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# Diploma in Pediatric Allergy and Asthma (DPAA)

Course Prospectus - 2025

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***Centre of Excellence - World Allergy Organization***

Institute of Child Health, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital  
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## Message from The Program Director

Dear Doctor,

I welcome you on behalf of the Diploma in Pediatric Allergy & Asthma (DPAA) team and appreciate for your interest in the DPAA program.

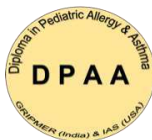
Allergic disorders are on a steady rise across the globe. People living in the developing world are affected worst due to lack of infrastructure and knowledge gap among physicians. There is no formal training yet in India's medical curriculum to train medical professionals on how to manage this imminent epidemic. Patients are being treated by physicians of various specialties without having true scientific knowledge regarding disease pathophysiology, management and treatment guidelines, thus resulting in poor outcomes.

DPAA program has been designed to bridge the increasing gap between doctors and patients and to provide quality medical education to the young enthusiastic minds about this pertinent subject. The course creates opportunities for subsequent advanced researches in the related field.

We aim to serve the community and heal their vows by creating awareness among practitioners and medical graduates. Hard work, dedication and honesty are the core pillars of DPAA strength. We have similar expectations from our students too.

Once again, welcome to the DPAA family. Wish you happy, healthy and fruitful journey with us.

Dr Neeraj Gupta  
DNB, FAAAAI, DPSM



## **Diploma in Pediatric Allergy and Asthma**

### **DPAA course**

#### **Aims and Objectives**

- To provide specialization and expertise in the field of Pediatric Allergy and Asthma by training prepared minds under guidance of experienced faculty in the field.
- To bring together in one place educational facilities of the highest order through didactic lectures, discussions and hands on work in the field so that the trainees are able to attain self-sufficiency in the field of Pediatric Allergies.
- After successfully completing the course, the trainees should be competent enough to manage, treat and understand all forms of Pediatric allergic disorders, which are causing strain on our population.
- To provide ambient atmosphere of research and development in the aforesaid field.

## **DPAA Course information**

**Scope of the course** – DPAA course is of one-year duration blended learning contact-session based program suitable for general practitioners, residents and physicians who deal with allergy patients in their day-to-day practice. This course incorporates interactive sessions on basics as well as advancements in allergology, guide to investigations and management in office practice. The aim of this program is to provide state of the art clinical training in allergy, asthma and related conditions to health care providers. We also aim to initiate quality research in the field of pediatric allergies.

**Recognition** – DPAA course is recognized by Ganga Ram Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (GRIPMER), an academic arm of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi, India and also by International Asthma Services (IAS), Colorado, USA. The course has been endorsed by American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) and Center for Global Health, University of Colorado, USA.

**Eligibility criteria for applying DPAA course** – Following candidates will be eligible to apply for the DPAA course.

- MD/DNB/Diploma completed in either of the following:
  - Respiratory or Pulmonary Medicine
  - General Medicine
  - General Pediatrics
  - ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)
- Overseas candidates with equivalent qualification are also eligible for the DPAA course, after recognition by Medical council of India or similar competent Indian authority.

**Who will be considered overseas or international candidate?** – Candidate's current working place will be the deciding factor for national or overseas status. This will be assessed based on self-declaration by the candidate on application form and/or Letter of Recommendation (LOR) by current employer (to be submitted later after selection to the course).

**Selection criteria** – Selection to DPAA course is based on set criterias as described below. The decision of selection committee will be final and binding to everyone and **NO** request for re-evaluation or display of marks/rank will be entertained by any candidate. The selection to DPAA course will be based on:

## 1. DPAA-OET (Objective Entrance Test) - Weightage 80%

- DPAA-OET will be conducted at online platform in second or third week of August 2024. OET will constitute Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). The candidate is supposed to choose **ONLY** one correct or most appropriate answer. There will be **NO** Negative marking.
- Syllabus for DPAA-OET - The OET will be aimed for knowledge assessment of candidates based on general medicine, pediatrics and basics of allergy which a person is expected to know before joining the DPAA course. 'Allergy in a Nutshell - A Handbook' is one among the many suggested reading resources.
- Detailed instructions regarding OET will be sent to eligible candidates on their respective Emails during first week of August 2024.

