



IAP Fellowship in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics



Under the Aegis of Indian Academy of Pediatrics

Eligibility Criteria for IAP Fellowship Program for Accreditation of the Institute / Child Development Centers 2018

The IAP Chapter of Neuro Developmental Pediatrics is happy to announce that the Fellowship Program in “Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics” designed under the aegis of Indian Academy of Pediatrics and launched in 2015 is running successfully at 9 centre’s across the country.

The Child Development Centers / Institutions that wish to take up the one year Fellowship Program should be able to fulfill the following criteria in all these essential areas

- (i) Availability of qualified Faculty (as mentioned below).
- (ii) Availability of a Multi disciplinary Team of Professionals working with children with developmental disorders and disabilities as regular staff (as mentioned below).
- (iii) Infrastructure with space and equipments required for various rehabilitative and therapeutic interventions for children with disabilities
- (iv) The centre should be attached to a special school / school with resource centre
- (v) Patient care facilities at the centre / institute should be available.
- (vi) The Institute should be registered society under the Society Registration Act and Public Trust Registration Act of the Govt. of India and / or the State Govt.

a) Faculty

1) The **Course Coordinator** of the Centre Applying should fulfil following all criteria:

- a) MD Pediatrics / DCH
- b) Central IAP Ordinary / Life Member (or Associate Member at least) (Should furnish life membership number of Central IAP) The membership form for membership of Central IAP along with the subscription fee is to be posted to the Central IAP office, Mumbai at the earliest if not a member already.
- c) Experience of at least ten years or more of effectively running a child development centre, with a multi disciplinary team consisting of clinical psychologist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, (and or physiotherapist) who offer their services on a regular basis under one roof at the center and a special educator who can be regular or visiting.

- d) Life membership number of the IAP Childhood Disability Group / IAP Chapter of Neuro Developmental Pediatrics to be furnished. The membership form for Chapter of Neuro Developmental Pediatrics along with subscription fees to be posted to the Hon' Secretary at the earliest if not already a member. (Form available online www.iapndp.org)
- 2) Supervision and teaching of fellows must be provided by members of the teaching staff who are skilled in developmental assessment procedures, planning and implementation for early intervention for infants and children with developmental delays, neuro-behavioral disorders, neuro- motor impairments, and other childhood neuro developmental disabilities. Also the teaching staff should be skilled in providing their expertise in subjects such as early childhood special education, audiology and speech and language pathology, communication disorders, learning disabilities, prosthetics and orthotics, community based rehabilitation, vocational instructions, rehabilitation etc.
- 3) The faculty should consist of one full time, experienced Clinical Psychologist and one full time experienced speech audiologist and a full time experienced occupational therapist. Physiotherapists can also be included as faculty, if available. Special Educator to be included as teaching staff (can be visiting or full time). All therapists should have at least 5 years experience of working in a child development center before enrolling as faculty.
- 4) A ratio of one qualified (as above) teacher to one fellowship candidate is necessary.
- 5) All Faculties at the Centre / Institute should be members of the IAP Chapter of Neuro Developmental Pediatrics essentially.
- 6) Availability of library/e-library
- 7) The centre should have enough volume of patients / children with special needs. The centre should have enough space to provide therapies to these children with more stress on one to one sessions by individual therapists. (as mentioned below)
- 8) In addition, availability of consultant faculty in related disciplines will be welcomed. These related disciplines include but are not restricted to:
 - a. Pediatric Orthopedician
 - b. Otolaryngologists / ENT Specialists
 - c. Child Psychiatrists / Psychiatrists
 - c. Ophthalmologists and / or Optometrist
 - d. Pediatric Neurologist

- 9) Infrastructure should have following requisites
- a. Room for clinical assessments and anthropometric measurements
 - b. Space and Equipment for Physiotherapy / Occupational Therapy
 - c. Space and Equipments for Speech and Language Assessment and Therapies
 - d. Space and Equipment for Clinical Psychology Assessments and Interventions
 - e. Space and Equipments for Special Educational Interventional Program
 - f. Play Area
 - g. Building should disabled friendly (Ramps / Toilets etc)
 - h. Space for waiting area and reception area.

10) Recognition, selection and allotment of seats will be based on inspection of the centers / institutes by the inspection team. The cost of travel and lodging of the inspectors will be the responsibility of the applying centers / institute. The Governing Council of the IAP Chapter of Neuro Developmental Pediatrics Fellowship Program reserves all the rights to decide the allotment of fellowship seat and their decision will be final.

Please fill the Application form after carefully reading all eligibility criteria.

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