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SLOW AND ADVANCED LEARNERS POLICY

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POLICY

Madha Dental College and Hospital provides quality education thorough proactive teaching, learning and research activities and progressive student evaluation and assessment of the activities to empower individual students to outperform in their theoretical and clinical skills to evolve as responsible and knowledgeable citizens to cater for human welfare, health and wellness.

OBJECTIVES

The policy aims to emphasize the teaching departments to identify and develop significant teaching learning strategies and implementations that may benefit both the advanced learners and slow learners, also taking into account the average learners.

ROLES AND RESPONISBILITIES

PRINCIPLES	The institution is mindful that the students come from
	varied backgrounds and with diverse capabilities and have
	to cope with the rigorous programme which involve both
	theoretical and practical concepts.
	As with every academic programme, some students will
	have better comprehension, retention and hardworking
	habits, while, some students may have inherent
	disadvantages in their learning process due to personal or
	systemic reasons. Special attention needs to be given to
	either of the students to make the learning process enriching
	and effective.
Advanced Learners	The term 'advanced' learner in this policy refers to the
	students
	1) Who can engage in learning activities faster than the



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	other students in the class.	
	2) Score more than 60% in tests and university exams.	
	3) demonstrate more potential in their comprehension,	
	retention, memory, critical thinking and creativity	
	4) Demonstrate their hardworking practices and thus are	
	able to stand out compared to their classmates.	
	5) Exhibit faster clinical understanding and execution of	
	cases compared to their peer group.	
	The term 'slow' learner in this policy refers to the	
	students	
	1) Who have poor achievements in their exams which	
	includes poor grades or low marks (< 50%).	
	2) Whose assignments, practical work is not completed in	
	the set timeline.	
	3) Who demonstrate difficulty in comprehension,	
	retention, memory, critical thinking, creativity and / or	
	interest	
Slow Learners	Reasons for their difficulty include	
Siow Halling	 Personal/ psychological barriers/health issues and 	
	other limiting factors.	
	 Limiting factors may include the students' difficulty 	
	in comprehension, retention, reproduction,	
	integration with practical concepts, articulation and	
	motivation including language barriers.	
	 Poor financial health of the family or emotional 	
	issues can contribute to these factors.	
	• The lack of talent or capacity may also be due to	
	inappropriate or unscientific teaching methods.	



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METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION 1. FIRST ASSESSMENT:	 The students can be assessed to identify their theoretical learning levels by assessing their performance of the first internal assessment which is conducted after 3 months of joining. Students who score below 50% are identified as slow learners. Students who score above 60% are identified as advanced learners, The students can be assessed to identify their practical learning levels at the end of 3 months or at the end of first clinical posting based on the work quota completion which is specified. Students who have not completed the expected work are identified as slow learners Students who are able to complete the work well ahead of the expected deadline is identified as advanced learners. 	
2. SECOND ASSESSMENT:	 Slow learners who score more than 50% in second internal exam are no longer considered as slow learners. After second internal exam (conducted two months after the first internal), based on the scores the students can be re- identified as Students who score above 60% are considered advanced learners and Students who score below 50% are considered as slow learners. Students are reassessed for practical work completion 	



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	after 5 months of course starting or after 2nd clinical
	posting based on the assigned work quota for the batch.
	6. Students who have not completed the expected work
	are identified as slow learners
	7. Students who are able to complete the work well ahead
	of the expected deadline is identified as advanced
	learners.
	1. Advanced learners can be appreciated and
	encouraged but they should not be labelled and
	given preferential treatment and should be treated as
	any other student in the class.
	2. Advanced learners are motivated and given
	additional inputs for better career planning and
	growth through offering special coaching for higher
	level competitive examinations
	3. Students can be asked to prepare MCQs for specific
Special programs for Advanced	topics which will aid better understanding of topics
	and nurture learning for competitive exam-based
learners.	learning.
	4. They can be involved in research projects to
	inculcate research orientation and higher studies
	aspirations
	5. They can be given opportunities in group
	discussions, technical quizzes to develop analytical
	and problem solving abilities to improve their
	presentation skills.
	6. Encouraging them to participate in various programs
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	 Encouraging them to publish their research work and thus contribute to the academic world. They are given special prizes and be recommended for scholarship. The mentors can motivate them and also help in their personality development and stress management trainings. They are made the supporters to the average and the
	slow learners
Remedial measures for Slow learners.	Slow performers can be given following remedial activities to enhance their learning abilities 1. Conduct extra classes for the students based on the class test results. 2. Written Assignments can be given for every chapter completed 3. Exam oriented questions can be discussed 4. Viva can be conducted. 5. Group learning activities such as presentation of seminars in very small topics amongst themselves. 6. Text book reading can be encouraged. 7. Tests can be conducted for very simple, easy to complete portions. 8. Special care, counselling can be provided with emphasis on training communication skills, personality development, time management and motivational sessions by tutor, mentor and the counselling cell. 9. Students facing language problems can be taught with



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	hours for better understanding.
	10. They can be provided with simple, easy to understand
	lecture notes/course materials.
	11.Peer education strategies can be effectively used by
	the following methods
•	a) Advanced learners can be assigned to the slow learners
	for informal help in the learning process.
	b) Encouraging the slow learners.
	12 a) Students lacking in practical can be asked to work
	during free hours to make up for the missed classes.
	12 b) Students lacking in clinical work can be given more
	training in preclinical exercises.
	13. Clinical case discussions can be conducted

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