



## **ARMY COLLEGE OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

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### **7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 500 words**

#### **The ethos of Dental Education at ACDS**

##### **Objectives of AWES starting ACDS**

Dental education is the primary objective of ACDS as an institution of higher education in India. Providing assistance to serving military officers and veterans as well as war widows and their children to achieve their dreams of becoming dentists and contributing to their communities. It is the objective of the Army Welfare Education Society to provide professional education at concessional rates to benefit the nation's citizens who are serving in the armed forces. This will support them in their pursuit of a better lifestyle.

##### **Programs offered and Student Admissions**

With this humble vision and mission in mind, AWES and ACDS offer two programs in dental education. The College offers a Bachelor of Dental Surgery and a Master of Dental Surgery with priority given to dependents of Army personnel pursuing higher education goals in dentistry. The ACDS has a seat-sharing matrix as per Government guidelines. Each year ACDS accepts 40 UG students from Telangana/KNR UHS & 15 PG students in 6 specialties for MDS programs. Students of ACDS BDS pay tuition and allied charges of Rs 3,50,000.00 per year, Hostel Fee of Rs 32,400.00, and Refundable Security Deposit of Rs 40,000.00, and MDS students pay college fee of Rs 5,40,000/-, Hostel Fee of Rs 32,400.00, and Refundable Security Deposit of Rs 40,000.00 per year. Mess charges are set at Rs. 3750 (\$125 per day) by the Mess Committee each month. Payment for a year (Rs 45,000)

## **Second Home Concept: Campus amenities & Holistic Personality Development at ACDS**

Higher management and the chain of command at ACDS ensure that the optimal learning environment is provided and upgraded frequently so that these wards will have the feeling of being in a 'Second Home - Away from Home. student/ward not only learns and embodies the knowledge and skills necessary to qualify as a dental surgeon but also cultivates character and attitudes that will enable them to lead and serve. The 360-degree development of a teenager into a young responsible adult will ensure that the youth contribute to nation-building by serving the community in acts of selfless service.

Mentoring, behavioural counseling, and curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities provide 360-degree development for students. Mentors and Institutional Guardians are assigned to each student to provide guidance, help, and advice to the student throughout the course. As a result, students are able to cope with academic and personal growth while being supported academically and personally. A unique feature of our mentoring program is proctorship and peer mentoring. The transition to adulthood and meeting challenges in life as well as being of service to others is reinforced by exposing the students to a range of life situations that mimic challenges, and they learn to overcome challenges and imbibe life lessons that stand them in good stead. In order to do that, they are exposed to and practice life skills, soft skills, and community interactions under the guidance of the Behavioural Science Unit and Outreach programs organized periodically by the Department of Public Health and the National Service Society (NSS).

### **Students' Empowerment**

The student council organizes inter-class cultural competitions and sports events every year as a means of bringing out the latent talent of its members. In addition, students are encouraged to participate in conferences and seminars on a variety of topics. College clubs encourage students to develop a sense of social responsibility and teamwork. Clubs with broad membership and participation offer altruistic, administrative, and teambuilding skills as their focus. Students form a Mess Committee to run the student's mess. Students are also made part of various non-statutory committees/cells.

### **Welfare Measures & Concessions for Army personnel & their families**

AWES and ACDS management strive to provide substantial financial assistance to their service personnel as part of their commitment to providing substantial subsidies, including tuition fees, dormitory fees, mess fees, medical coverage, and group life insurance policies to enable them to work on their development goals without worrying about financial implications.

Teaching and non-teaching staff get a 50% discount, and their family members get a 25% discount. There is no charge for students. The ACDS has a comprehensive and single point of care, a tertiary clinic that can offer all the best services in dental rehabilitation. This encompasses General Dentistry, Pediatric Dentistry, Microscopic Dentistry, Orthodontics, and much more to meet the highest international standards. ACDS' educational approach is intended to provide training to enhance the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains, in order to ensure holistic and integrated development.

### **Career Path & Enrichment through Continual Career Progression measures**


Learning and Practice ensure that competencies acquired during the program are diligently used in clinical practice, thereby acquiring proficiency. So, continually updating Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes is necessary. Coaching initiatives designed to train the students for Army Dental Corps, UPSC exams, NEET-PG, Corporate Dental Hospitals, studies abroad, etc., facilitate the aspirational goals of the students.

The Dental Educational Unit at ACDS offers Continuous Professional Development courses. Character and values are imbibed and practiced beyond formal education, and form the backbone of the personality of a person and his reputation. The institution provides this by ensuring that they meet their developmental milestones upon joining the program, conducting pre-psychometric testing to understand their personality and perceptions, and then enhancing and providing experiences that cater to their various needs, such as physical, nutritional, psychological, spiritual, and intellectual pursuits that help them grow to face obstacles and lead from the front.

### **Awards/Rewards/Prizes/Scholarships**

To motivate and encourage excellence in all activities pursued by the students, AWES, the ARMY, and ACDS have instituted awards and prizes for excellence in academic and extra-curricular activities. An annual outlay of Rs. 10 lakhs- is allocated for this purpose. Additionally, AWES provides scholarship support to deserving candidates to a tune of Rs. 01 Crore/annum.



  
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