasaki)
- Prof NR de Silva - **Senior Professor & Chair
Dean, Faculty of Medicine**
MBBS (C'bo), MSc (Lond.), MD (C'bo), FNASL
- Prof W Abeyewickreme - **Professor**
BSc (S. J'pura), MSc (B'kok), DAP & E (Kuala Lumpur), PhD (L'pool),
- Prof TGAN Chandrasena - **Associate Professor**
MBBS (C'bo), Dip.Micro.(C'bo), MD(C'bo)
- Dr GPS Gunarathna - **Lecturer (probationary)**
MBBS(Ruhuna), Dip.Med.Mico(C'bo), MD.Med.microbiology(C'bo)
- Dr PADHN Gunathilaka - **Senior Lecturer**
BSc(Hons), PhD(Kel'ya), MIBiol(Sri Lanka)
- Dr NH Manamperi - **Lecturer (probationary)**
MBBS (Kel'ya), Dip. in Med.Micro. (C'bo)

The Dept. conducts an intensive course in Medical Parasitology for undergraduate students of the Medical Faculty, and shorter courses for B.Sc. (special degree) students and M.Sc. (Food & Nutrition) students of the Science Faculty. In addition, staff are involved in teaching on the Diploma in Medical Microbiology course conducted by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine. The Dept is also a recognized training centre in Parasitology for the PGIM's MD (Microbiology and Parasitology) programmes. The Department has a well-equipped student laboratory (which is able to accommodate up to 50 students at a time) with about 70 compound microscopes, and a trinocular microscope with a CCTV camera and video projection facilities.

The current research interests of the academic staff include all aspects of intestinal helminth infections and lymphatic filariasis, the entomological aspects of dengue and leishmaniasis. The Dept also undertake routine investigation of patients warded in the CNTH for malaria parasites, examination of stool samples for intestinal parasites and investigation of patients for bancroftian filariasis. Identification of helminths, reptiles and arthropods of medical interest is carried out on special request.

Department of Pathology

Academic Staff

Dr BAGG Mahendra - **Senior Lecturer II (Head)**

MBBS (C'bo), Dip. Path (C'bo), MD Hist.Path (C'bo)

Prof SJ de S Hewavisenthi - **Professor & Chair**

MBBS (C'bo), Dip. Path (C'bo), MD Hist.Path (C'bo)

Dr RMUS Ratnayake - **Senior Lecturer I**

MBBS (C'bo), Dip. Path (C'bo), MD Hist.Path (C'bo)

Dr HSA Williams - **Senior Lecturer II**

MBBS (NCMC), Dip.Path. (C'bo), MD Haematology (C'bo), FRC Path (UK)

Dr ESR de Silva - **Lecturer**

MBBS (Sri J'pura), D.Path (C'bo), MD Chemical Pathology (C'bo)

Dr HMD Moratuwagama - **Senior Lecturer II**

MBBS (Kelaniya), D.Path (C'bo), MD Haematology (C'bo)

Dr SK Liyanage - **Senior Lecturer II**

MBBS (Kelaniya), Dip.Path (C'bo), MD Hist.Path. (C'bo)

Undergraduate teaching is the main commitment of the Department being involved in all the system based modules conducted in Phase II. It is carried out according to well planned instructional objectives integrated with clinical disciplines and using modern laboratory methods. The practicals are performed at a computer aided virtual laboratory which has about 50 terminals.

It is a recognised centre for training in the Diploma in Histopathology, Diploma in haematology, MD in Histopathology and MD in haematology courses of PGIM, University of Colombo.

The Department provides honorary consultancy services in Histopathology, Cytopathology and Haematology to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital. Special research interests of the academic staff include chronic inflammatory bowel disease, chronic hepatitis, perinatal pathology, breast pathology and pathology of female genital tract.

The biochemistry & cytogenetics laboratory of the department of pathology was established in 2010, funded by International Atomic Energy Agency. This laboratory is the only one of its kind in Sri Lanka and offers its services to those who are exposed to radiation to detect early chromosomal damage.

Department of Pharmacology

Academic Staff

Dr SAF Kurukulasuriya - **Senior Lecturer II (Head)**
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Prof HA de Silva - **Professor**
MBBS (NCCM), DPhil (Oxon), FRCP (Lon)

Dr AS Dassanayake - **Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (C'bo), MD (C'bo), FCCP

Dr CD Ranasinha - **Senior Lecturer II**
BSc (Pharmacology, Lon), MBBS (Lon), MRCP (UK), DTM&H (Lon), FCCP

Dr KCD Mettananda - **Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (Perad'iya) , MD (C'bo), MRCP(UK)

Dr WANV Luke - **Lecturer (probationary)**
MBBS (C'bo)

The Department started teaching activities in 1993, two years after the Faculty of Medicine was established in the University of Kelaniya. The major focus of the department continues to be the teaching of undergraduate pharmacology. This takes place in the third and fourth years of the academic curriculum. With the introduction of the new curriculum, pharmacology teaching is now conducted by the department's teachers devolved to a series of system-specific modules wherein relevant pharmacology teaching is incorporated into the understanding of individual systems and diseases. This follows an introductory module where some more general pharmacological topics are dealt with along side other general principles.

In 2005 the Faculty established the Clinical Trials Unit to foster more clinical trial work within and beyond the faculty. This unit is currently housed in the Department of Pharmacology. It is undertaking a number of collaborative trials both nationally and internationally.

The research interests of the department include clinical trial methodology, ageing and dementia, asthma and lung infection, alcohol-induced liver injury and portal hypertension stroke trials and poisoning and toxicology. In addition the department conducts interdepartmental clinical research, in particular with the Department of Medicine and the Colombo North Teaching Hospital.

