

**Admission to
Part-time M. Sc. (Advanced)
Clinical Epidemiology Course
2026**

**School of Public Health
Kerala University of Health Sciences
Government Medical College Campus
Thiruvananthapuram**



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This Prospectus is published for Admission to Part-time M. Sc. (Advanced) Clinical Epidemiology Course – 2026 at School of Public Health, Kerala University of Health Sciences, Medical college campus, Thiruvananthapuram and contains general information and rules relating to the admission for the year 2026. Candidates are required to go through the Prospectus carefully and acquaint themselves with all the relevant information. Candidates are also requested to visit the official website of the **KUHS (www.kuhs.ac.in)** regularly for further notifications and announcements.

1. **Centre:**

School of Public Health, Kerala University of Health Sciences, Medical college campus, Thiruvananthapuram shall be the designated centre for conducting the course.

***Note:** KUHS reserves the right to change the centre if it is so desired.*

2. **Description of the course:**

The M.Sc. (Advanced) Course in Clinical Epidemiology is a Part-time course in research methodology, identical to other super-specialty degrees, for those who have successfully completed Post Graduate education. The goal of the course is to transform the clinician-community to researchers and rational practitioners through evidence based medicine practice, adherence to high standards of professionalism and clinical governance. After Successful completion of the course, students are expected to be high quality researchers in their respective clinical fields, equipped to play key roles in advocacy for public health and good quality research including clinical trials and other clinical knowledge translation applications.

The objectives of the course

1. To equip clinical faculty with methods in health science research with emphasis on Epidemiology, Bio Statistics, Health Social Sciences and Health Economics.
2. To popularize the concept of quality in health science research among clinical faculty and to see that reflected in meaningful for publications and other research communications.
3. To generate a team of Professionals capable of providing consultancy in Clinical research methodology.

The beneficiaries of the course are

- Medical Teachers, Clinicians & faculty in allied disciplines, who have aptitude & commitment to medical research.
- Faculty members who wish to become investigators of research projects
- Faculty members who want to become investigators of clinical trials
- Clinicians who want to become health care managers & researchers.
- Those faculties who wish to be members of Institutional Research committee, Institutional ethics committee and similar research guidance forums.

3. Duration of the Course:

3.1 This is a part-time course designed on distance education platform along with contact classes.

3.2 Duration of the course shall be two academic years as detailed below:

- a. Part time contact and e-learning with a total of 1600 learning hours, 175 hours for theory including skill development and protocol development during first year and 175 hours during second year.
- b. 7 hours per day (from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.), excluding a one-hour lunch break, for 25 days per year. This may be made flexible, and the teaching hours can be adjusted accordingly without exceeding the required academic standards.
- c. 42 hrs. of contact class during the one-week mop-up at the end of the course, totalling to 392 hrs.
- d. Remaining 408 hours will be supervised distance learning based on e-learning/modules.
- e. There will be 800 hours of thesis work at the parent institution or in the community during the total course period.

3.3 The maximum duration permitted for the completion of the course is 4 years (double the duration).

4. Eligibility for admission:

- a. Candidates with **Post Graduate Degree** in Faculty of Medicine, Dental sciences, Nursing, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Allied Health Sciences from Kerala University of Health Sciences or equivalent there to as approved by the Kerala University of Health Sciences and currently working in health care institutions, and permitted to spend specified time as a part time student, are eligible to apply for the course.
- b. No age limit is applicable.

5. **Mode of selection:**

The selection is based on the Entrance examination conducted by the KUHS.

Only eligible candidates (please refer 4 above) will be permitted to appear for the entrance examination.

The examination shall be of 150 marks with 3 hours' duration; 150 objective type questions with one mark for each question. The questions will be on the basics of Clinical Research Methodology, Biostatistics, and Bioethics. Distribution of question for the entrance examination from these 3 subjects will be approximately 60:25:15 percentages each respectively.

The date for entrance examinations will be notified in due course.

Results of the entrance test will be published in the University website.

The rank list shall be valid up to the date of admission and may be extended, if required, for a maximum period of one month.

6. **Number of seats:**

The no. of seats for the course is Sixteen. (16)

7. **Reservation of seats:**

40% of the total seat is reserved for Faculties of affiliated Colleges of KUHS, registered in the Faculty Enrolment Program of KUHS. 10% is reserved for SC/ST/SEBC and 50% is Open merit.

If the required number of seats are not filled under reservation quota, the seats will be filled based on the merit as per the rank list

Note:

The candidates shall satisfy the eligibility criteria fixed as per clause 1.1 of approved Regulations of M. Sc. (advanced) Clinical Epidemiology (Part time) Course.

8. Application fee & Entrance Examination fee:

The application fee for the Course is Rs.1,500/- (One Thousand and Five Hundred Rupees) only.

Entrance Examination Registration Fee of Rs.2,730/- (Rupees Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Only) only.

9. Course Fee:

The course fee is Rs. 30,000/- (Thirty Thousand Rupees) per candidate per academic year.

The course fee shall be remitted as lump sum per year.

In addition, the selected students shall remit Rs. 3,680/- (Rupees Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty only) towards the admission fee (including Student Registration fee, Certificate Verification fee, Identity Card fee, University Union fee, and Sports fee), which shall be applicable only for the first year of the course and payable at the time of admission.

Further, an amount of Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) shall be remitted towards the Caution Deposit, which is refundable as per University rules.

Fees shall be applicable in the event of discontinuation of the course.

10. Submission of applications:

The applications shall be submitted to The Professor, School of Public Health, Thiruvananthapuram, Govt. Medical college Campus, Medical College P.O, Thiruvananthapuram- 695011

Last date for receipt of application shall be 30.04.2026.

11. Provision for Liquidated Damages:

A bond in the prescribed format (appended) for an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) shall be executed by the student at the time of registration to the course

towards liquidated damages. Liquidated damages shall be applicable, as per existing University norms, in the event of discontinuation from the course resulting in the seat being left vacant.

In case a student leaves the course after getting admission and the university is able to fill up the vacancy with another eligible student from the rank list, the remaining of the Course fee after deducting 10% as processing charges along with Caution deposit will be refunded.

12. **The medium of instruction:**

The medium of instruction and examination will be English.

13. **Attendance:**

13.1 Minimum 80% attendance is required for appearing in the final exam.

13.2 Not less than 50% marks is required in the internal assessment for each paper separately is required to attend the First and Second Year University examinations.

14. **Assessment:**

Formative evaluations (Internal assessment): This is by periodic objective tests, periodic tests through web platforms, reports by the Thesis guide and mentor, assessment of extra interest taken by a candidate in matters of research or health policy and final opinion by the whole faculty on overall academic performance of the candidate.

Summative evaluations (Final Examinations): Final summative examination will be conducted at the end of each Academic Year (First and Second semester at end of first year and third and fourth semester at the end of second year) by the University as per the approved schedule. The final summative examination including practical and thesis will be after submission of the thesis. The examination registration fee structure shall be subject to revision from time to time, as fixed by the University.

Project (Thesis) work: The planning of this will be started from the first year after the contact classes. The candidate will identify a suitable mentor from the parent department of the institution where he/she is working who will guide in the subject along with the methodology guide either in the school or the nearest institutions.

14.1 Separate exam will be conducted at the end of each semester as internal examination at the School. Year-end examination will be conducted by the university.

14.2 The formative internal assessment examination of each paper will be of 20 marks and average of the best two (2) marks will be taken as the final internal assessment mark for each paper.

14.3 The thesis should be submitted one month before the date of commencement of the final examination.