## 2. Duly completed DPAA Application form - Weightage 20%

- Candidates who meet the eligibility criteria (as mentioned above) will be scored based on the following:
  - Complete application including all the necessary documents
  - Previous experience in the related field
  - Research papers, presentation and publications
  - Awards or honors received
  - Future aspirations after pursuing the DPAA course

**Course curriculum** – 'Diploma in Pediatric Allergy and Asthma' (DPAA) is a 1-year blended learning contact-session (CS) based program. There will be two personal contact sessions (CS-1 & 4) and two virtual contact sessions (CS-2 & 3) including an exit exam. Each contact session (CS-1, 2, 3 & 4) will be of 5 days duration individually. A candidate needs to attend a total of 10 days of physical sessions during the entire course duration of 1-year. Enrolled candidates will be provided course study material in the first CS. Contact Sessions will have didactic theory sessions and practical/demo sessions. Details of each contact session will be provided to the enrolled candidates prior to each session. After initial three contact sessions (CS-1, 2 & 3), candidates will be given pre-defined assignments related to course content. They need to complete these assignments and submit it to course director before the due date. Each candidate has to present at least one journal club/scientific dialogue from the latest research in the field of allergy & asthma. Fourth contact session (CS-4) will be conducted physically at the premises of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi. CS-4 will have initial 3 days of revision sessions followed by 2 days of exit exam. Candidates will have ample opportunities for hands-on training and case-based discussions during the entire course.

**Document verification** – During the first physical CS, you need to bring the following documents in original for verification. In case of non-availability of originals due to any reason, certified copies (by either Medical Superintendent of a Government hospital or Principal/Head of Department of post-graduation medical college/ hospital) may be considered. Documents need to be verified on the first day of start of the course at the reception desk. No originals or copies are required to be submitted. The documents needed for verification are:

- MBBS degree or equivalent certificate
- Post-graduate degree/diploma or equivalent certificate
- Current valid Medical council registration certificate (Center or State)
- Letter of recommendation (**original copy needs to be submitted**)
- Current valid passport (Both original & self-attested copy) - only for international candidates

**Do I need to follow all or part of course curriculum guidelines?** - It will be **mandatory** for all the enrolled candidates to follow the course curriculum guidelines completely, failing which either their candidature may be cancelled or they will **NOT** be allowed to appear in the exit exam. Decision by DPAA governing body will be final and binding to all in this regard.

**What if I can't attend one/more of the contact sessions after enrollment?** – Attendance at all contact sessions is mandatory for appearing in the final exit exam. If due to certain circumstances, any candidate is unable to attend any CS, then he/she is supposed to attend same CS with next year batch to be eligible for appearing in final exit exam. In such case, the candidate is supposed to submit late fee to continue the course with next batch. Decision by DPAA governing body will be final and binding to all in this regard.

**What if I can't complete one/more contact sessions in two consecutive years** – A candidate is expected to complete the DPAA course within two consecutive session years after selection and enrollment. In case, someone is unable to complete in the due time due to any reason, his candidature for the course will be considered cancelled. However, the candidate can reapply as fresh applicant for the course. Decision by DPAA governing body will be final and binding to all in this regard.

**Can contact session dates change after their announcement?** – All sessions are planned as per availability of faculties, teaching room and other logistics. Once decided, CS dates will **NOT** change due to any candidate's personal request. Dates might change in a rare instance, depending upon the logistics for conducting the sessions. Decision by DPAA governing body will be final and binding to all in this regard.

**DPAA Exit exam** – The exit exam will be conducted in November-December of respective year. It will consist of both theory and practical evaluation. Minimum 60% marks in both theory and practical will be required (independently) for passing the exit exam. Assignments will have predefined weightage in the final exam. The final exam will be evaluated by both Indian & International faculties. Final results (PASS or FAIL) of the examination will be sent to the candidates individually and will also be displayed on our website [www.pacesgrh.com](http://www.pacesgrh.com) within 2 weeks of completion of exit exam. **NO** request for individual marks display will be entertained by any candidate. More details about the exit exam will be informed to candidates near the dates.