Department of Physiology

Academic Staff

Dr K Medagoda - **Senior Lecturer II (Head)**
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Prof NM Devanarayana - **Professor**
MBBS (Ruhuna), DM (Kel'ya)

Dr DC de Silva - **Senior Lecturer I**
MBBS (Aberd), MBChB, MRCP (UK)

Dr S Selliah - **Senior Lecturer I**
MBBS (NCMC), MPhil (C'bo)

Dr WADL Amarasiri - **Senior Lecturer I**
MBBS (Kel'ya), PhD (Kel'ya)

Dr YM de Silva - **Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (NCMC), MPhil (P'ya), Cert. Med.Ed. (Dundee)

Dr DTD Warnakulasuriya - **Lecturer (Probationary)**
MBBS (Kel'ya)

Dr DC Kottahachchi - **Lecturer (Probationary)**
MBBS (Kel'ya)

Currently the main focus of the Dept. is the undergraduate MBBS Physiology course. In addition the department is actively involved in the B.Sc in Speech & Hearing Sciences Programme. Attempts are being made to move away from traditional didactic lecture towards a more student-centred approach. As an initial step, many of the lectures in physiology are available for review by students in the 'Intra-net' at the Computer Centre. Within the financial constraints, new equipment has been added to the teaching laboratory, which now has facilities for students to get hands-on experience in the use of ECG machines, audiometry, spirometry, ophthalmoscopes etc. The senior staff also contribute regularly to teaching and examining in several post-graduate programmes.

The main research interests of the Dept. are gastroenterology, respiratory physiology, genetics, and allergy & immunology. The state of the art Clinical Physiology laboratory in the department continues to provide expert diagnostic services in Applied Gastrointestinal Physiology and spirometry.

Department of Psychiatry

Academic Staff

Dr. MUPK Peris - **Senior Lecturer II (Head)**
MBBS (C'bo), MDPsych (C'bo), MRCPsych (UK), FSLCPsych

Dr SS Williams - **Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (Jaffna), MPhil (Kel'ya) , MDPsych (C'bo), MRCPsych (UK)

Prof KALA Kuruppuarachchi - **Senior Professor & Chair**
MBBS (Perad'ya), MDPsych (C'bo), FRCPsych (UK), FSLCOP

Dr. A Hapangama - **Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (Kel'ya), MDPsych (C'bo)

Dr.CA Wijesinghe - **Lecturer**
MBBS (C'bo), MD (C'bo)Psych, MRCPsych(UK)

Dr. MDA Rodrigo - **Lecturer**
MBBS (C'bo), MD.Psych (C'bo) , MRC.Psych (UK), FRANZCP(Aus), Adv. Cert. Psychotherapies (Aus)

Dr WMML Chandradasa - **Lecturer (Probationary)**
MBBS (C'bo), MD Psych (C'bo)

The Department of Psychiatry conducts the teaching programme in mental illness and psychological aspects of medicine in the undergraduate medical curriculum. The department conducts its teaching from the first year in the behavioural sciences stream. The teaching of Psychiatry proper starts in the third year; with an 8 week full time appointment in the final year.

The department of Psychiatry is an established training centre for the Postgraduate degree in Psychiatry as well as for short courses in Psychiatry for Postgraduate degrees in general medicine and family medicine conducted by the Post Graduate institute of Medicine / University of Colombo.

The department of Psychiatry also conducts lectures for the students who are undergoing the degree programme in Speech and Hearing sciences.

Research conducted by the department includes those on mental disorders due to substances, childhood mental illness, deliberate self

harm and suicide, culture and mental illness and near death experiences.

The department also has a wide-ranging service component. The staff are honorary consultants for the North Colombo Teaching hospital. The Department conducts three outpatient clinics per week at the Colombo North Teaching Hospital and runs in-patient units at ward 28 and 29 of the same hospital. Specialised services are offered in child, liaison, old age, substance misuse and psychotherapy.

Department of Public Health

Academic Staff

Dr KTAA Kasturiratne - **Senior Lecturer II (Head)**
MBBS (Kel'ya), MSc (C'bo), MD (C'bo)

Prof AR Wickremasinghe - **Professor & Chair**
MBBS (C'bo), MPH (Tulane), PhD (Tulane), PhD (LSUMC)

Prof A Pathmeswaran - **Professor**
MBBS (C'bo), MSc (C'bo), MD (C'bo)

Prof PL Jayawardana - **Professor**
MBBS (Ceyl.), MSc (C'bo), MD (C'bo)

Prof HTCS Abeysena - **Professor**
MBBS (C'bo), MSc (C'bo), MD (C'bo), BA (Rome), MA (Kel'ya), MA (C'bo), PgDip.Stat(J'Pura)

Dr B Kumarendran - **Lecturer**
MBBS (Jaffna), MSc (C'bo), MD (C'bo)

Dr KMN Perera - **Lecturer (probationary)**
MBBS (Kel'ya), MSc (C'bo), MD (C'bo)

Dr LA Athauda - **Lecturer (probationary)**
MBBS (J'pura)

The Department is involved in teaching Public Health/Community Medicine to the medical undergraduates. The Subject is taught as a strand running over the first four years of the course. Unique features of the strand are inclusion of a student research project and community based learning where the students take a lead role in

promoting health and wellbeing of members in an assigned community, over a period of one year.

In addition, the Department also functions as training unit for the postgraduates enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Community Medicine training programme of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine. Staff members undertake supervision of postgraduate research in health and allied fields.

