

The **Directorate of Medical Education** ensures the smooth functioning of all medical colleges and attached teaching hospitals, nursing schools and nursing colleges.

The main functions and services of the Directorate are:

1. To provide Specialist Medical Care and medical facilities to people through hospitals.
2. To impart quality Medical Education to undergraduates, P. G. and Super Speciality post graduates through Medical Colleges and Teaching hospitals.
3. To provide training in para-medical courses like nursing and medical and laboratory technology, etc. through Medical Colleges and Teaching Hospitals

The present department of Medical Education was originally called Department of Medical Services with its origin in composite Madras State under British India. It continued, as such, till Andhra State was formed on 01. 11. 53 with 11 districts from the former Madras State.

The present Directorate of Medical Education was created in the year 1987, after many changes that took place from 1967 to 1987. Full-fledged functioning of the department started from 29. 9. 1987.

Under Act 6 of 1986 - University of Health Sciences Act 1986, NTR University of Health Sciences was established at Vijayawada to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a Teaching and Affiliating University in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the purposes of ensuring efficient and systematic education, trainee and Research on the Allopathic and Indian systems of Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing. Hence the Academic activities earlier under D. M. E. were transferred to NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, from 1986 onwards.

As the delivery of Medical Care depends very much on proper staffing, the Government after considering the recommendations of various high level Committees such as Bhore Committee, Mudaliar Committee, Working Groups of Planning Commission and Indian Medical Council, prescribed revised yardsticks of staffing pattern of the teaching hospitals, Speciality and Medical Colleges in G. O. Ps. No. 88, M & H, Dated 27. 8. 1977 as per which the cadre strength of Medical, Nursing and para-medical now exists in the teaching hospitals and Medical Colleges. The pattern of Teaching Staff in Medical Colleges and attached Teaching Hospitals in the State is modified as per Medical Council of India Regulations 1999 and upgraded as per the new amendments of MCI.

Sl. No	Institutions	No
1	Medical Colleges	11
2	Teaching Hospitals	32
3	Nursing Colleges	09
4	Nursing Schools	08
5	Dental Colleges	01

Hospitals Under DME

S. No	Name of the Hospital	No. of Beds
1	King George Hospital, Vizag	1052
2	Govt. Genl. Hospital for Mental Care, Vizag	300
3	Govt. TB & Cd Hospital, Vizag	288
4	Govt. Victoria Hospital for Women & Children, Vizag	147
5	R. C. D. Hospital for Children, Vizag	70
6	Regional Eye Hospital, Vizag	75
7	Govt. General Hospital, Guntur	1177
8	Govt. Fever Hospital, Guntur	100
9	Govt. General Hospital, Kakinada	1085
10	SVRR Hospital, Tirupathi	710
11	Govt. Maternity Hospital, Tirupathi	142
12	Regional Eye Hospital, Kurnool	75
13	Govt. General Hospital, Kurnool	1050
14	Govt. General Hospital, Anantapur	300
15	Govt. General Hospital, Vijayawada	412
16	Govt. General Hospital, Mangalagiri	200
17	Mangalagiri Hospital, Mangalagiri	20
18	Rural Health Centre, Nimmakuru	10
19	SVRKM Hospital, Vuyyuru	30
20	Y. V. C. Oncology Wing & Research Centre, Chinakakani, Guntur	30