

**Syllabus For**

**Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in Medicinal Plants  
(PGDMP)**

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**VEER NARMAD SOUTH GUJARAT UNIVERSITY,  
Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in Medicinal Plants  
(APGDMP)**

**Semester –I**

**DMP 101 – Elements of Herbology**

**DMP 102 – Ethnomedicinal studies & medicinal plants**

**DMP 103 – Raw material Resources & Collection, Primary health care  
and herbs**

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drugs**

**DMP 105 – Practical course on Identification of Medicinal Plants  
Practical course on Processing and value addition  
Practical course on Phytochemistry**

**Semester – II**

**DMP 201 – Herbal raw material Processing and their Products**

**DMP 202 – Quality control and Phytochemical methods**

**DMP 203 – Project Work**

**DMP 204 – Practical course on Herbal classical Drug Preparation  
Practical course on Quality Control**

## **Preamble**

Humanity has developed intimate relationship with plant and plant products for human sustenance. Treating the ill using herbal resources is one of such activities. India has a rich heritage of traditional herbal knowledge as well as rich herbal diversity.

The study and research in these areas need trained personnel, who are good at plant taxonomy, field work and the applied aspects of Botany, especially medicinal plants.

Country is also witnessing a burgeoning demand and production of herbal Pharmaceuticals, Nutraceuticals and Cosmeceuticals. There is a global demand of such but authentic products. Pharma companies are in need of trained personnel at their quality control department.

This course envisages to train the students so as to develop the following.

- a. Capacity building for identification of angiosperms
- b. Commitment for medicinal plant diversity conservation
- c. Ability to collect, process and store herbal raw material
- d. Ability to handle quality control procedures and instruments for herbal drugs
- e. Ability to undertake primary health care extensions for the rural populace.

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## **Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in Medicinal Plants**

### **Elements of Herbology (DMP 101)**

#### **I. History and development of herbal science in India and abroad**

- Sushrut
- Theophrastus (370 – 285 BC)
- Parashar (250 – 120 BC)
- Charak (1 AD)
- Dioscorides (1 AD)

#### **II. Introduction to the literature on medicinal plants**

##### Classics:

- Charak
- Rajnighantu
- Bhavprakash Nighantu
- Sharangdhar Samhita
- Nighantu Adarsh : Bapalal Vaidya
- Indian Medicinal Plants : Kirtikar and Basu
- Dictionary of economic products: Watt

##### Contemporary literature:

- Wealth of India
- Compendium of Indian medicinal plants
- Ethnovet Heritage: (Anjaria, Parabia, Dwivedi,)
- Napralert (Website)

#### **III. Methods of identification:**

##### Plant Morphology: Study of

- Root
- Stem
- Leaves
- Inflorescence
- Flowers
- Fruits and seeds

#### **IV. Use of the flora in the identification of fresh plants**

#### **V. Field visit to the area as decided by the teacher**

Method of sample collection, Herbarium specimen preparation, preservation. Purpose and importance of herbaria.

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**Ethnomedicinal Studies & Medicinal Plants (DMP 102)**

I. Protocol for carrying out ethnomedicinal studies

II. Medicinal plants of Gujarat

Identification, distribution and importance of following medicinal plants is expected.

