

Christian Medical College Vellore



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You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Isaiah 26:3

The 22nd Dr. A.S. Fenn Surgical CME Programme (2024)



Organised by the Department of General Surgery at Christian Medical College Vellore, this year's Annual General Surgery CME was conducted between October 17 to 19, 2024. Named in honour of Dr. A.S. Fenn, a pioneering surgeon and former Head of the Surgery Department at CMC Vellore, this annual event aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of postgraduate students in General Surgery.

Over 150 postgraduate students from medical colleges across India participated in this conference. The programme featured clinical case discussions, panel discussions, and symposiums by esteemed faculty from reputed institutes, addressing a variety of surgical issues across multiple disciplines. Keynote lectures were delivered by senior surgeons, including Dr. Santhosh John Abraham, former President of the Association of Surgeons of India, and Dr. Vikram Kate, Dean of Research at JIPMER, Puducherry, focusing on surgical education and research. Additionally, the Dr. John S. Carman Oration was delivered by Dr. Ramesh Ardhanari, Senior Surgical Gastroenterologist and former President of the Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology.

This programme provided a valuable platform for all the attendees to exchange knowledge and expertise in the field of surgery. The programme received positive feedback from all the delegates and the visiting faculty.

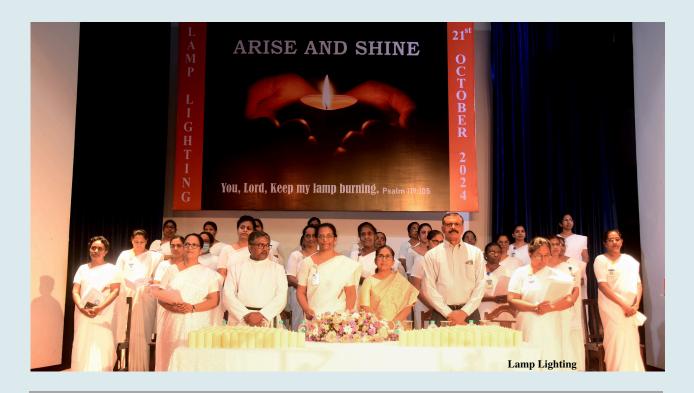


Lamp Lighting 2024: College of Nursing

The Lamp Lighting Ceremony for the Batch of 2024 at the College of Nursing was held on 21st October 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Scudder Auditorium, marking a significant milestone for 200 First Year Nursing Students as they dedicated themselves to the noble profession of nursing. The ceremony was a solemn and inspiring occasion that highlighted the core values and calling of the nursing profession. Chief Guest Mrs. Mercy John, former Principal of the College of Nursing, Christian College, Bissamcuttack, Odisha, delivered a powerful address emphasising the essential values of compassion, integrity, and humility, which she described as the hallmark qualities of a professional nurse. Drawing an analogy of Jesus Christ as the first nurse, Mrs. John urged the students to follow His example by being sensitive and providing holistic care to those in need.



Dr. Vinitha Ravindran, Dean of the College of Nursing, gave the charge to the students, explaining the significance of the Florence Nightingale Lamp and the Lamp Lighting Ceremony. She inspired the students to pursue their nursing careers with single-minded devotion, viewing themselves as instruments of God in the healing ministry. The event was further graced by Dr. Antony Devasia, Senior Consultant in Urology at CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus, who offered felicitations and ceremoniously lighted the Florence Nightingale Lamp, a gift from the College's Founder, Dr. Ida S. Scudder. Afterwards, the faculty members lit the College lamps, symbolising their role in guiding and supporting the new batch. The students were then presented with their lighted lamps by Dr. Vinitha Ravindran and Mrs. Alice Sony, Nursing Superintendent at CMC. The students took a solemn pledge to dedicate themselves to the healing ministry, committing to uphold the values of nursing. The ceremony concluded with a prayer and benediction by Rev. Joseph Devaraj, Chaplain of CMC Vellore, invoking divine blessings for the students as they 2 embarked on their journey in the nursing profession.



