



## **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 2024**

The IAP Chapter of Neuro Developmental Pediatrics is happy to announce that the IAP Fellowship Academic Program in “Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics” designed under the aegis of Indian Academy of Pediatrics is a Flagship Program of the Chapter launched in 2015 and is running successfully at various eminent Child Development Centre’s / Medical Institutes across the country.

The Child Development Centers / Medical Institutions that wish to run the one year IAP Fellowship Academic Training Program should be able to fulfill the following criteria in all the below mentioned essential areas:

- (i) A Child Development Center / Medical Institute that has been functioning successfully for a regular period of 5 years by a Multi-Disciplinary Team headed by a Developmental Pediatrician who has an experience of leading a multi-disciplinary team for at least 10 years. The Child Development Center / Medical Institute should be run by a Medical Professional registered with the Medical Council of India / State Medical Council.
  - (ii) Eligibility criteria of the Course Coordinator as mentioned below.  
(Developmental Pediatrician heading the Multi-Disciplinary Team)
  - (iii) Availability of qualified Faculty under each specialty sector for running the Academic Program (as mentioned below)
  - (iv) Availability of a Multi-disciplinary Team of Professionals working with children with developmental disorders and disabilities as regular staff (as mentioned below).
  - (v) Infrastructure with space and equipments required for various rehabilitative and therapeutic interventions for children with disabilities
  - (vi) The centre should be attached to a special school / school with resource centre
  - (vii) Patient care facilities at the centre / medical institute should be available.
  - (viii) The Year of establishment of the Child Development Center / Medical Institute / Hospital is required.
  - (ix) Reaccreditation process for institute to be followed every 3 years.
- FACULTY:**



1) The Course Coordinator who is a Developmental Pediatrician at the Applying Institute should fulfill following all criteria:

- a) MD Pediatrics / DCH
- b) Practice in the subject of Developmental Pediatrics should be 10 years or more. A valid proof should be attached which can be a letter of experience from the HOD Dept. of Pediatrics from the Medical College in the vicinity, Director of the Medical Institute
- 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) Central IAP Ordinary / Life Member. He / she applying should furnish lifemembership number of Central IAP.

The membership form along with the subscription fee to be posted to the Central IAP office, Mumbai at the earliest if not a member already. The details are available online at the website of Indian Academy of Pediatrics. CV should be attached.

- e) 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](http://www.iapndp.org))

2) Supervision and teaching of fellow students undergoing the training must be provided by members of the Multi-Disciplinary team who will be included as teaching staff and 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 teaching staff will be included as Faculty for the IAP Fellowship Academic Program if they fulfill the following criteria –

One full time, experienced Clinical Psychologist



One full time experienced speech and language audiologist

One full time experienced occupational therapist. (Physiotherapists can also be included as faculty, if available)

One Full time Special Educator

All therapists / educator / psychologist to be included as Teaching Faculty should have at least 5 years experience of working in a child development center before enrolling as teaching faculty.

A valid proof should be attached while applying.

All therapists / educators / psychologist to submit the Registration number of the respective councils – for e.g Rehabilitation Council of India, Association of Occupational Therapy Council etc.

4) A ratio of one qualified (as above) teacher to one fellowship candidate is necessary.

5) All Faculty 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. This visiting faculty can be enrolled as Honorary Faculty available to teach various theory topics in the respective subjects. These related disciplines include but are not restricted to: a) Pediatric Neurologist b) Pediatric Orthopedician c) Pediatric Ophthalmologist / and or Optometrist if available d) Otolaryngologists / ENT Specialists e) Child Psychiatrist f) Pediatric Nutritionist g) Geneticist

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 Equipment for Speech and Language Assessment and Therapies d.

Space and Equipment for Clinical Psychology Assessments and Interventions

e. Space and Equipment for Special Educational Interventional Program

f. Play Area



g. Building should be 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, number of years of running of the center.

The cost of travel and lodging of the inspectors will be the borne by 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 IAP Accreditation and allotment of fellowship seat and their decision will be final and binding on all.*

***Please fill the Application form after carefully reading all eligibility criteria and submit the details on:***

***[cdgiap@gmail.com](mailto:cdgiap@gmail.com)*** or Courier to address shared in application form

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