The first ever Master of Public Health (MPH) course in Sri Lanka is conducted by the Department. The staff members contribute to teaching in other degree programmes conducted by the faculty such as Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Speech and Hearing Sciences and Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy.

Research interests of the Department are diverse and include areas such as non-communicable diseases, reproductive health, occupational health, tropical diseases, health economics and health care qualify.

Department of Surgery

Academic Staff

Prof FR Fernando **- Professor & Chair (Head)**
MBBS (C'bo), MS (C'bo), FRCS (Ed), FRCS (Eng), FCRPS (Pakistan), FASI (India), PhD (C'bo)

Dr SK Kumarage **- Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (C'bo), MS (C'bo), FRCS (Ed)

Dr CHA Liyanage **- Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (C'bo), MPhil (ANU), MS(C'bo), MRCS (Eng)

Dr MB Gunetilleke **- Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (C'bo), MS (Anaes) (C'bo), FRCA (UK)

Dr R Siriwardana **- Senior Lecturer II**
MBBS (C'bo), MS(C'bo), MRCS(Eng)

Dr PC Chandrasinghe **- Lecturer (Probationary)**
MBBS (Kelaniya), MD (c'bo), MRCS (Eng)

In addition to training of undergraduate medical students, the Department of Surgery is also recognized as a training centre for PGIM trainees in Surgery. The Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Unit

functions jointly with the Department of Medicine and is one of the two units recognized for endoscopy training by the PGIM.

The Department of Surgery provides a clinical service to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital through Wards 19 and 20, and Outpatient Clinics are held four times a week. The technical expertise of the department includes laparoscopic surgery, diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy, repair of anorectal sphincter injuries, surgery for inflammatory bowel disease and colonic cancer, urology and endocrine surgery.

The Department has a special interest in surgery of thyroid and parathyroid gland, other endocrine organs, breast diseases, and a large workload is undertaken in these areas too. Major research interests of staff centre mainly on intestinal motility, anorectal manometry, constipation, colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, thyroid and parathyroid glands, breast disease and urology. The department has an excellent record of research publications, especially in the field of colorectal diseases and endocrine surgery.

Molecular Medicine Unit

Academic Staff

Prof AAPS Manamperi - **Professor (Head)**
BSc (Hons), MSc (C'bo), PhD (C'bo)

Dr GPGMD Hapugoda - **Senior Lecturer II**
BSc (Hons), PhD (Kelaniya)

Prof YINS Gunawardene - **Professor**
BSc (Hons), MSc (C'bo), PhD (Hong Kong)

The Molecular Medicine Unit (MMU) was established in March 2002 with the aim of providing consultancy services in Molecular Diagnosis, DNA typing and to promote research and training in Molecular Biology especially focusing on human diseases and vectors.

At present, the MMU is engaged in providing molecular diagnostic services for infectious diseases including Dengue, Chikungunya, Viral Hepatitis B, Viral Hepatitis C, Tuberculosis and Leishmaniasis. The MMU is also engaged in providing human DNA typing services for the judiciary to establish paternity in disputed paternity cases and to establish identity in forensic cases.

Since its inception, the MMU has been recognized as a training centre in providing specialized training in Molecular Biology for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. We routinely conduct national and international workshops and courses in Molecular Techniques aiming at diagnosis and prognosis of human diseases. Further, MMU currently offers several modules in Molecular Diagnosis, Laboratory Management and Molecular Therapeutics for undergraduate and postgraduate academic courses conducted by the University of Colombo, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, University of Kenaniya, University of Wayamba and the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine-University of Colombo. In addition, MMU has taken the leadership in establishing and developing technology, skills and human resources in the country by taking on capacity building and research grants in Molecular Biology and providing fellowships for students to embark on research degrees in Molecular Biology.

Department of Medical Education

Academic Staff

Dr MN Chandratilake - **Senior Lecturer II (Head)**
MBBS (C'bo), MMed (Dundee), PhD (Dundee)

Dr PKS Godamunne - **Senior Lecturer II**
BSc (Psychology) (East Lon), MA (Psychology) (Delhi), PhD (Kel'ya)

Dr WCD Karunaratna - **Lecturer (probationary)**
MBBS (C'bo), MSc Biomed Informat (C'bo)

The Department of Medical Education contributes to achieving the vision and mission of the Faculty in several ways:

- Training the academic staff on the trends and principles of Medical Education through regular seminars, workshops, etc.
The department runs short workshops on various important aspects of Medical Education, for academic staff in the Faculty as well as for the extended Faculty as part of staff development and continuing professional development activities.
- Providing continuing guidance to the Faculty regarding curriculum, teaching-learning methods, and evaluation.
The department conducts regular evaluation of modules, strands and the programmes as a whole to identify the areas for further improvement.

- Keeping study programmes up-to-date to meet changing needs

The department explores the current trends in medical education to keep the study programmes aligned with international standards.

- Teaching undergraduate students

The department coordinates the module on personal and professional development in Professional Development and Family Practice Strand. The module aims to improve attitudes and enhance professionalism among students. The department staff is involved in teaching in different strands of learning including Professional Development and Family Practice, and Community Health Strands.

- Developing multi-media teaching material

The department holds the primary responsibility of maintaining the virtual learning environment (VLE) of the faculty and it develops multi-media teaching material with the assistance of the academic staff to provide rich learning experience for medical students. The Audio-visual Unit, which plays a major role in this regard, comes under the purview of the Department.

- Enhancing patient safety and dignity through simulation-based training of clinical skills

The Clinical Skills Centre, which comes under the purview of the department, is utilized to educate and train medical students on clinical and practical skills in a simulated environment in order to safeguard patient safety and dignity.

