



ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

A Bachelor's Degree (under 10+2+3 or 10+2+4 or 10+2+2+1 year bridge course pattern of study or any other pattern fulfilling the mandatory requirements of 15 years of formal education), in any discipline. Candidates with basic people skills and sensitivity towards mental health issues are encouraged to apply. Professionals from people centered disciplines or those with graduate or post-graduate degrees in the helping professions (Social Work, Psychology, Medicine, Nursing, Human Development, Counselling) and now desirous of concentrating on psycho-social care in disaster management are preferred. Sponsored candidates from organizations working in disaster management will be given special consideration.

There are a total of 20 seats available in the programme, including and observing the reservation norms. The reservation will be followed as per GoI requirements.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Prospectus and Application Form can be obtained by paying Rs. 500 in person or by sending a demand draft of Rs. 500/- drawn in favour of The Registrar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The detailed brochure and Application Form can also be downloaded from the TISS Website: www.tiss.edu. Refer the detailed brochure for more details on application and selection procedures.

FACULTY

The JTCDM team along with TISS faculty members with expertise in the areas of disaster mental health and psychosocial interventions for disaster survivors will form the core team.

Invited experts from National Institutes like NIMHANS, IHBAS and leading NGOs working in the area of disasters would also form the supporting team.

FEES

The fees including the deposits will be:
First Semester: Rs. 32,044/-
Second Semester: Rs. 25,600/-

OUTCOME

The combination of theory courses, skill workshops / development of monograph and the internship experience would prepare the students to acquire

- a holistic understanding of the basic concepts in disasters and an in depth theoretical understanding of the various dimensions of psychosocial care and support in disaster management
- develop a range of skills required to respond to psychosocial care and support needs

It is envisaged that students of this course might make choices that include working with national and international NGOs, becoming independent practitioners, opting for more specialized professional courses or research oriented education programmes. This course not only responds to the existing human resource needs in the area of disaster mental health but also aspires to mould professionals who can contribute to resource and capacity building in the field of psychosocial care and support in disasters.

IMPORTANT DATES

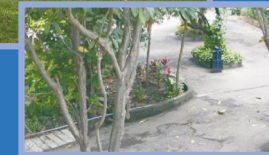
Last date for issue of Application Forms by post	August 24, 2007
Last date for issue of Application Forms in person (From TISS Cash Counter)	August 29, 2007
Last date for receipt of filled in application forms	August 29, 2007
Last date for receipt of completed Application Forms from remote areas / regions / international students	September 3, 2007
Written Test	October 29, 2007
Personal Interview at TISS	October 30, 2007
Final selection of candidates	November 2, 2007
Commencement of Academic Session	November 26, 2007



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Diploma in Psychosocial Care and Support in Disaster Management 2007-2008



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INTRODUCTION

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences is a deemed university that works towards the promotion of people-centered sustainable development and an equitable and democratic society. Established in 1936 as the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work, the Institute was renamed as Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in 1944. Its purpose is to work towards the goals of participatory development, social welfare and social justice through its teaching, research, policy and programme formulation, field action and extension work.

The TISS interventions in disaster situations date back to 1947 when the Institute sent a faculty and student team to Kurukshetra to work with refugees who came from Pakistan. Since then, TISS has responded to various crisis situations such as floods, riots, cyclones, earthquakes and industrial disasters in different parts of the country, including the tsunamis of December 2004, and the Mumbai floods of July 2005. Psychosocial intervention has been one of the core areas of the Institute's disaster response interventions.

While TISS has, time and again, contributed to disaster response in India, a review of the same has revealed the need to develop qualified, skilled and committed professionals in the field of disaster management, and to provide support in terms of research, training, networking and policy advocacy in the country. It is in this context that TISS established the Jamsetji Tata Centre for Disaster Management (JTCDM), located at the Jal.A.D. and Malti Naoroji Campus, Mumbai.

THE JTCDM AIMS AT

- Building professional, institutional and voluntary capacities for disaster prevention, preparedness and response
- Research on disasters, human security and development
- Networking for knowledge development, direct intervention and policy advocacy
- Establishing a Disaster Resource Centre
- Long term intervention for ecological and human security

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE AND SUPPORT IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Disasters are out-of-the-ordinary experiences, causing distress and emotional reactions in almost all affected, including disaster workers. The emergency response priorities in a disaster situation are the provision of basic life support needs, ensuring the security of disaster survivors, and the provision of psychological and social support. These services would ensure normalizing routines and helping survivors resume activities of daily living as quickly as possible so that it hastens rehabilitation and enhances coping with the distress that results from the disaster.

Psychosocial care for disaster survivors and disaster workers, though very crucial, has received recognition only in recent years. As a result, post-disaster responses in psycho-social care have been sporadic. To respond to this growing understanding of psycho-social care and support in disaster management, the diploma programme will prepare a team of professionals equipped to respond to psychosocial care and support needs, at micro and macro level, as well as supervise, train and develop human capacity in disaster management.



UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE PROGRAMME

- Delivered by academicians who have hands on experience of working in disaster situations in the Indian context
- Supported by national, regional and international faculty
- Emphasis on skill development through workshops
- Field exposure in primary and secondary disaster settings

COURSE OUTLINE

Semester	Details	Credit Hours
First (Nov 26, 2007 to Apr 18, 2008)	Courses	22
	Internship	6
Second (May 26, to Aug 14, 2008)	Internship	6
	Monograph / Skill Workshops	4
	Total	38

Deputed candidates working in the field of disaster management could choose to be placed for internship in their parent organization.

COURSE CONTENT

1.	Disaster Management: Concepts and Issues	2 Credits
2.	Disasters, Risk and Vulnerability	2 Credits
3.	Psychosocial Care: Concept and Skills	4 Credits
4.	Psychosocial Care of Special Groups	4 Credits
5.	Project Administration and Management in Disasters	2 Credits
6.	Disaster Mental Health Research	2 Credits
7.	Networking, Collaboration, Advocacy and Disasters	2 Credits
8.	Staffing, Standards, Ethics and Policy for Psychosocial Care in Disaster Situations	4 Credits
9.	Field work	12 Credits
10.	Monograph/Skill Workshops	4 Credits