*Azadirachta indica*

*Abrus precatorius*

*Acacia catechu*

*Acacia concina*

*Acacia nilotica*

*Acacia polyacantha*

*Adansonia digitata*

*Adhatoda vasica*

*Adenanthera zeylanica*

*Adenanthera pavonina*

*Aegle marmelos*

*Aloe vera*

*Alstonia scholaris*

*Andrographis paniculata*

*Argyreia speciosa*

*Asparagus adscendens*

*Asparagus gonoclados*

*Asparagus racemosus*

*Bacopa monieri*

*Basella rubra*

*Boerhavia diffusa*

*Bombax malabarica*

*Bryophyllum calycina*

*Butea monosperma*

*Calotropis procera*

*Calotropis gigantea*

*Cannabis sativa*

*Cassia angustifolia*

*Ceiba pentandra*

*Centella asiatica*

*Chlorophytum borivillianum*

*Chlorophytum tuberosum*

*Cissus quadrangularis*

*Clerodendrum inerme*

*Clerodendrum multiflorum*

*Clerodendrum serratum*

*Commiphora wightiana*

*Costus speciosus*

*Crateva nurvala*

*Cymbopogon citratus*

*Desmodium gangeticum*

*Emblica officinale*

*Enicostema axillare*

*Erythrina indica*

*Euphorbia hirta*

*Ficus benghalensis*

*Ficus glomerata*

*Ficus religiosa*

*Ficus virens*

*Gmelina arborea*

*Gymnema sylvestre*

*Kalanchoe pinnata*

*Lawsonia inerme*

*Limonia acidissima*

*Mimosa pudica*

*Mimusops elengi*

*Oroxylum indicum*  
*Oxalis corniculata*  
*Papaver somniferum*  
*Pedaliium murex*  
*Phyllanthus fraternus*  
*Piper betel*  
*Piper longum*  
*Piper nigrum*  
*Plumbago zeylanica*  
*Premna integrifolia*  
*Psidium guajava*  
*Pterocarpus marsupium*  
*Rauwolfia serpentina*  
*Rauwolfia tetraphylla*  
*Ricinus communis*  
*Saccharum officinarum*  
*Saccharum spontaneum*  
*Salvadora oleioides*  
*Salvadora persica*  
*Santalum album*  
*Sapindus laurifolius*

*Saraca asoca*  
*Semecarpus anacardium*  
*Sesbania grandiflora*  
*Smilax zeylanica*  
*Solanum indicum*  
*Solanum xanthocarpum*  
*Sterculia urens*  
*Terminalia arjuna*  
*Terminalia bellirica*  
*Terminalia chebula*  
*Thespesia populnea*  
*Tinospora cordifolia*  
*Tribulus terrestris*  
*Tylophora indica*  
*Uraria picta*  
*Veteveria zizanioides*  
*Vigna radiata var. sublobata*  
*Vitex negundo*  
*Withania somnifera*  
*Zizyphus glabrata*  
*Zizyphus nummularia*

### III. Nutritional Potential of Conventional and unconventional food material of Gujarat

- *Madhuca indica*
- *Morinda citrifolia*
- *Garuga pinnata*
- *Diospiros melanoxylon*
- *Eugenia jambolana*
- *Eleusine coracana*
- *Hordeum vulgare*
- *Vigna angularis*
- *Pithecellobium aman*
- *Pithecellobium dulce*

### IV. Plants of cosmaceutical importance

- *Aloe vera*
- *Santalum album*
- *Hemidesmus indicus*
- *Sapindus laurifolius*
- *Acacia concina*

## V. Ambiguity & Controversy on the identity of some classical drugs

- Som
- Astavarga
- Rasna
- Pashan bhed

## VI. Conservation of medicinal plants

### 1. Non destructive and sustainable exploitation

### 2. Cultivation of medicinal plants

- *Withania somnifera*
- *Chlorophytum tuberosum*
- *Andrographis paniculata*
- *Cassia angustifolia*
- *Justicia adhatoda*
- *Cissus quadrangularis*
- *Costus speciosus*

### 3. Micropropagation of medicinal plants

- Methods
- Development of tissue culture protocol for medicinal plants
- Possible methods of improving yield
  - Selection of strains
  - Biotechnological methods (GM etc.)

### 4. Vegaries of market forces and importance of co-operative movement

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**Raw material Resources & Collection , Primary health care and herbs  
(DMP 103)**

I. Method and time of collection

II. Processing and value addition methods

- Underground parts :
  - Roots, tubers
  - Bark
  - Leaves
  - Flowers
- Seed & Fruits
- Exudates & gums
- Wood & wood extracts

III. Examples to be studied as under

Undergroundparts: roots, tubers, suckers

- *Asparagus racemosus*
- *Asparagus adscendens*
- *Chlorophytum tuberosum*
- *Chlorophytum borivillianum*
- *Dashmool (Ideal vs. Reality)*
- *Shemal musli: bombax malabarica*
- *Boerhavia diffusa*
- *Tephrosia purpurea*
- *Withania somnifera*

Bark:

- *Terminalia arjuna*
- *Tecomella undulata*
- *Moringa oleifera*

Leaves:

- *Justicia adhatoda*
- *Centella asiatica*
- *Ocimum sanctum*
- *Vitex negundo*
- *Cassia angustifolia*
- *Abrus precatorius*

Flowers:

- *Madhuca indica*
- *Careya arborea*
- *Hibiscus rosasinensis*

Seeds & fruits:

- *Emblica officinale*
- *Embelia tsjerum cottam*
- *Semecarpus anacardium*
- *Terminalia chebula*
- *Terminalia bellirica*
- *Gmelina arborea*
- *Cassia tora*
- *Cassia sophera*

Exudates & Gums:

- *Sterculia urens*
- *Acacia nilotica*
- *Anogeissus latifolia*
- *Bombax malabarica*
- *Commiphora wightiana*
- *Boswellia serrata*