- Developing language skills

The English Teaching Unit, which is coming under the purview of the department, assist the development of English language skills among students enrolled in study programmes.

- Conducting and promoting educational research activities

The department plays a pivotal role in generating and utilizing the evidence for best practices in medical education.

- Promoting, implementing and sustaining the quality assurance programmes

The department acts as a dedicated agency within the faculty to promote and implement quality assurance concepts and monitor the progress through key performance indicators to ensure the long-term sustainability of QA system.

- Assisting patient-care

The Psychologist in the department makes a valuable contribution to the multi-disciplinary clinic for children run by the faculty.

Centre for Tropical Medicine & International Health

The CTMIH was set up in early 1999 with the objective of developing the field of Tropical Medicine in Sri Lanka, by conducting teaching and training programmes for health personnel, and developing research in this field, in collaboration with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK. Its specific functions include the following:

- To design, develop and conduct training programmes related to tropical medicine.
- To produce training material for the above courses.
- To establish and maintain a Field Research Station for Tropical Medicine.
- To conduct and provide facilities for research in Tropical Medicine, and to make new knowledge available to policymakers.
- To co-ordinate with external agencies such as the British Council, the World Health Organisation and the LSTM in order to carry out the above.

The Centre is run by a Director (who is an academic staff member nominated by the Faculty Board), and a Board of Management which brings together staff from several Departments within the Faculty, as well as nominees from the Director-General of Health Services.

In collaboration with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, the Centre has developed a 3-month, fee-levying Certificate Course in Community Health (with a special emphasis on Tropical Medicine), and a 9-month part-time course leading to a Diploma in Community Health. Both courses are meant for primary health care workers in South Asian countries. Five C.Com.H. courses have been run to date with a total of over 100 about 70 participants. The first Dip.Com.H course commenced in November 2001.

Clinical Skills Laboratory

The clinical skills laboratory of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya was established in 2002. In this lab, there are human body-like simulators available in the areas of Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

These models are good reproductions in which the students can perform:

- Various examinations like prostate, pelvic and breast lump examinations.
- Practical sessions such as catheterization, suturing , intravenous injections, intubation of adults , neonates and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, Lumbar Puncture and child delivery.

Recently staff of skills lab have also constructed some models with locally available materials. All 3rd year medical students are given training on suturing, basic life support and other clinical skills before they start clinical appointments. All 4th year medical students are given training on suturing episiotomy, basic life support and neonatal resuscitation, Lumbar Puncture and child delivery.

Final Year students also visit the skills lab during their pediatric appointment. We are also planning to conduct a basic life support course in future.

The models in the skills lab are also used for the special training programs conducted by the consultant surgeons at the North Colombo Teaching Hospital and also for the special training programs conducted by the consultants surgeons at the North Colombo Teaching Hospital and also for the Objective Structured Clinical Examination sessions held by the various clinical departments.

The lab is opened on all weekdays between 8am and 4pm. Students can visit the lab during these hours and practice on models with a prior appointment.

The Medical Library

Mrs. CM Abeygunasekera **-Senior Assistant Librarian**
B.Sc. (Agric.) (Perad'ya), Dip Lib, MA (Lib & Inf. Std.) (Lond.), ASSLA.

Mrs. MPLR Marasinghe **- Assistant Librarian**
B.Sc. (Sp.) (Kel'iya), MLS(Col.)

The Medical Library of the University of Kelaniya was established in 1991, based on the foundation laid by the Library of the North Colombo Medical College. The Library's main objective is to fulfil the information needs of academic staff and students of the Faculty of Medicine by providing information resources required for the educational and research programmes of the Faculty. The total space of the second floor of the library building is allocated to Lending and Reference Collections, Main Reading Area, and the Periodicals collection. The Library is kept open on Mondays through Saturdays, except public holidays.

The monographs and textbooks collection on medical and related topics exceeds 16,500 volumes, which is accessible through the library OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). The current periodicals collection is mostly online which includes HINARI Database, EBSCOhost and online journals through the UGC Consortia. All online journals are accessible via the E-Journals page of the library.

In addition to the main collection, the following special collections are also available in the Library.

- **WHO Collection** – this mainly consists of monographs and technical reports published by the World Health Organisation.
- **Sri Lanka Collection** - this consists of books and reports on medical and health related topics published in Sri Lanka.
- **Medical Education Collection** – this is a collection of publications on medical education and related topics.
- **Theses Collection**- this collection includes postgraduate theses submitted to University of Kelaniya

Library Membership

Any internal student of this faculty is eligible to be a library member. They can obtain the membership on production of their University Identity Card or the Student Record Book. All member students are entitled to borrow three books.

Library Databases

All Library in-house databases were shifted to **Online Public Access Catalogue** (OPAC) and made available in a single platform except **MEDFAC (Publications of Faculty Academic Staff)** which is currently accessible via the **digital repository of University of Kelaniya**.

Apart from the traditional services available in the Library, the following special services are also provided to library users.

- **Reader Advisory Service** – the Library handles various user queries on information and provides proper guidance to users.
- **Inter Library Loans** – registered students and staff may use this service to obtain items that are not available in the library.
- **Photocopying** - this service is provided through a private vendor.

User Education Programmes

A basic level student orientation programme on information skills is provided for freshman students while senior students are provided more advanced, research oriented information searching skills programme.

Library User Guide

A detailed **User Guide** which covers all important information about the library is provided to new students at the Library Registration Desk.

