

Master of Rural Development Management (M.R.D.M.)

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION: Khon Kaen University, Graduate School

DURATION: One (1) academic year (15 months; August 2016-October 2017)

OBJECTIVES:

The Master's program in Rural Development Management intends to produce post-graduates who are qualified as follows:

1. Being able to understand principles and theories of rural development as a multi-disciplinary science, and able to apply the principles and theories of rural development management by inculcating knowledge and experience from former careers.
2. Skilled in management, development plan establishment, development project settlement, as well as skilled in conducting and analyzing research on the physical circumstances, society, economy, culture, technology and environment of an individual locality.
3. Have good attitudes towards rural development management and have a sense of initiative about self-development, as well as well-defined social skills in the areas of human interaction and leadership.

COURSE SYNOPSIS & METHODOLOGY:

The course comprises 36 credits hours, including 21 credits of required courses (Rural Development Theories; Politics and Economics of Rural Development; Evidence-based Rural Development Practices; Research and Statistics; Project Management; Seminar; and Field Study), and elective course credits. Students will also be required to complete a comprehensive examination and an independent study.

A comprehensive examination is a written and/or oral examination, aims to assess the student's comprehensive knowledge and understanding in theories of rural development and the ability to effectively apply such knowledge in rural development at different situations.

COURSE CONTENT/STUDY TOPIC:

This program is one year full-time program, divided into three semesters, 12-15 weeks per each semester. The program plan study can be as follows:

First Semester: August – November (14 credits)

No.	Course Title	Number of Credits
1.	Theories and Approaches in Rural Development	3
2.	Economics and Politics of Rural Development	3
3.	Applied Statistics for Rural Development	3
4.	Research Methodology for Rural Development	3
5.	Field Study Experience in Rural Development	2

Second Semester: December - March (12 credits)

No.	Course Title	Number of Credits
1.	Evidence-based Practices in Rural Development	3
2.	Management of Rural Development Project	3
3.	Management of Rural Resource Systems	3
4.	Seminar in Rural Development Management	1
5.	Independent Study	2

Third Semester: April – July (10 credits)

No.	Course Title	Number of Credits
1.	Local Institutional Development	3
2.	Conflict Resolution in Community and Environment	3
3.	Independent Study	4
	Total	36

Remark: August : Comprehensive Examination
 August-October : Data collection and research conducting
 : Presentation or Publication of research article

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Possess a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in any related field
2. Proficiency in English
3. At least three (3) years of professional experience in rural development
4. Preferably not over 45 years of age

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- Three (3) copies of the TICA application form, affixed with photographs
- Two (2) references
- Transcripts of studies in English (mark sheets), if available
- English language certificate (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS), if available
- A brief proposal for an independent study, including a topic, statement of the problems, objectives and expectations

Number of Participant: 3

Eligible Countries:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Comoros, Eritrea, Fiji, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Lesotho, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Seychelles, Rwanda, Senegal, Solomon Island, South Sudan, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Togo and Vanuatu.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATION:

March 2016

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