

IIHMR BANGALORE & RED HEALTH
POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MANAGEMENT- PRE-HOSPITAL CARE (PGCM-PRHC)

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

1. What is a Post Graduate Certificate in Management - Pre-Hospital Care?

It is a unique and comprehensive program designed to equip professionals with the critical knowledge and skills necessary to efficiently manage pre-hospital emergency care. It bridges clinical expertise with managerial and technical competencies, focusing on emerging challenges in emergency medical services (EMS).

It is a first-of-its-kind program launched by IIHMR Bangalore and RED Health bringing their expertise together as a premier healthcare education university and India's largest and only JCI accredited EMS company respectively. Globally, such programs are offered by universities like the Harvard University and the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, UK but there are still no parallel programs in the global south that prepare EMS professionals for leadership roles.

2. What is the eligibility criteria to enrol for this program?

Educational Qualification:

- A bachelor's degree in:
 - Medicine (MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BHMS, BNYS)
 - Nursing (B.Sc. Nursing or GNM with additional qualifications)
 - Allied Health Sciences (B.Sc. in Paramedical Sciences, Emergency Care, or related fields)
- Diploma holders in Paramedical or Emergency Medical Services with a minimum of 2 years of work experience in healthcare or EMS.

Work Experience (Preferred but not mandatory):

- Experience in healthcare, emergency medical services, or related fields is desirable.
- Fresh graduates with a strong interest in EMS and pre-hospital care are also eligible.

Age Limit:

Applicants should ideally be between 21-35 years of age. Exceptions can be made for experienced professionals.

Other Requirements:

Basic Computer Skills: Familiarity with computer usage for data management and IT applications in EMS.

3. What is the duration of this program?

11-months including 9 months of classes and 2 months of internship

4. Is this program online or offline or hybrid?

Most of the program will be delivered offline in Bangalore as the program focusses on practical skill development and hands on practice. However, there will also be certain online components such as discussions with industry leaders and other activities.

5. What is the fee structure for this program?

The total fee for the program is INR 3,00,000/-

6. What are the career opportunities after this program?

This is a unique program with 100% guaranteed placements for students who score a minimum CGPA of 6.4 on a 10 point scale and have at least 70% attendance.

The career opportunities for the students who successfully complete the course are several such as -

- a. Paramedical and quality
- b. Doctoral and hospital EMS
- c. Ambulance operations
- d. Academic
- e. Business growth and strategic account management
- f. Hospital administration

The program is built in such a fashion that students can undertake a variety of career paths upon completion of the course. Each of the above career paths has a career ladder that can take the students to a CXO role in 15-20 years depending on their performance

7. How do I apply for this program?

You can fill the application form for the course by following the instructions mentioned in the form along with the application fee of INR 1500/-. Once you submit the application form in a satisfactory manner, you will be intimated about the next steps such as your Online Personal Interview within 2 weeks.

8. What is the timeframe to get confirmation on my admission status?

IIHMR Bangalore and RED Health plan to have the 1st counseling based on the results of the Personal Interviews in the month of April 2025 and confirm the final merit list by May 2025. Once the fees for the first semester is paid (around May-June 2025), the admission process will be considered complete and the program will commence around July 2025

9. How much time commitment is needed for the course?

About 3-4 hours every Monday to Friday

10. Can I attend the course while working at an organization on the side?

Yes you can as long as you are able to manage your time well and dedicate the required time for the course from Monday to Friday every week

11. What is the selection process for admission?

IIHMR Bangalore and RED Health will create a merit list based on the results of the Personal Interview and the 1st student counseling will be organized in the month of April 2025 where more details regarding the program can be discussed. IIHMR Bangalore and RED Health may organize another counseling session in May 2025 depending on various factors. Once the counseling sessions are complete, the final merit list will be published, and students will need to pay the first semester fee. Upon confirmation of the receipt of the fee payment, the student shall receive an admission letter from IIHMR Bangalore and RED Health confirming their admission into the program and the start date / time for the orientation week.