The Medical Faculty Computer Centre

Prof. A. Pathmeswaran - **Professor (Head)**
MBBS (C'bo), MSc (C'bo), MD (C'bo)

Dr. EPDS Ediriweera - **Lecturer**
MBBS (Kel'ya), MSc Biostat (Perad'ya), MSc Biomed Informat (C'bo), Dip Computer System Designing (NIBM)

D.I.K.Solangaarachchi - **System Engineer**
BSc. (Special) (Kel'ya), MSc (Perad'ya)

H. Saman kumara - **Instructor in Computer Technology II**
BSc. (Kel'ya), MSc. (Norway) PG. Dip. IT (M'wa)

MS.WG Hettiarachchi - **System Analyst cum Computer Programmer**
BSc (Kel'ya), MSc IT (C'bo)

The computer Centre is actively involved in training students and both academic and non-academic staff in the use of computers. The Centre comprises two computer labs. The main computer lab was recently refurbished and it has newly purchased 40 Core i5 personal computers for teaching purposes. The other computer lab with 25 terminals dedicated for student activities. Computer Centre operates a Local Area Network to provide free unlimited WiFi internet service and email facility to all the students and staff. Short courses and workshops on Computer Literacy are run by the Centre, giving hands-on training to all participants. In addition, the Computer centre involves in software development and website development.

Eligibility to use the Computer Centre (CC)

1. All permanent academic staff and those on secondment to the faculty.
2. All registered students of the faculty.
3. All consultants of the North Colombo Teaching Hospital who are members of the extended faculty and General Practitioners who are assigned students for the GP attachments.
4. Postgraduate students and demonstrators of the faculty.

Services of the CC

1. Conducting lectures, practical, workshops and seminars for students of external and internal degree programs,

- postgraduate training programs, academic and non-academic staff of the Faculty and extended faculties.
2. Managing & maintaining Faculty fiber backbone
 3. Providing internet facilities including open Wi-Fi services to the Faculty premises
 4. Providing Kelani Mail email services for the staff and the students of the Faculty
 5. Maintaining Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) platform & Student NET to facilitate e-learning activities.
 6. Providing Information and Communications Technology laboratory facilities to the students and staff
 7. Providing virtual laboratory facilities for students
 8. Designing and developing computer and web-based systems for the Faculty
 9. Facilitating research activities by providing Information Technology services and designing databases.

Use of the CC

The CC should be used for academic activities.

The centre can only be used when a demonstrator, a technician or a lecturer attached to the CC is present. When a person enters the CC the logbook has to be signed with the time. When leaving the CC an entry has to be made with the time of leaving.

Working hours

The centre will be open from 8.30 am to 4.15 p.m. on all working days.

Use of the hard disk

Loading of any kind of personal programmes that are brought from outside is prohibited without prior approval from a demonstrator or technician. A person can have his or her research data on the hard disk, but the CC does not guarantee the protection of such data. At the end of every week (Friday afternoon) all personal data will be erased from the hard disk. Therefore keeping backup copies of your data is the user's responsibility.

E-Mail

Academics and students are entitled to use this facility with a local email account.

Student Welfare

Student Social Welfare & Admissions Committee

This committee consists of academic staff, student representatives from each batch, and the Senior Assistant Registrar of the medical faculty. In addition to academic staff members appointed to the Committee by the Faculty Board, all student counsellors, hostel wardens and sub-wardens, and the Sports Council Advisory Board members are also *ex officio* members.

The functions of the committee include the following

- Making recommendations to the Faculty Board regarding admissions and transfer of students between this medical faculty and other faculties.
- Making recommendations to the Faculty Board regarding approval of medical certificates submitted by students
- Organisation of any activities related to student welfare
- Dealing with complaints regarding hostels and canteens

Director, Student Affairs, University of Kelaniya

Dr C Abeysinghe, Dept of Economics

Senior Student Counsellor, Faculty of Medicine

Dr KADC Gunasekara, Dept of Biochemistry

Student Counsellors, Faculty of Medicine

Prof NK Gunawardane, Dept of Parasitology

Dr HDRC Siriwardane, Dept of Surgery

Dr WNS Perera, Dept of Forensic

Dr KMN Perera, Dept of Public Health

Dr AALK Athauda, Dept of Public Health

The duties of student counsellors are as follows:

- To enquire into complaints and queries of students and to advise them or direct them to the relevant persons
- To advise students regarding the organization and planning of trips
- To supervise the collection of monies from students within the faculty premises
- To facilitate the activities of student organisations, such as meetings with guest speakers, dramas, films, etc.
- To advise the Vice-Chancellor regarding student welfare activities

Student advisors

An academic staff member is appointed as a Student Advisor for every student in the Faculty of Medicine, to help students with any academic or personal problems they may face during their stay in the Faculty. Even in the absence of any problems, students are expected to meet their Advisors at least once in three months, and inform them of their progress in the faculty. If a student finds that his / her Advisor is on long leave, he should inform the Asst Registrar, so that another Advisor may be appointed.

Hostels

Boy's Hostels

Warden: Dr TS Palihawadana

Full time sub-warden: Mr RM Amarathunga

<i>Hostel</i>	<i>No. of places</i>
Block C7	100
Block C4	47
Block D6	18
Block D8	12
Block D12	100

Girl's Hostels

Warden: Dr PAS Edrisinghe

Full time subwarden: Ms M Nadeeka Dilrukshi Fernando

<i>Hostel</i>	<i>No. of places</i>
Block C1	24
Block D3	52
Block D5	52
Block B1	104
Block B3	100
Block B4	108
Block B5	104

Ketagewatta Rented Hostel – 54

Hostel fees

Admission fee to the hostels is Rs 100/=. In addition, a hall fee of Rs. 600.00 per academic year has to be paid at the beginning of each year. Except for medical reasons certified by the University Medical Officer, students are not allowed to deposit hostel fees at a reduced rate for any other reason. The hostel fees have to be paid in full from the date they have been informed of their selection for hostel accommodations. If hostel fees are not paid on the required date an additional 25% fee will be charged. Although selected for hostel accommodation students may not be taken in to the hostel until the fees are paid.

