Proceedings of the meeting of the expert committee on Diploma in Nursing Care & Certificate in Geriatric Care of Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur held on 28th June 2016 at 12:30 PM at METU Hall, VIMSAR, Burla.

The following experts participated in the meeting:

- 1. Dr. Sadhu Charan Panda, Associate Professor, VIMSAR, Burla
- 2. Dr. Prakash Chandra Panda, Associate Professor, VIMSAR, Burla
- 3. Dr. Ojaswini Patel, Associate Professor, VIMSAR, Burla
- 4. Ms. Sulochana Dash, Principal, School of Nursing, VIMSAR, Burla
- 5. Mrs. Lilarani Swain, Tutor, School of Nursing, VIMSAR, Burla

Dr. Javanta Kar Sharma, Registrar of OSOU was also present

After threadbare discussion, the following matters were decided:

1. Certificate in Domiciliary Health Care: (CDHC)

- a. In response to suggestions received from interested quarters to allow +2 pass science students to be imparted skill training on Domiciliary Health Care to cater to the chronic disabled or chronically ill patients at home or elderly people living in old age homes.
- b. The expert committee deliberated and recommended that, a certificate course as follows:
 - Course duration- 6months
 - Eligibility- +2 Pass Science student
 - Curricular components
 - o theory contact sessions
 - Practical contact sessions
 - Online exposure sessions to skill modules
 - Periodic evaluations
 - Self-learning sessions

2. Certificate in Geriatric Care: (CGC)

- a. The committee deliberated upon suggestions to dilute the eligibility criteria for the course to include +2 pass students and others .But since the technical skill and knowledge prescribed in the course curriculum does not allow such dilution, the committee opined against inclusion of +2 pass as eligibility criteria.
- b. Furthermore the committee recommended to expand the eligibility criteria for the course as follows:

ANM or GNM or BHMS or BAMS or D. Pharm qualification.

Dr. Sadhu Charan Panda

Dr. Ojaswini Patel

Mrs. Lilarani Swain

Dr. Prakash Chandra Panda

Ms. Sulochana Dash