**Is there a separate exit exam fee?** – There is **NO** separate exit exam fee for the candidates enrolled in the same academic year. If a candidate needs to appear for the exit exam in subsequent year/s after enrollment due to any reason (including inability to attend any CS or clear the exit exam in scheduled time or others), he/she is supposed to submit the **LATE FEE** (30,000/- INR for Indian nationals and 700/- USD for international candidates).

**Convocation** – Successful candidates will be awarded the certificate of the **“DIPLOMA IN PEDIATRIC ALLERGY AND ASTHMA”** by GRIPMER and IAS during the convocation ceremony.

**Awards and Honors** – Following awards will be awarded to meritorious students:

1. **Dr S C Arya Gold Medal Award** - The gold medal will be awarded to the candidate with best performance during DPAA course.
2. **Proficiency Award/s** - One or more Proficiency award/s may be awarded to candidates based on their round the year performance including their attendance, discipline, interaction during the contact sessions and exit exam.

**What if someone can't attend the convocation ceremony?** – Convocation ceremony is meant for celebrating your hard work and success. It is advisable to attend the convocation, but if due to any reason someone is unable to attend, they will receive their certificates by post (at extra cost towards postal charges needs to be borne by the candidates, which will be communicated to them by DPAA governing body at an appropriate time).

**Course Venue** – All the personal contact sessions will be held at campus of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi - 110060 (INDIA). Enrolled candidates need to arrange their travel, stay, boarding and lodging by their own. DPAA governing body, GRIPMER or IAS will **NOT** be responsible for any of these issues.



**Faculty** – Various national and international faculties will be available for teaching and interaction during DPAA course. There will be online and offline sessions by allergy experts across the globe.

- Specialists to be included during DPAA course
  - Allergy specialist
  - Immunologist
  - Pulmonologist
  - Intensivist
  - Dermatologist
  - ENT specialist
  - Ophthalmologist
  - Aerobiologist
  - Biochemist
  - Sleep Medicine Specialist
  - Allied sciences (Hemato-oncologist, Statistician, Botanist etc.)

**Fee structure** – The fee covers charges for tuition fee, supplies, exam fees (same academic year), course material, lunch during course days and convocation.

<b>Course fee (including GST) for Indian candidates (in INR):</b>	<b>1,75,000/-</b>
<b>Course fee for international candidates (in USD):</b>	<b>3500 USD</b>
<b>Exit Exam fee for same academic year:</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>Late fee for Indian candidates (in INR):</b>	<b>30,000/-</b>
<b>Late fee for International candidates (in USD)</b>	<b>700 USD</b>

Payment can be made by online or NEFT transfer. Further details will be communicated to enrolled candidates in due course of time.

**Fee refund policy** – There will be **NO** refund of any part of fee, after submission, even if the candidate chooses not to join the course or discontinue in between due to any reason. The fee will **NOT** be transferred to another candidate account, if any candidate wishes to do so. In case of any unusual circumstance, the decision of DPAA governing body will be final and binding to everyone.

**Stipend** – There will be **NO** stipend given to the enrolled candidates.

**Dispute settlement** – The venue of the arbitration will be New Delhi and the Indian laws will be applicable. The Delhi court alone will have the exclusive jurisdiction to adjudication in case of any dispute.



## DPAA course - Application process

### How to apply:

DPAA application form is available online at our website [www.pace@sgrh.com](http://www.pace@sgrh.com). Application form should be completed and submitted latest by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 05.00 PM IST (Indian Standard Time) along with supporting documents and application fee.