Students selected for hostel accommodation should occupy hostel rooms on the date they are informed to do so. A student who does not report to the hostel within 7 days, will be replaced by another student.

The full-time sub-warden's duties include maintaining inventories for each room, supervision of cleaning, co-ordinating maintenance of buildings, formation of hostel committees, maintenance and checking of student registers, checking on hostel security and unauthorized occupants, preventing and reporting on ragging in hostels.

Allocation of hostel places and rooms

At the beginning of each academic year, student hostel committees headed by the warden are appointed for each hostel. The objectives of the students committee are to report on matters pertaining to welfare of students. Hostel rooms are allocated by the warden / sub-warden.

General rules and regulations for hostellers

1. Students should not change their rooms without permission from the warden / sub-warden.
2. Hostellers should be in their rooms after 10.00 p.m. They also should respect the privacy of others.
3. No hosteller should behave in the room or outside in a manner that disturbs other students.
4. Accommodation should not be provided to any outsider without permission from the warden / sub-warden.
5. Items in one room should not be moved to another without permission from the warden / sub-warden.

6. Furniture should not be left out in the balcony or outside the room exposed to sun and / or rain.
7. When a room is occupied by more than one student, each of these students should be individually, and as a group, responsible for the protection of property in the room. Students will be charged for loss, damage, or destruction of property.
8. Students should not keep any items (such as knives, forks, spoons, furniture etc.,) in his room other than items given to him.
9. Keys and other items given to hostellers should be returned to the warden / sub-warden when they leave rooms for vacation or on completion of their stay in the hostel.
10. Supply of keys to replace lost keys and repair of broken keys are the responsibility of the hosteller.
11. Students are not allowed to enter hostels during vacation.
12. No money should be given to minor employees.

Electrical Appliances

1. Students are not allowed to keep kettles, electric cookers, irons, table lamps etc. without prior permission from the warden / sub-warden.
2. The warden / sub-warden should get such items inspected by a University Electrician before granting permission for their use.

Ragging

1. Ragging in any form is prohibited in hostels.
2. Collection of money from new entrants and participating or organizing any activity to harass the new entrants is not permitted.

Unions / Association

1. Students should not form any unions or associations in the hostels without permission from the warden or sub-wardens.
2. No speaker should be invited for lectures or meetings to the hostels without prior permission from the warden or sub-wardens.

Visitors

1. If required, a warden / sub-warden has the authority to order a visitor to leave the hostel at any time.
2. Female students should not allow any male visitors to enter their rooms without permission from the Warden/ sub-warden. Male students should not allow any female visitors to enter their rooms without permission from the warden/sub-warden.

Clothes & cleaning of clothes

1. Clothes should not be spread on windows, doors, balconies or on furniture for drying.
2. Clothes should not be left soaking in basins in bath-rooms.

Lights

1. Lights should be switched off when leaving rooms / bathrooms / toilets.
2. Lights in corridors, study rooms, common rooms should be switched off at 10.00 p.m.

Garbage

1. Garbage should not be disposed only in to bins provided, should not be left in corridors or thrown to the garden.
2. Students should keep their rooms clean. The waste swept from rooms should be kept outside the door for workers to collect, before 8.00 a.m. A broom will be provided for each room and the hostellers should clean their own rooms.

Silence

1. Silence should prevail in the hostels from 9.30 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
2. Use of the common TV & radio, and any musical instruments is not allowed from 9.30 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.

All students who accept hostel accommodation must follow the instructions given above. Wardens and sub-wardens have the authority to take disciplinary action against students who do not follow these rules and regulations.

Canteens & Common rooms

There are two **canteens** and a milk bar in the faculty premises. These are kept open throughout the year (including vacations) except during Sinhala and Tamil New Year, and the Christmas holidays. All three meals, soft drinks, and short-eats can be purchased from these canteens at a subsidized rate.

Common room

Facilities are available for students in the same area as the main canteen in the Faculty. Students may use this for resting or for engaging in indoor recreation activities during their free time.

Photocopying facilities for students are available in a stall next to the main canteen in the faculty.

Sports

Facilities for sports

The Faculty has a gymnasium in which facilities for indoor games such as Badminton, Table Tennis, Carom, Chess and Weight Lifting are available. This gymnasium is open for students' and staff use from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. on weekdays and 12.00 noon to 7.00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Two small playgrounds have been constructed in the faculty premises for softball cricket.

A court complex has been constructed with tennis, basketball, volleyball and netball courts in the boys' hostel compound. This complex is with lighting facilities.

Arrangements are made to provide transport for students participating in swimming practices at the Sugathadasa Swimming Pool in Colombo. Students are also encouraged to go to Kelaniya and get involved in sports activities at the main campus.

Organization of sports activities at the main Campus, Kelaniya is done by its Physical Education Unit. Sports conducted by the Physical Education Unit include Volleyball, Badminton, Rugby football, Basketball, Athletics, Netball, Hockey, Elu, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis, Cricket, Wrestling, Weight lifting, Football, Judo, Carrom, Chess and Taekwondo. Medical students also can participate in organized training programmes in these events. Every year a special programme is conducted to introduce sports activities to new entrants. All new entrants are requested to fill in New Entrant's Sports Information form and submit it to the Director, Physical Education Unit.