Competitions for Schools Organised by the Department of Endocrinology

In celebration of World Diabetes Day 2024, the Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at CMC Vellore organised a vibrant event comprising an Essay and Painting competition for students in grades VIII to XII, along with a Quiz competition for school teachers. The event, held on October 26, 2024, at Darling Residency, Vellore, aimed to inspire students to adopt a healthier lifestyle while addressing the challenges in diabetes prevention and management. The initiative also encouraged participants to share their learnings with their families and communities to extend the reach of the knowledge gained. The event was presided over by Dr. Remya Rajan, Associate Professor in the Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism.

Essay Competition

The Essay competition attracted 78 entries in English and 66 in Tamil, with students exploring the theme, "How do mobile applications help connect patients, providers, and caregivers in diabetes management." The level of enthusiasm and clarity demonstrated in their writing was truly commendable.

Painting Competition

The Painting competition saw a total of 83 entries, with students creating artwork around the theme, "Tackling Obesity to Prevent Diabetes." Participants used various media such as pencils, sketches, crayons, and watercolors to skillfully communicate important messages related to diabetes prevention.

The judging panel included:

- Mrs. Shanthi Gladston, Professor of Paediatric Nursing and Deputy Nursing Superintendent at CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus
- Dr. Chinta Annie Jyothirmayi, Associate Professor of Child Health
- Dr. Lily, Assistant Professor in the Department of Dentistry

The following are the prize winners;

- First place: Ms. Sejal from Sree Jayam School and Mr. Uday Karthik from Ida Scudder School
- Second place: Ms. Shavitha from Government Girls Higher Secondary School and Mr. Ashwanth from Ida Scudder School

- Third place: Mr. Dhanasri from St. Mary's School and Ms. Kiruthika from Vani Vidhyalaya Matric School
- Consolation prizes: Awarded to Ms. Kaviyanjali from Sri Narayani Vidhyashram and Mr. Rohan Yokesh from Shrishti Vidyashram,Ms. Dharshini from Vani Vidhyalaya Matric, Ms. Ritika from Pincushion, Ms. Oviya from Shrishti Vidyashram, and Ms. Annapoorni from St. Mark's School.

Teachers' Quiz Competition

The Quiz competition for teachers saw 19 teams participating in the preliminary round, with the top five teams advancing to the live final. The enthusiasm from the teachers was matched by the cheers of the students, creating a lively and spirited atmosphere.

- First place: Ms. Savitha and Ms. Monisha from Shrishti Vidyashram Senior Secondary School
- Second place: Ms. Anusha and Ms. Muthahara from Spark Matriculation Higher Secondary School
- Third place: Ms. Sarala and Ms. Divya from Omsakthi Narayani Matriculation Higher Secondary School

Chief Guest Address

The Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Anthony Devasia, former Senior Professor and Head of Urology at CMC Vellore, addressed the gathering, highlighting the growing prevalence of diabetes and its complications in the community. He urged the students to embrace a healthy lifestyle—focusing on diet and exercise—to combat obesity and reduce the risk of developing diabetes.

The prizes for the Essay, Painting, and Quiz competitions will be awarded at a grand valedictory function to be held at a later date, celebrating the achievements of all participants and reinforcing the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle to prevent diabetes.







CMC Vellore's Radiation Oncology Department honored at CAHOTECH 2024, for its Digital Initiatives



The Radiation Oncology Department at Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore received two prestigious accolades at the CAHOTECH 2024 conference, held at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru on 26th October 2024.

The "Paperless Transition in Radiation Oncology" project was awarded the Technology and Digital Transformation of the year award. This project initiated in 2019 by Dr. Simon Pavamani, aimed to replace the parallel paper chart system in Radiation Oncology. By transitioning to a single CMC hospital ID, the project streamlined data capture across campuses, consolidating patients' medical history, treatment schedules, and radiation timelines into a unified electronic record. Dr. Balu Krishna, Dr. Benny Rajendra, and Dr. Hannah Thomas led the implementation, with the transition completed under Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram's leadership in 2024.