Wood & wood extract:

- *Santalum album*
- *Adenanthera pavonina*
- *Pterocarpus marsupium*
- *Acacia catechu*

Panchang:

- *Eclipta alba*
- *Phyllanthus fraternus*
- *Andrographis paniculata*

IV. Primary health care with reference to digestive system, dermal system, and skeletal system

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**Phytochemistry & Pharmacological screening of herbal drugs  
( DMP 104)**

Phytochemistry:

- I. Carbohydrates: mono and disaccharides, sugar alcohols, sugar acids, sugar amines. Polysaccharides: dextrans, inulin, matrix polysaccharides, gums and mucilages
- II. proteins : peptides, lectins,
- III. Lipids, Volatile oils Fattyacids and fatty oils Sesquiterpenes, diterpenes, triterpenes and tetraterpenes
- IV. Glycosides: anthraquinones, isothiocynates, Flavonols, Lactones phenols Saponins and cardiac glycosides
- V. Alkaloids, indoles, isoquinolines, tropanes, pyridine and piperidine, steroidal alkaloids.
- VI. Bitter principle
- VII. Phenols and tannins
- VIII. Antibiotics
- IX. Phyto-inorganic chemistry

Pharmacological screening of herbal drugs:

- I. Need for phyto-pharmacological evaluation
- II. Evaluation of anti diabetic agents
- III. Evaluation of anti microbial agents
- IV. Evaluation of anti diarrheal agents

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Herbal raw material Processing and their Products (DMP 201)**

Methods of herbal drug preparation (Bhaishajya Kalpana)

**I. Quath:**

Dashmool  
Pathyadi  
Patoladi  
Mahamanjistadi  
Devdarvyadi

**II. Avaleha:**

Kantakari  
Bilvadi  
Chyavan prash  
Unnabadi

**III. Asava and Arista:**

Drakshasva  
Abhayarista  
Arnitarista  
Khadirarista  
Arjunasava  
Lohasav  
Chandanasav  
Vasarista

**IV. Syrups:**

Amla syrup  
Balchaturbhadra syrup

**V. Goolkand:**

Rose  
Silk cotton flowers

**VI. Churna:**

Panchkol  
Vasadi  
Pushyanug  
Sitopaladi  
Triphala  
Trikatu  
Lavan Bhaskar  
Hingvastak

**VII. Ghan:**

Guduchighan  
Yashtimadhughan  
Udumbar patraghan  
Mamejak ghan

**VIII. Vati (tablets, pills)**

Khadirativati  
Yashtimadhuvati  
Karpur-hingool vati  
Lashunadi vati  
Kanyalohadi

**IX. Liniments:**

Jatyadi taila  
Bhringraj taila  
Bala taila

**X. Kshar:**

Apamarg kshar  
Kadali stambha kshar

**XI. Bhasma:**

Ashwatha patra bhasma (Ficus religiosa leaves)  
Kafkartari bhasma ( Achyranthes aspera)

**XII. Ointments:**

Gandhak malam  
Ral malam  
Sindooradi

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**Quality control and Phytochemical methods (DMP 202)**

**Pharmacognosy:**

- I. Morphological examination
- II. Microscopical evaluation
- III. Development of Standardization parameters
  - b. Solvent extractive values
  - c. Ash values
  - d. Crude fiber
  - e. Moisture content
  - f. Microbial infestation
  - g. Bitter value
  - h. Foaming index
  - i. Swelling index
  - j. Heavy metals
  - k. Contaminations & Aflatoxins
- IV. Adulteration and deterioration

**Quality Control**

- V. Quality Assurance and stability testing
  - a. GMP
  - b. Physical quality assurance
  - c. Stabilization
  - d. Validation
  - e. Marker compound evaluation
- VI. Methods of isolation
  - a. Solvent extraction
  - b. Thin layer chromatography
  - c. HPTLC

- d. Column Chromatography
  - e. HPLC
- VII. Methods of characterization
- a. Spectroscopic methods
    - i. UV
    - ii. Visible
    - iii. IR
    - iv. NMR
  - b. Mass Spectrometry
  - c. Atomic absorption
  - d. GC-MS
  - e. LC-MS
- VIII. Intellectual property rights and Patent laws

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**ELIGIBILITY, EXAMINATION AND PASSING RULES FOR**

**APGDMP-1**

The duration of the course shall be One-year, full time. Academic year shall be divided into two semesters. Teaching and examinations schedules shall be as per semester system.