Sports Programmes organized by the Physical Education Unit, Dalugama, Kelaniya are as follows:

Stage 01 Programmes for New Entrants
Sports Orientation Programmes for Freshers
Freshers Meet
Inter-Faculty Competitions

Stage 02 Fresher's and open competitions
Establishment of coaching camps and implementation
of coaching camp programmes

Competitions between sports teams of other Universities and recognized Sports Club
Annual assessments and Colours Awards

Stage 03

In addition to above programmes, participation of University Teams for National Competitions conducted by National Sports Clubs, Inter-University and World University sports programme, and providing opportunities to represent Universities in National Coaching Camps are also arranged by Unit.

Information and instructions of sports programmes and trainings can be obtained from the Physical Education Unit in the students Centre Building. Facilities for sports in the main campus are being expanded and at present two playgrounds, a gymnasium, Fitness Investigation Unit and a complete Exercise Unit are being run under the supervision of the Physical Education Unit.

Sports Activities during Orientation Programme for new entrants

A session is held for the new entrants to introduce them the facilities for sports and sports activities in the faculty and at the main University premises at Kelaniya.

This is followed by an inter-group sports competition for Carrom, Badminton, Chess, Cricket and Table Tennis held in the Faculty during the orientation programme, with the assistance of the Physical Education Unit, University of Kelaniya.

Cultural Centre

The Cultural centre will be opened for the student activities from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The students may take part the following activities

1. Photography
2. Drama and
3. Music

Organization and all the activities relevant to the above programmes are done by the Lecturers of the Main Cultural Centre, University of Kelaniya.

Annual Events

An annual staff-student sports day is held at the faculty playgrounds. The games held during this day include Cricket and Netball matches between Staff and Students.

Students may take part in Inter-faculty and Inter-University Sports Competitions co-ordinated by the Physical Education Unit of the University of Kelaniya.

Sports Council Advisory Board members

Dr Anuradhini Kasthuriratne Dept of Public Health

Dr A L Karunanayake Dept of Anatomy

Dr.EDPS.Fernando Dept of Anatomy

Health care and Medical Certificates

Physical illness

Students can obtain treatment for minor ailments from the University Medical Officer who is stationed at the University of Kelaniya. In event of an emergency they could contact any Consultant who works at the Colombo North Teaching Hospital.

Psychiatric illness

Students could meet a medical officer working in Ward 28 and get a referral to the out patient clinic of Prof. K.A.L.A. Kuruppuarachchi (clinic day Saturday 8.00 a.m.) or Dr. M.U.P.K. Peiris (clinic day every Tuesday at 2.00 p.m. except 3rd Friday of the month) or Dr.Lalin Fernando (clinic days Monday 2.00 p.m. and Thursday 2.00 p.m.). Once a referral has been given they should visit the clinic on the date specified and meet the relevant consultant. The students who visit the clinic for the first time should bring a cardboard file. The students are also free to visit the psychiatry ward and talk to any doctor working there in the event of an emergency.

The Faculty's academic staff too could be seen at the Psychiatry Department by prior appointment. (Appointments to meet them could be made by meeting the relevant doctors concerned or by contacting the receptionist who works at the Family Health Clinic.) All students who need medication will be requested to register at the out patient psychiatry clinic of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital.

Medical certificates

Only medical certificates issued by consultants will be accepted for official purposes. All such medical certificates will have to be channelled through the University Medical Officer to the relevant Head of Department. Medical certificates will have to be forwarded within two months of the said period of illness. No medical certificates will be issued to cover periods of illness prior to the initial consultation. (Further details are available in the section on examination regulations)

Financial assistance

1. **Mahapola scholarships.** This scheme was started by the Ministry of Trade and Commerce. Scholarships are awarded by the said Ministry on the basis of A'level marks, the students district of admission, and family income. Medical students are given a monthly minimum of **Rs 2500.00** for a period of five years. Payments are made through the Peoples Bank, Ragama.
2. **Bursaries** maximum of **Rs 2000.00** per month are awarded to students in need of financial assistance, but are not in receipt of Mahapola scholarships.
3. **Kelaniya Medical Students Benefit Fund:** The objective of this fund is to provide repayable loans for a maximum of 60 monthly instalments until completion of the final MBBS examination, to medical students who need financial assistance. The Fund Committee advertises for applications each year. All MBBS students registered in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya are entitled to apply.
4. For students who have won **Year 5 and Year 8 scholarships** in school, but are not in receipt of any other financial assistance, these scholarships can be extended to cover the undergraduate period as well. Students who wish to make use of this scheme should inform the AR in writing.
5. **The Major Prasanna Ramanayake Memorial Scholarships:** These are awarded once in five years to two first year students in memory of Major Ramanayake who died in action in Jaffna in 1998. The first recipients were selected in 1999.
6. **The Sri Lankan Doctor's Association in the UK scholarships:** 2 scholarships are awarded each year
7. **The DJ Wijeratne Foundation Scholarship:** This is awarded to a student from the Galle District, with the highest A'level aggregate mark, and entering any Faculty of the University of Kelaniya.
8. **The Vice-Chancellor's Fund:** This was set up with the intention of giving students assistance in the event of sudden financial

distress. A student is entitled to this form of assistance only once during his / her undergraduate period. Assistance is given in the form of a loan, on the recommendation of the Senior Student Counsellor, and the Committee of Deans. The relevant application forms can be obtained from the Student Welfare Branch of the University.