The Quantitative Imaging Research and AI Lab (https://qirail.cmcvellore.edu.in/) led by Dr Simon Pavamani showcased their "Data Management Pipeline for AI Research in Radiation Oncology" which was awarded the "AI Research and Development Award- 2024". This Data management pipeline automatically allows data flow from clinical environments to a research data lake. With ETL (extract, transform, load) processes for imaging and clinical data, this pipeline enables flexible, scalable and anonymized data organization for AI-driven analysis. This project, led by QiRAIL's scientist Dr. Hannah Mary Thomas T. and Clinical Lead Dr. Balu Krishna S, supports multiple AI research initiatives in Radiation Oncology. These awards highlight CMC Vellore's commitment to innovation and excellence in healthcare, reinforcing its position as a leader in the field of Radiation Oncology.



Innovations in Online and Blended Learning Workshop



The Innovations in Online and Blended Learning (OBL) Workshop was successfully conducted from October 10 to 12, 2024, at CMC Vellore, in collaboration with the Center for Blended Learning (COBL), University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation, with 103 participants joining each day. Resource persons from COBL, Copenhagen, and CMC Vellore led the sessions, offering valuable insights and expertise. The workshop covered new, innovative topics such as Blended Learning - The Big Picture, Instructional Design, AI in Higher Education, Inspirational Media Journey, PowerPoint Lab, and Creating Effective MCQs, among others. This 3-day event provided a dynamic platform for participants to exchange ideas, learn from experts, and explore practical strategies for implementing blended learning in diverse educational contexts. We extend our gratitude to all participants, speakers, and organizers for making the event a success and look forward to continuing the conversation on educational innovation through our bimonthly PEP webinars.

World Mental Health Day

Theme: It is time to prioritise mental health at the workplace

In commemoration of World Mental Health Day, the Department of Psychiatry and College of Nursing, CMC, Vellore conducted a series of events. A fundraising sale was held, featuring various homemade, nutritious food items. Many staff, students, patients, and their families participated and enjoyed the delicious spread. On October 10th, 2024, a program was held at the MHC premises to celebrate World Mental Health Day and Mrs Sushila Russell, Senior Clinical Psychologist inaugurated the event. Posters on the theme were exhibited and patients, families and staff were educated. Slogan, poster, poem, and video competitions were also held on the same theme.





The winners of the competitions are as follows:

Poster Competition:

• 1st Prize: Ms. Devaneedhimozhi (PBBSc student)

• 2nd Prize: Mr. Rajkumar (Social Worker, A&E)

• 3rd Prize: Mr. Isaac Samuel (S/N, A&E)

Slogan Competition:

• 1st Prize: Ms. Komathi (Neuro Trauma ICU)

• 2nd Prize: Ms. Cynthiya Rachel (CN, K ward)

• 3rd Prize: Mr. Guna (Data Entry Operator, Palliative Medicine)

Poem Competition:

• 1st Prize: Ms. Narkalai (S/N, Main OR)

• 2nd Prize: Ms. Devaneedhimozhi (PBBSc student)

• 3rd Prize: Ms. Hima J.N. (Neonatology)

Video Competition:

• 1st Prize: Mr. Dinesh (S/N, K ward team)

• 2nd Prize: Ms. Jasme (PBBSc student & team)

• 3rd Prize: Ms. Narkalai (S/N, Main OR team)

Inauguration of the BLS Nodal Centre



The Department of Continuing Nursing Education & Research (CNE&R) at the College of Nursing achieved a significant milestone by being accredited as a Nodal Centre for Basic Life Support (BLS) Training for nurses by the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council (TNNMC). The newly established BLS training facility was officially inaugurated on October 19th, 2024, marking a key development in enhancing the professional training and certification of nurses in the region.