12. Are there any scholarships or financial aid options available?

The fee and payment schedule will be the same for all students who enrol into the program

13. What does the internship component include?

Students may receive a wide variety of internship options from EMS organizations like RED Health, 108, Medulance, Blinkit as well as hospitals like AIG, KIMS, Medanta, Fortis and others. Depending on their own interests and the nature of the internship, they may be working as a paramedic inside an ambulance or inside the ER of a hospital or as part of the quality team of an EMS organization or a hospital or as a junior faculty in an EMS

/ critical care / pre-hospital care training organization or as part of a team managing ambulance operations / business for an EMS organization or as part of the operations / business team of a particular department in the hospital.

14. What kind of faculty and industry experts will be involved in the teaching?

The course content will be delivered by qualified pre-hospital care and critical care instructors who also conduct various globally accredited courses by organizations like the American Heart Association, NAEMT and the American College of Surgeons. There will also be guest lectures from eminent doctors and hospital CXOs to ensure a well-rounded learning outcome for all the students of the course.

15. What kind of practical training will students receive?

The course is heavily tilted towards practical learning so that students learn real-world skills in addition to theoretical concepts. This will be enabled through simulation based training, ambulance ride-along as well as by shadowing professionals who are already working in that profession during the internship.

16. Will students receive a certification at the end of the program?

Students will receive a PG certificate in management - pre-hospital care at the end of the program. This certificate will be jointly issued by IIHMR Bangalore, a NAAC A grade institution that is a pioneer in healthcare education in India and RED Health which is Asia's only JCI accredited EMS organization. Successful completion of this course will open up multiple career pathways for its students leading up to the position of EMS leadership in the years to come.

17. What kind of networking opportunities will students get?

The students of the course will become proud members of the IIHMR Bangalore and RED Health communities. They will become proud alumni of IIHMR Bangalore upon course completion and will therefore get access to all industry events and special opportunities presented by IIHMR Bangalore to their students and alumni. In addition, they will also become proud members of RED Health's community of EMS professionals and students which comprises more than 1,00,000 learners at the moment and is slated to grow to 1 million over the next 5 years.

18. Is there an option to defer admission if I can't join this year?

Under special circumstances, we will give an option to a successful applicant to join a subsequent batch of the course anytime during the next 1 year if they have to opt out post selection due to a pressing personal need.

19. Will there be career support and guidance after completion?

IIHMR Bangalore and RED Health guarantee internships and placement opportunities to 100% of the students of this program upon successful course completion with a minimum CGPA of 6.4 on a 10-point scale and 70%+ attendance.

20. Is this program approved by any statutory body like NBA, AICTE, UGC?

This is a 11 months program designed with alignment of global standards for Post Graduate Diploma. Similar courses are offered by Warwick University, University of Glasgow. As per New Education Policy 2020, Institutes and Universities are allowed to run courses lesser than 12 months including program oriented for employment and skill development.

21. Can I apply for Ph.D. / Doctoral programs after completing this program?

No, since this is 11 months program, the students graduating from this program are not eligible to apply for Ph.D. / Doctoral programs after graduation. However IIHMR Bangalore offers credit banking options for the students, who can join 1 year MSc or Masters level program offered by Foreign Universities and then peruse Ph.D./Doctoral admissions.

22. Can I opt out of the placement option and seek discount on course fees?

The program fee is calculated for tuition fees, laboratory and simulation fees, library fees, and examination fees which are focussed on ensuring delivering quality education and hands-on learning. Neither IIHMR Bangalore or Red Health is explicitly charging fees for placements. Placements is added value add, thus opting out of placement though allowed will not change the fee structure.

23. Do I need to sign any bond agreement after securing placement through this program?

IIHMR Bangalore and Red Health, discourage organizations regarding signing of bond agreements with students for placements. However, in case some organisations insist on signing bonds or similar agreements for offering placements, such request would be jointly evaluated by IIHMR Bangalore and Red Health for its merits and demerits with full disclosure about bond signing provided to students before sitting for placements with such organisations.