Note: The Vice-Chancellor of the University can suspend a scholarship or award temporarily or permanently in the following instances:

- Inadequate attendance at tutorials, practicals or clinicals.
- Disorderly behaviour inside or outside the university premises
- Award of another scholarship
- Non-registration for the academic year
- Obtaining employment.

Presentation of a valid University identity card is essential in claiming payments made under any form of financial assistance. The SAR's office should be notified immediately if a student ID is lost.

Student societies and associations

Student Council

Activities include

- Ensuring the student's rights are protected.
- Hostel facilities, maintenance, cleanliness are supervised.
- Sports and recreation facilities both in the faculty and hostels are maintained and improved.
- Canteen facilities improved, maintained and cleanliness and standards supervised.
- Establishing telephone booths and communication facilities for students.

The Student's Council works closely with the Student Social Welfare Committee and the Dean in order to carry out the above activities.

The Students Council also carries out the following:

- Organization of health promotion exhibitions
- Health camps organized in the border villages and remote areas
- Building of an outdoor theatre

Arts Society

Activities include

- Organising an annual Arts festival "*Nim Thera*".
- Popular films screened in the Faculty auditorium

- Popular stage plays are presented at the Faculty.
- Publication of "Prabathaya" - a biannual newsletter
- Presenting various creations at Arts festivals held in other Universities

The Buddhist Students Society, the Catholic Students Society & the Muslim Students Society

These organize various forms of religious activities.

Kelaniya Medical Faculty Photography Society (KMFPS)

The KMFPS was established in 2015 with the primary objective of discovering and developing the creative ability of students, non-academics, academics and alumni of the Faculty of Medicine, through photography. It provides a common platform to improve the artistic and scientific photography skills, while encouraging and fostering cultural and social harmony through working together. The membership consists of two categories: members and associate members. Membership is open to any student registered for a course conducted at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya and further details can be obtained from the Cultural Center of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya.

The society plans to hold an annual photographic exhibition and currently the 'best photograph of the week' is displayed on the faculty electronic notice board.

Green Society

The Green Society, which was established in 2015, brings together students, staff and faculty members who are interested in various green activities. Its objectives are:

- To promote and enhance the knowledge, attitudes and skills required to adopt green concept and environment friendly lifestyle.
- To identify/develop/adopt new mechanisms to sustain current green practices in the faculty of medicine.
- To encourage and foster cultural and social harmony through green concept.

As an integral aspect of the University's vision of becoming a center of excellence in creating and distributing knowledge for sustainable development, the University of Kelaniya was declared **the first national green university in Sri Lanka in December, 2014**. The main objective of this initiative is to adopt green practices in all aspects of universities activities and to promote and popularize

environmental conservation and sustainable development among university community.

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya at Ragama premises has been pro-active in adopting green practices in to various aspects of its routine operations.

Registration of new societies

1. Students who wish to form a new society or association should first seek advice from the Senior Assistant Registrar or a Student Counsellor.
2. After publicizing their intention of forming a new society in the Faculty, the students concerned should then hold a public meeting and adopt a constitution for the society. A copy of a model constitution may be obtained from the Student Welfare Branch of the University.
3. All such duly constituted societies must be registered with the SAR's office.
4. Only registered students of the University of Kelaniya are entitled to be members of such societies.
5. Student societies cannot be affiliated in any way to any society outside the University.
6. Societies that have not been registered with the SAR's office have no right to carry out any activities within the university premises.

Organisation of meetings, festivals, film shows, etc

Student societies that wish to hold any of the above activities should first obtain an application form from the SAR's office. Written permission to hold such activities will be granted after obtaining the permission of the Dean and Student Counsellors of the Faculty.

Displaying notices

The following rules must be observed in displaying notices and posters.

1. All notices and posters must be approved and signed by a Student Counsellor, and displayed only in areas designated for the purpose.
2. A notice should not be displayed for more than 10 days.

Collecting funds

1. Every student society must have a Senior Treasurer from among the academic staff and a Junior Treasurer from among the student body.

2. Funds for a society may be collected through membership fees and other fund-raising activities.
3. Every society must have a bank account in its own name. All payments must be made by voucher, after approval of the Snr Treasurer.
4. A statement of income and expenditure must be presented to the Dean's Office by the Senior Treasurer within one week of the end of each academic year.

Career Guidance / Internship placements

The Kelaniya Medical Faculty conducts a Career guidance program annually for those who have just pass their final MBBS examination in August this year. The programme includes a brief introduction to the different specialities in medicine given by senior medical personnel in each of these fields followed by discussions and questions by the students.

All graduates who successfully complete their final MBBS examination obtain internship placements according to a merit list compiled by the University Grants Commission.

The Kelaniya Medical School Alumni Association

The Kelaniya Medical School Alumni Association (KEMSAA), which was formed in 1999, has in its membership, graduates and academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya.

The objectives of KEMSAA are as follows:

1. To encourage, foster and promote close relations between the Faculty and its alumni and among the alumni themselves.
2. To promote in the alumni body, an interest in the affairs and well-being of the Faculty.
3. To serve as the medium through which alumni may support and advance the pursuit of academic excellence at the Faculty.
4. To guide and assist alumni who have recently completed their course of study in the Faculty, in obtaining employment and in engaging in productive pursuits useful to the society.

All medical graduates of the University of Kelaniya are welcome to join KEMSAA.

Correspondence should be directed to
General Secretary – KEMSAA
C/o Faculty of Medicine
Talagolla Road
Ragama - Sri Lanka

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