The inaugural programme began with a prayer and dedication by Ms. Saramma Kuruvilla, Senior Chaplain followed by a warm welcome address from Ms. Ida Sweetlin, Associate Professor at the College of Nursing. Dr. Henry Prakash, Associate Medical Superintendent, and Dr. Vinitha Ravindran, Dean of the College of Nursing, delivered felicitations to honor the occasion. Dr. Henry Prakash formally inaugurated the BLS training facility, and Ms. Arul concluded the event with the vote of thanks.

A total of 28 delegates from both within and outside the institution participated in the inaugural BLS training programme. This workshop marks a crucial development for CNE activities within the College of Nursing, especially since BLS certification is now mandatory for re-licensure of all nurses in Tamil Nadu. In addition to acquiring CNE credit hours, the training is integral for nurses seeking renewal of their licensure in the state. This initiative will benefit not only the 4000 nurses employed at the institution but also countless nurses across the state, particularly in and around the Vellore region.

The objectives of the workshop were to equip participants with the necessary skills to assess and provide BLS care for both adult and paediatric patients, focusing on restoring airway, breathing, and circulation. Faculty from the College of Nursing, all of whom are AHA-certified BLS trainers, facilitated the sessions, which emphasized hands-on practical training. The programme received positive feedback, with delegates expressing high satisfaction with the comprehensive nature of the workshop. In recognition of their participation, the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council awarded 10 credit points to the nurses attending the workshop, further enhancing their professional qualifications.

Tamil Shiloh



The Tamil Shiloh for the CMC staff was held for five days between the 3rd & 4th October, 2024 in Ranipet Campus and 15th, 16th, & 17th October, 2024 in Main Campus. The guest speaker for Ranipet Campus this year was Bro. J. S. Anbu, Former Executive Director, Christian Institute of Management & Haggai faculty, Chennai. The guest speaker for Main Campus was Rev. Cruz Divakaran, New Life Jesus Ministry, Bengaluru. They spoke to the participants challenging them to rededicate their lives to the cause of the Institution. More than 2100 staff enthusiastically participated in both the Campus and were blessed through the word of God. It was a motivating experience and many individuals made meaningful decisions during the Five-day event. Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, Dr. Jachin Velavan, Associate Director (Missions) and Mr. C. Reni Charles, the General Superintendent were present and encouraged the staff to commit themselves towards the vision and mission of CMC Vellore and to be part of the healing ministry of Christ.





CME on Latent Tuberculosis

On 26th October, 2024, the Department of Microbiology and the Department of Continuing Medical Education organized a CME on Latent Tuberculosis. The topics Indications for Latent Tuberculosis Infection Screening, Methods of Diagnosis, Preventive Treatment Guidelines, Testing and Treatment of Healthcare Workers, and Management in Special Populations were covered. The faculty included Dr. Richa Gupta, Dept. of Respiratory Medicine, Dr. Joy S. Michael, Dept. of Microbiology, Dr. Sanjeev Nair, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur, Dr. D.J. Christopher, Department of Pulmonary Medicine and Dr. Rajiv Karthik, Department of Infectious Diseases. The CME department thanks the moderators Dr. Joy Michael, and Dr. Richa Gupta, the speakers, Telemedicine Department and the participants.

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The Humanitarian Clowns Abroad-Bring Joy to the Paediatric, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Departments.

Humanitarian Clowns Abroad, an Australia-based organization led by Director Tim Webster, recently brought a team of 24 international volunteers to the Paediatric Department as part of their ongoing mission to spread joy and compassion. This visit, coordinated in partnership with Seb's Projects India, marks their fifth trip to India. During their time in the hospital, the clowns created an atmosphere of warmth and happiness in the Paediatric, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health departments. Through simple yet impactful acts of fun, play, and heartfelt engagement, the clowns' lively performances brought smiles and lifted the spirits of children, families, and staff alike, offering a welcome reprieve during challenging times.









