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The university Grants Commission (UGC) Approves Various Skill based Vocational Education & Training Courses often integrated into Schemes like the **B.VOC** (Bachelor of Vocation) and **Community College of Programs**. These courses are designed for employment and cover a wide range of sectors, including I.T. Media, and retail management and are often developed in consultation with industry and aligned the **NSQF, NATIONAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**.

The UGC had launched a Scheme on 27 February, 2014 for skill development based higher education leading to Bachelor of Vocation (B.VOC) degree with Multiple entry and exit points, considering the implementation modalities, the guide lines of the scheme have been revised in the year 2015.

According to the guideline and approval/confirmation for the establishment of UGC Skill, based Vocational Education Institution/Organization, the Government/ Society/Trust or company may also set up an independent **Community College** to implement the Scheme and may offer courses as per the extant guidelines.



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Community Colleges

The Community College Scheme is to offer low cost high quality education locally, that encompasses both skill development as well as traditional coursework, thereby providing opportunities to the learners to move directly to employment sector or to move up in higher education sector. It offers a flexible and open education system which also caters to community based life-long learning needs. The CCs are to offer knowledge-Skill mixed programmes of different durations depending on the need of local industry leading to a certification at various levels of NSQF.

- Eligibility: 10+2 or equivalent
- Scholarship: 1000/- p.m. per student
- ▶ Duration of courses under the scheme :
 - Certificate course : 6 months
 - Diploma course : 1 year
 - Advance Diploma course : 2 years
- ▶ The course curriculum has 40% general education and 60% vocational education components.
- ▶ Ceiling of assistance under the scheme : Rs. 50,000,00/- per course, per annum.
- ▶ Students have the option of multiple exit after attaining a particular level of competency
- ▶ Credits and semester system are mandatory ingredients of the scheme
- ▶ Sector Skills Councils and Industry partners have to participate in the development of the curriculum, governance of Community College, training of learners and also their assessment.
- ▶ Students obtaining Diploma (NSQF Level 5) and Advance Diploma (NSQF Level 6) from Community Colleges are eligible for admission into 2nd and 3rd year of B.Voc. degree programme respectively.





Scheme of Community Colleges



Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc) Degree Programme

Structure of Community College/B.Voc Course

NSQF
Level-4

Certificate
(06 Months - 30 Credits)

Diploma
(01 Year - 60 Credits)

NSQF
Level-5

NSQF
Level-6

Advanced Diploma
(02 Year - 120 Credits)

B.Voc Degree
(03 Year - 180 Credits)

NSQF
Level-7

Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) Degree Programme:

The UGC has launched a scheme on skills development based higher education as part of college/university education, leading to Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) degree with lateral entry and multiple exit options at Diploma/Advanced Diploma level under the NSQF. The B.Voc. programme is focused on universities and colleges providing undergraduate studies which would also incorporate specific job roles and their NOSs along with broad based general education. This would enable the graduates completing B.Voc. to make a meaningful participation in accelerating India's economy by gaining appropriate employment, becoming entrepreneurs and creating appropriate knowledge.

- ▶ Three years degree programme with 40% general education and 60% vocational education components.
- ▶ Entry level : 10 +2 pass students in 1st year
- ▶ There are options of multiple entry and exit.
- ▶ Students can exit after one year with a Diploma course; after two years with an Advance Diploma; and after three years with a B.Voc. degree
- ▶ Credits and semester system are mandatory ingredients of the scheme
- ▶ Industry partners are integral parts of the academic bodies of the universities/n colleges running the programme.
- ▶ The ceiling of assistance for a period of three years under the scheme is Rs. 1.85 crores.
- ▶ UGC also provides one Associate Professor and two Assistant Professors on contract basis under the scheme.
- ▶ Students obtaining Diploma (NSQF Level 5) and Advance Diploma (NSQF Level 6) from Community Colleges are eligible for admission into 2nd and 3rd year of B.Voc. degree programme respectively.

Who can apply:

- o The existing universities and colleges recognized by the UGC under section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive General Development Assistance can apply under the Scheme. The eligible universities and colleges may submit the proposal under the Scheme to the UGC on specified format.





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- ▶ Self financing institutions recognized under 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956, and not eligible to receive general development assistance from the UGC, may also be considered for approval under the scheme. They will abide by the guidelines of UGC as amended from time to time but will not be entitled for any financial assistance under the scheme.
- ▶ The CC should not be a part of departments of a university /college and it should have a separate entity within the institution.
- ✓ ▶ The Government / Society / Trust or a Company may also set up an independent Community College to implement the scheme and may offer courses as per the extant guidelines. The financial assistance to such community colleges will be governed as per the prevailing policy of the Commission.



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