

ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF VOCATION (B. Voc.) DEGREE PROGRAMME

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a scheme on skill development based job oriented higher education program as a part of College/University education, leading to Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) degree. This degree Program is unique with the provision of multiple entry and exist at different levels of NSQF from level 5 to 7 , viz. Diploma/Advance Diploma and Degree in compliance to the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). Multiple entry and exit will allow students the flexibility to earn and study as per their convenience.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide multiple entry and exit options at various levels through program design in conformation to the skill eco system.
2. To create requisite job role specific skilled manpower for industry at various NSQF levels as per NOSs (National Occupational Standards).
3. To empower the youth leading to employment and income generating opportunities.
4. To provide judicious mix of skills relating to a profession and appropriate content of general education.
5. To provide flexibility to the students by means of pre-defined entry and multiple exit levels.
6. To integrate skill based NSQF vocational studies with the undergraduate level of higher education in order to enhance employability of the graduates and meet the industry requirements. Such graduates apart from meeting the needs of local and national industry are also expected to be competent to become part of the global workforce.

COURSE STRUCTURE

B. Voc. programme is designed with the provision for multiple exit levels. All the candidates enrolled for diploma courses or further will be treated at par from the second semester onwards. Students may exit after six months with the certificate (NSQF Level 4) or they may continue for diploma or advance diploma level courses leading to B. Voc. degree.

Following table provides a snapshot of the various certificates and their duration:-

NSQF	Skill Component Credits	General Education Credits	Total Credits for Award	Normal Duration	Exit Points/Awards
4	18	12	30	One Sem.	Certificate
5	36	24	60	Two Sem.	Diploma
6	72	48	120	Four Sem.	Advanced Diploma
7	108	72	180	Six Sem.	B.Voc Degree

Multiple Entry and Exit Options:

1. After the completion of Semester I, the candidate will get a Certificate, and she/he may go for a job or continue studying.
2. The candidate may rejoin Semester II. After the completion of Semester II, the candidate will get a Diploma, and she/he may go for a job or continue studying.
1. The candidate may rejoin Semester III. After the completion of Semesters III and IV, the candidate will get an Advanced Diploma, and she/he may go for a job or continue studying.
1. The candidate may rejoin Semester V. After the completion of Semesters V and VI, the candidate will be awarded a B.Voc. degree, and she/he may go for a job or become an entrepreneur, or continue studying for the M. Voc. Degree (NSQF Level 8 onwards) and can register for Ph.D. degree (NSQF Level 10) after it in Vocational studies, or they can take admission in any other masters' programme after completion of required Bridge course, or appear in any competitive exams conducted by State Public Service Commission and Union Public Service Commission.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME:

1. Internship for 6 weeks after the completion of each year is an integral/essential component of B. Voc. degree.
2. The Internship shall also carry credits to be added in the final evaluation of skill components.
3. **HPKVN (Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam)** is fully sponsoring the internship apart from facilitating the skill component (60 %) of this programme along with courseware for whole of the programme.
4. Candidates enrolled for this programme are entitled for '**Kaushal Vikas Bhatta**' as per state government policy.
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ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

1. Admission to the B Voc. programme will be as per the rules and regulations of the Himachal Pradesh University.
2. The eligibility criteria for admission to the B. Voc. degree programme shall be 10+2 in all streams from a recognized board;10+2 examination or an examination equivalent thereof from a Board/University established by law in India with English as a compulsory subject with 55% marks in aggregate, OR any examination of a University/Board/College or School in a foreign country recognized as equivalent for the above purpose by the Vice-Chancellor/Equivalence Committee on its own, OR on the recommendation of Association of India Universities with 55% marks OR as per eligibility norms of the college for admission to undergraduate courses in case of Center of Excellence.
1. Vocational subjects under NSQF will be given weightage, equivalent to any other general education subject while considering admission to students to the undergraduate courses as per reference no. DDNo.. 1-52/2013(CC/NSQF) dated 30.04.2014 of UGC.
1. Maximum age limit for admission to B.Voc courses is 23 years for general category, 25 years for SC/ST category and 25 years for girl candidates, as on July 1 of the admission year. The Vice-Chancellor may permit age relaxation as per norms.
1. Reservation rules are applicable as per the rules or guidelines of the Himachal Pradesh Government.
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1. Compartment students shall not be allowed admission in the B.Voc. programmes.

- A candidate cannot pursue two full time undergraduate courses simultaneously.
- The University reserves the right to cancel any admission at any stage.
- In matters relating to undergraduate admissions, the decision of the Admission Committee/Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, shall be final.
- All legal matters pertaining to undergraduate admissions shall be subject to the Himachal Pradesh jurisdiction only.

MODE OF SELECTION

1. Admission to the B.Voc. programme in Retail Management and Hospitality & Tourism (Semester-I) shall be done purely on the merit in the qualifying examination (10+2 etc.) .

2. There are three categories of candidates who shall be given admission in Semester-I of the skill-based courses under NSQF.

Category 1: Students who have already acquired NSQF certification Level 4 in a particular Industry sector may opt for admission in the skill-based courses under NSQF.

Category 2: Students who have acquired NSQF certification Level 4, but may like to change their trade and enter into skill-based courses in a different trade.

Category 3: Students who have passed the 10+2 examination with conventional schooling without any background of vocational training.

Note:

Regarding selection of students for B.Voc. programme, 10% extra weightage shall be given to Category-1; 5% extra weightage shall be given to Category-2 in 10+2 examination. Final list of students shall be finalized on merit.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS

The course content of the B.Voc. programme will be taught in English.