**APGDMP-2**

**Eligibility:** M.Sc. in any Biological Science, M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Sc. (Ag), Horticulture, M.Pharm and M.D. with sufficient interest in study of Medicinal plants as to be adjudged by the entrance test and personal interview.

For persons having non-botanical background an intense crash course of one week will be arranged for selected candidates.

**APGDMP – 3**

Candidates desirous of appearing at any semester examination of the (APGDMP) course must forward their applications in the prescribed form to the Registrar, through the coordinator, on or before the prescribed dates.

**APGDMP – 4**

No candidate shall be permitted to re-appear at any semester examination, which he/she has already passed.

**APGDMP – 5**

The marks for each theory and practical course, their distribution between internal and External examinations, teaching schedule, examination duration etc. will be as per Course Management and Evaluation scheme.

### **APGDMP – 6**

A candidate shall be allowed to join the second semester irrespective of his/her result of the first semester.

### **APGDMP – 7**

If a candidate fails in certain heads in first semester examination, he/she can re-appear in those heads along with second semester examination.

### **APGDMP – 8**

The standard of passing the (**APGDMP**) examination will be as under

To pass any semester examination of the (**APGDMP**), candidate must obtain at least 40% marks in the University examination and 40% marks in the aggregate of University and Internal examination in each course of Theory and Practical, including Project Viva, if any.

### **APGDMP – 9**

Class shall be awarded to the successful candidate at the end of Second semester examinations on the basis of:

- (A) Aggregate of marks obtained by the candidate in the external evaluations of the two semester examinations of that particular year and
- (B) Aggregate of marks obtained by the candidate in the (external + internal) evaluation of two semester examinations of that particular year.

#### Award of class

i) A successful candidate will be placed in **FIRST CLASS WITH DISTINCTION**, if he/she obtains 70% marks under both (A) and (B) above.

ii) A successful candidate will be placed in **FIRST CLASS**, if he/she obtains 60% or more but less than 70% marks under both (A) and (B) above.

iii) A successful candidate will be placed in **SECOND CLASS**, if he/she obtains 48% or more but less than 60% marks under both (A) and (B) above.

iv) A successful candidate will be placed in **PASS CLASS**, if he/she obtains 40% or more but less than 48% marks under both (A) and (B) above.

### **APGDMP –10**

A candidate who fails in any semester shall have an option to reappear in the subjects of failure or Full examination. However, candidates appearing in the part examination shall not be entitled for any class and such candidates shall be placed in **PASS CLASS** only. In such case, credit marks shall be considered equivalent to percentage of aggregate marks for passing for passing for that particular year.

## **Course Management & Evaluation**

The minimum teaching (actual) per semester will be of 14 weeks excluding examinations

First Semester:     Four Theory Courses  
                          Three Practicals/ week

Second Semester: Two Theory Courses  
                          Two Practicals/ week  
                          Project work

Each course shall have 4 hours per week teaching

Each practical shall have 4 hours per practical

Weekly load will be 28 hrs per week

### **Examination pattern:**

70:30 External: Internal pattern will be followed. Internal evaluation will be as done at P.G. level

There will be external examination at the end of each semester

Each candidate shall carryout project work of 200 marks. A committee consisting internal and external examiner will evaluate this. The candidate will defend his/her work at the time of Viva-voce & presentation session. The project work evaluation will carry only external marks.

Industrial visits and field excursions will also be carried out during the course study.

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### Proposed Teaching and Evaluation Scheme for APGDMP

#### Semester-I

Paper No.	Paper title	Teaching schedule (hrs./wk)		University Exam Theory/ Practical		Internal Exam. Theory/ Pract.	Total Theory/ pract.
		Lecture	Pract	Duration	Marks	Marks	Marks
DMP 101	Elements of Herbology	4		3	70	30	100
DMP 102	Ethnomedicinal studies & medicinal plants	4		3	70	30	100
DMP 103	Raw material Resources & Collection, Primary health care and herbs	4		3	70	30	100
DMP 104	Phytochemistry & Pharmacological screening of herbal drugs	4		3	70	30	100
DMP 105	Practicals		12	5	210	90	300
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>490</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>700</b>

#### Semester-II

Paper No.	Paper title	Teaching schedule (hrs./wk)		University Exam Theory/ Practical		Internal Exam. Theory/ Pract.	Total Theory/ pract.
		Lecture	Pract	Duration	Marks	Marks	Marks
DMP 201	Herbal raw material processing & their products	4		3	70	30	100
DMP 202	Quality control & Phytochemical methods	4		3	70	30	100
DMP 203	PROJECT WORK	12			200		200
DMP 204	Practicals		8	5	210	90	300
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>490</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>700</b>