

E. Attitude, Ethics & Communication (AETCOM) Modules

A formal training in attitude, ethics and communication shall be incorporated in the Competency Based Undergraduate Curriculum.

Objectives of the programme:

At the end of the programme, the learner must demonstrate ability to:

- a. understand and apply principles of bioethics and law as they apply to medical practice and research
- b. understand and apply the principles of clinical reasoning as they apply to the care of the patients
- c. understand and apply the principles of system based care as they relate to the care of the patient
- d. understand and apply empathy and other human values to the care of the patient
- e. communicate effectively with patients, families, colleagues and other health care professionals
- f. understand the strengths and limitations of alternative systems of medicine
- g. respond to events and issues in a professional, considerate and humane fashion
- h. translate learning from the humanities in order to further his / her professional and personal growth.

Learning Experiences:

- a. AETCOM modules shall be taught as a longitudinal program throughout the MBBS as follows:

	Lecture / Teaching Hours	SGD / Tutorials / Int. Learning (Hours)	SDL (Hours)	Total (Hours)	No. of Modules
Phase I		26	8	34	5
Phase II		29	8	37	8
Phase III Part I		19	6	25	5
Phase III Part II	28		16	44	9

- b. Learning experiences shall include small group discussions, patient case scenarios, workshops, seminars, role play, lectures, etc.
- c. During the pre-clinical Phase I, separate time shall be allotted for AETCOM modules in the time-table.
- d. Hours from the clinical postings shall be used for AETCOM modules during Phase II & III
- e. 75% attendance is compulsory in AETCOM modules to be eligible to attend the final exam of each professional year.

Assessment:

- Assessment shall be through written test or OSCE scenarios.
- Skill competencies acquired shall be tested during clinical / practical exams and viva.