Special Prayers This Week

November 10 - 16, 2024

Nephrology and AK Lab: Dr. Vinoi George David and Staff

Dr. Santhosh Varughese and Staff Dr. Suceena Alexander and Staff Mrs. Anandha Ruby Jacob and Staff Mrs. Reena George and Staff

Emmanuel Hospital Association Council Member: Dr. Saira Paulose

Hospitals : The Duncan Hospital, Raxaul, Asha Kiran Hospital, Lamtaput,

Makunda Christian Hospital, Herbertpur Christian Hospital, Prem Jyoti Community Hospital, Chinchpada Christian Hospital and others.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh

Council Members: Dr. Rajiv Choudhrie Dr. Deepa Choudhrie

Hospital: Padhar Hospital, Betul and others.



Welcome

Dr. Obed John Heber Antipass C, Associate Professor, SSHS, on his return from sabbatical leave.

Memorandum

Mr. J. Daniel Sundaraj, Senior Personnel Manager is appointed as Ag. Head of Personnel Department with effect from 28th October 2024 for one year.

Retirements

Erratum: Mr. Yesupatham K., Hospital Attendant Gr.I, Psychiatry Department, retired on 5th October 2024, after 32 years of dedicated service to our Institution. Mrs. Banumathi, his wife, works at CHAD Hospital in CMC. His youngest daughter, Ms. Jayakumari, is a staff nurse in S-Ward; his eldest daughter, Ms. Soniya, is a nurse working abroad; and his son, Mr. Jayaraj, is an MRO in the Surgery OPD. He has two granddaughters and three grandsons. The CMC family wishes Mr. Yesupatham K. a joyful and peaceful retirement and expresses gratitude for his contribution to the institution.





• Mr. Jeyaseelan R., Sr. Gr. Office Facilitator Gr.I, G.I. Sciences, retired on 14th October 2024, after 27 years of dedicated service to our Institution.

His wife Mrs. Shakila is a Teacher in CAR. His elder daughter Ms. K. S. Rakshana is studying BDS in Chennai; younger daughter Ms. K.S. Sarudarshini completed 12th Std. The CMC family is thankful to Mr. Jeyaseelan R., for his service in this Institution and wishes him a happy and peaceful retired life.

Mr. Nagarajan C., Sr. Hospital Attendant, Principal's Office, retired on 19th October 2024, after 35 years of dedicated service to our Institution. His wife Mrs. Jeyaseeli is a homemaker, and his elder son Mr. Gokula Krishanan N., is a Radiographer in CMC and has a younger son Mr. Vijayan N. who is a Dialysis Therapist at CMC. His daughter Ms. Gowri N., is an Asst. Respiratory Therapist at CMC. He is blessed with one granddaughter. The CMC family is thankful to Mr. Nagarajan C., for his service in this institution and wishes him a happy and peaceful retired life.





Mrs. Vijayalakshmi K., Hospital Housekeeping Attendant Gr.I, Surgical Nursing (P3 Ward), retired on 23rd October 2024, after 29 years of dedicated service to our Institution. Her husband Late Vijayakumar, worked in CMC. Her Elder son Mr. Srinivasan is working as HHKA in Laundry department. Younger son Mr. Rajni Kumar and, youngest son Mr. Suresh is working in a private company. She is blessed with 5 grandsons and 4 granddaughters. The CMC family is thankful to Mrs. Vijayalakshmi K., for her service in this institution and wishes her a happy and peaceful retired life.

Upcoming Event

• As a part of capacity building for the NIH-funded 'Tropical Medicine Research Center, India', The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, CMC Vellore is organizing a Webinar on 'Neglected Tropical Diseases and Implementation Science Research' on 23rd November 2024 (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am IST.

Details of the workshop are available in the attached flyer and this is the Zoom registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1V563pWpRTmhj5gQY_rZ2Q



Obituaries

- Mr. P. Palani, retired staff from Electrical Department (pump operator), passed away on 4th November, 2024. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Sarala, son, daughters, grandchildren and all the bereaved members of the family.
- **Mr. Paul Raj I.,** father of Mr. Gnanapragasam P., Senior Gr.II Administrative Assistant, Department of Radiology, passed away on 5th November, 2024.

 Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Situations Vacant

Click the following link to view the vacancies https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Vacancies under the Principal's Office - for queries contact the mentioned office

1. Senior Resident Gr.III with MD / DNB (Respiratory Medicine) for the Department of Respiratory Medicine

Salary: As per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation: Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to: https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by November 23, 2024.

2. Lecturer Gr.I (Non Medical) for the Department of PMR (Physiotherapist)

Qualification: MPT Graduates with Physiotherapy in Cardio - Respiratory specialty from IAP recognized College / University and must have 6 years of teaching experience (with minimum of 3 years of PG teaching) experience in reputed colleges.

Age Limit : Below 35 years. **Salary :** As per Institutional Rules. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to: https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by November 23, 2024.

3. Demonstrator (NM) (Term Post) for the Developmental Paediatrics

Qualification: MA / M.Sc. (Psychology) (Regular Course) Preference will be given for those who have specilization / training in Child Development (or) Counciling or Developmental Psychology.

Salary Scale: As per Institutional Rules. **Accommodation:** Not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

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4. Learning Content Creator for the College of Nursing

Qualification: B.Tech. or B.C.A. Salary: As per Institutional Rules.

Mode of Appointment: Project Mode. Accommodation: Not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to: https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. on or before November 23, 2024.

Vacancies under the office of Medical Superintendent-for queries contact the mentioned office

5. Medical Lab Technician (Term Appointment) for the **Department of Clinical Biochemistry (Vellore & Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications: H.Sc., with 2 Year Diploma in Medical Lab. Technician recognized by the CMAI or from the recognized University with one year experience in Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory.

Age Limit: 30 years. **Consolidated Salary:** Rs.22,130 /-.

Note: Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to: https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by November 25, 2024.

Job Code : 1565

6. Staff III Radiographer for the Department of Radiodiagnosis

Qualifications: H.Sc., with two years CMAI Diploma in Radiodiagnosis Technology /B.Sc., in Radiology & Imaging Technology recognized by the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University and who have four years experience as Jr. Radiographer or equivalent only need to apply.

Salary Scale : Rs.12762 - 510 - 25512 + DA & HRA as per rules.

Age Limit: 35 Years.

Note: Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to: https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by November 25, 2024.

Vacancies under the office of Dean, College of Nursing - for queries contact the mentioned office

7. Applications are invited for the following posts at College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Vellore. M.Sc. (N) Tutor.

Qualifications: M.Sc. Nursing in Paediatric Nursing speciality.

Accommodation & Salary: As per Institutional Policy.

Please log on to: https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.

Apply on or before November 23, 2024.

Vacancies under the office of Nursing Superintendent - for queries contact the mentioned office

8. Staff Nurse to work in Nursing Service at Christian Medical College Vellore. Candidates applying for the post of Staff Nurse will have to undergo three months "Competency Based Training".

Salary Scale: As per Institutional Policy.

Qualification: B.Sc. / GNM in Nursing, Registration with the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council is mandatory.

Age: 21-30 Years.

Experience: B.Sc. / GNM in Nursing with one year experience as a bedside nurse in a hospital with minimum of 150 beds. Preference will be given to the candidates trained in mission hospital or in School / College of Nursing which is attached to its own hospital (minimum of 150 beds).

Applications to be done only through online application system.

Please log on to: https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx

Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.

Applications will close by November 30, 2024.

Others

9. Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research & Leprosy Centre, Karigiri invites applications for the following post: Principal - School of Nursing.

Qualification & Experience : M.Sc. Nursing with minimum 3 years of teaching experience.

Apply with bio-data along with scanned copies of certificates and send to the directorate@karigiri.org and personnel@karigiri.org

Last date for receipt of applications: November 23, 2024.