### Documents to be submitted:

Following documents need to be uploaded during completion of application:

- Passport size photo
- Latest CV
- MBBS or equivalent degree
- Post-graduate degree/diploma or equivalent
- Registration Certificate with medical council
- Current valid passport copy - only for international candidates
- Candidate's Signature

### Application fee:

For Indian candidates, the application fee of Rs.1200/- need to be deposited online (at [www.pacesgrh.com](http://www.pacesgrh.com)). For international candidates, the application fee of 30 USD may be deposited online (at [www.pacesgrh.com](http://www.pacesgrh.com)) or by NEFT transfer.

### NEFT details (For transfer in INR):

Account name: Pediatric Pace Education Pvt. Ltd.  
Bank name & branch: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., 79, Old Rajinder Nagar,  
New Delhi - 110060  
Account Number: 6413807274  
Account type: Current Account  
IFSC code: KKBK0000179

### NEFT details (For transfer in USD):

SWIFT code: KKBKINBB  
Correspondent bank: Citibank NA, 111, Wall Street, New York, NY 10043 (SWIFT Code: CITIUS3, Nostro A/C number: 36317907, FEDWIRE Routing No. - 0210-0008-9)

### **Rejection of application form:**

Forms with incomplete information or missing supporting documents or non-payment of application fee will be immediately rejected and will not be considered for further evaluation or selection. **NO** applications will be considered after the declared submission deadline.

### **Selection process:**

Applications submitted only up till 31<sup>st</sup> July, 05.00 PM IST will be evaluated for eligibility for the course. Eligible candidates will be informed via email regarding DPAA-OET in first week of August. DPAA-OET will be held at online platform during second or third week of August.

**DPAA-OET Result** – Result of DPAA-OET will be declared within a week time (after the conduct of OET) and will be available at [www.pace@sgrh.com](mailto:www.pace@sgrh.com). The selected candidates will be supposed to complete all the admission formalities before the due date. In case of non-completion, the candidature (of respective candidate) will be considered cancelled and the seat will be offered to next candidate in waiting. Waiting list/s will be displayed, only if need arises, at [www.pace@sgrh.com](mailto:www.pace@sgrh.com) subsequently after the due date of previous selection list.

**Letter Of Recommendation (LOR)** – All selected candidates are expected to submit a letter of recommendation (LOR) certifying about their work place. LOR can be issued by an employer, colleague or another socially responsible person who can take guarantee for the candidate. Further details regarding LOR will be sent to selected candidates in due course of time. Any discrepancies found at any stage of admission process or later will demand strict disciplinary action against candidate which may include penalty, cancellation or termination of DPAA course. Decision by DPAA governing body will be final and binding to all in this regard.

### **Submission of course fee and recruitment for DPAA course:**

Once selected candidates accept their candidature, they need to deposit the complete course fee by the due date (which will be mentioned on email) failing which their candidature will be cancelled. Candidates will be informed about mode of course fee submission after their selection.

### **Session details:**

After selection and recruitment process is complete, candidates will be informed about their contact session (CS) details. First contact session usually starts in the month of January every year.

### Timeline for DPAA course (2025 Batch) –

- Availability of application forms: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024
- Submission of complete application form: 31<sup>st</sup> July (05.00 PM IST) 2024
- Eligible candidate list: 1<sup>st</sup> week of August 2024
- DPAA-OET: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August 2024
- Display of selected candidates list: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> week of August 2024
- Submission of LOR & course fees: August-September 2024
- Display of waitlist candidate (if required): September 2024
- Completion of admission process: September-October 2024
- Information regarding CS and study material: December 2024
- Tentative schedule for DPAA contact sessions:
  - CS-1 (Physical for 5 days) January 2025
  - CS-2 (Virtual for 5 days) April-May 2025
  - CS-3 (Virtual for 5 days) August-September 2025
  - CS-4 (Physical for 5 days) November-December 2025
- Exit exam (during CS-4): November-December 2025
- Result declaration of successful candidates: December 2025
- Provisional certificates (Soft copies): December 2025-January 2026
- Convocation Dates to be communicated later



# Diploma in Pediatric Allergy and Asthma (DPAA)

## Inaugural Ceremony





## Course in Progress







## Exit Exam

















