ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPEARING APRCET 2025-26

Ph.D. can be pursued by candidates possessing the minimum qualifications as specified below either on Full-Time (FT)/ Part-Time (PT) basis in the Faculties of Science, Arts, Humanities, Social Science, Fine Arts, Education, Physical Education, Commerce and Management Studies, Engineering and Technology, Architecture & Planning, Law and Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., Admissions into Ph. D. programme will be made within the framework of reservation rules in force prescribed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time. The details of faculty/specialization wise eligibility criteria will be notified in details along with the APRCET notification.

The APRCET Committee may include, combine, separate, or drop any of the disciplines as may be deemed necessary with proper reasoning.

Admission will be given only for the subject in which the candidate has appeared for the entrance test.

Candidates applying for Ph.D. programmes in Engineering disciplines must possess a Master's degree (M.Tech.) in the relevant subject.

Candidates applying for Ph.D. programmes in Science disciplines must possess a Master's degree (M.Sc.) in the relevant subject.

Full-Time (FT)

a) Candidates who have completed 1 year / 2 semesters Master's Degree programme after 4 year / 8 semester Bachelor's Degree Programme or 2 year/ 4 semester Master's Degree programme after 3-year Bachelor's Degree programme or a qualifications declared equivalent to the Master's Degree by the corresponding statutory regulator body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other state or in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

b) A relaxation of 5% of marks, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/BC (non-creamy layer)/ Differently abled and other categories of candidates as per the regulations of the UGC issued from time to time.

   Provided that candidate seeking admission after 4 year / 8 semester Bachelor's Degree Programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/BC/ differently-abled/EWS, and other categories of candidates as per the regulations of the UGC from time to time.

Part-time (PT)

Candidate satisfying the eligibility conditions noted above can be admitted as Part-Time candidate through an entrance test (APRCET), as per the following order of priority. Admission into Part-Time category will be made on the basis of service in the respective categories. Subject to obtaining NOC from the competent authority in the organization.

1. Regular Faculty working in the University or in the P.G. Centers.
2. (a) Faculty/ Librarians/Assistant Librarians/Physical directors working in affiliated degree/PG colleges/ Professional colleges and Faculty teaching Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Humanities in Professional colleges having completed at least two years of service.

OR

(b) Faculty working in Polytechnic/Government or private aided junior Colleges/Schools having completed at least four years of service.

OR

(c) Working full time employees of any organization with at least four years of service.

Candidates satisfying the following requirements shall be eligible to appear for APRCET:

A. Candidate should be of Indian Nationality or persons of Indian Origin (PIO)/ Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders.

B. Candidates should belong to the State of Andhra Pradesh. The candidate should satisfy local/ Non-local status requirements laid down in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulations of Admission) Order, 1974 as subsequently amended.

C. Ph.D can be pursued by candidates possessing the minimum qualifications as specified below either on Full-Time (FT) or Part-Time (PT) basis in the faculties of Sciences, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Education, Physical Education, Commerce and Management studies, Engineering & Technology, Architecture & Planning, Law, Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., Admissions into Ph.D programs will be made within the framework of reservation rules in force prescribed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time.

D. Candidates for admission into Ph.D programmes shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree in respective subject declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body with at least 55% marks in the aggregate or its equivalent grade "B' in the UGC-7 point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale where grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution

accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any statutory in that country for the Purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

E. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50% or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/BC/PWD and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace marks procedures.

F. Ph.D. discipline and eligibility in respect of qualifying P.G. Degree shall be clearly notified by The APRCET Convener.

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Test Subjects and Eligibility Criteria

TEST CODE	TEST SUBJECT FOR Ph.D PROGRAMME	ELIGIBLE PG SUBJECT/SUBJECTS FOR Ph.D PROGRAMME
01	Adult Education	Adult Education
02	Anthropology	Anthropology
03	Biotechnology	Biotechnology (Sciences)
		Biotechnology (Engineering)
		Biotechnology and Bio Informatics
04	Buddhist Studies	Mahayana Buddhist Studies
		Philosophy
05	Commerce	Commerce
06	Economics	Econometrics
		Economics / Applied Economics
07	Education	Education / Special Education
08	English	English
09	Fine Arts	Fine Arts
10	Folklore	Folklore
11	Hindi	Hindi
12	History	History
13	International and Area Studies	South East Asian and Pacific Studies
		Area Studies
14	Journalism & Mass Communication	Communication & Journalism
		Journalism & Mass Communication
15	Law	Law
16	Library & Information Science	Library & Information Science

17	Linguistics	Linguistics
		Dravidian & Computational Linguistics
18	Management	Business Administration
		Business Management
		Human Resource Management
		Management Studies
19	Music	Music
		Performing Arts (Music)
20	Physical Education	Physical Education
21	Political Science	Political Science
		Public Administration
22	Psychology	Psychology and Para-Psychology
		Psychology
23	Public Administration	Public Administration
		Political Science
24	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair
		Sociology
		Social Work
		Legal Studies
		History
		Economics
		Political Science
		English
		Rural Development
		Education
		Human Resource Management
		Journalism & Mass Communication
		Philosophy
25	Sanskrit	Sanskrit
26	Social Work	Social Work
27	Sociology	Sociology
28	Telugu	Telugu
29	Tourism Management	Tourism and Hospitality Management
		Tourism Management
30	Women's Studies	Women's Studies
		Humanities & Social Sciences
31	Applied Life Sciences	Applied Microbiology
		Life Sciences / Applied Life Sciences
		Genetics and Genomics
		Human Genetics
		Industrial Microbiology
		Microbiology
		Virology
32	Biochemistry	Biochemistry
		Botany

33	Botany	Plant Sciences
		Horticulture and Landscape Management
		Agricultural Biotechnology
34	Chemical Sciences	Chemistry
		Chemistry Inorganic & Analytical
		Engineering Chemistry
		Organic Chemistry & Chemistry of Foods, Drugs and Water Analysis

35	Computer Science and Applications	Computer Science
		Computer Applications
36	Electronics & Instrumentation	Electronics
		Electronics & Instrumentation
		Instrumentation
		Instrumentation Technology (Engineering)
37	Environmental Science	Environmental Science
		Botany
		Physics
		Chemistry
		Zoology
		Geography
		Geology
		Civil Engineering
38	Geography	Geography
39	Geology	Earth Sciences
		Geology
		Geophysics
		Marine Geology
		Applied Geology
40	Home Science	Home Science
		Food Nutrition
41	Material Science and Nanotechnology	Nano-Technology
		Material Science and Nanotechnology
		Chemistry
		Physics
42	Mathematics	Applied Mathematics
		Engineering Mathematics
		Mathematics
43	Physics	Engineering Physics
		Nuclear Physics
		Physics
44	Sericulture	Sericulture
45	Statistics	Statistics
		Applied Statistics
		Statistics with Computer Science
		SQC and OR

46	Zoology	Aquaculture
		Animal Biotechnology
		Marine Living Resources
		Marine Biology
		Zoology
47	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering with any Specialization
48	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering with any Specialization
49	Computer Science & Engineering	Computer Science & Engineering with any Specialization
		Computer Science & Technology
		Information Technology

50	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering with any Specialization
		Electrical Engineering
51	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering
52	Food Technology	Food Technology (Science /Eng. Stream)
		Food and Nutritional Sciences
		Food, Nutrition & Dietetics
		Food Science and Nutrition
		Applied Nutrition
		Food Service Management and Dietetics
		Food Science and Quality Control with any Specialization
53	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering with any Specialization
54	Metallurgical Engineering	Metallurgical Engineering with any Specialization
		Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
55	Marine Engineering	Marine Engineering with any Specialization
		Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
56	Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Analysis & Quality Assurance
		Pharmaceutical Analysis
		Pharmaceutical Biotechnology
		Pharmaceutical Chemistry
		Pharmaceutical Sciences
		Pharmaceutical Technology
		Pharmacology/ Pharmacy Practice/ Pharma -D
		Pharmacognacy
		Pharmaceutics
		Pharmacy
57	Comparative Dravidian Literature	Comparative Dravidian Literature & Philosophy
58	Tulu	Tulu
59	Mahathma Jyothi Rao Phule studies	Mahathma Jyothi Rao Phule studies
		Sociology
		Social Work
		Legal Studies
		History
		Economics
		Political Science
		Anthropology

		Rural Development
		Education
		Philosophy
		Human Resource Management
		Journalism & Mass Communication
60	Urdu	Urdu
61	Population Studies	Population Studies
62	Meteorology & Physical Oceanography	Meteorology / Physical Oceanography / M.Tech. Atmospheric Science / Oceanic Sciences.

63	Babu Jagjivan Ram Chair	Babu Jagjivan Ram Chair
		Sociology
		Social Work
		Legal Studies
		History
		Economics
		Political Science
		Anthropology
		Rural Development
		Education
		Human Resource Management
		Journalism and Mass Communication

64	Rural development	Rural development