



Marian Community College and Center for Continuing Education (MCC)

Reaching the Unreached...

- *Responding to emerging learning needs of the community*
- *Bridging the campus with the community*
- *Addressing the challenges of continuing education and professional development*

Community College and Centre for Continuing Education

Marian Community College, The Extension Centre of Marian College was inaugurated on November 2nd, 2007 by Mar Mathew Arackal Patron of the College. It is envisaged as a bi-focal nodal department for the extension dimension of higher education imparted in the college. The main focus is to address the learning needs of the less-privileged people around the college and the other focus is to address the challenges of continuing education.

The rationale of community college is that we have a moral obligation to count our blessings and reach out to the unreached. Marian does not want to be an island of excellence amidst problems which affect human beings in the immediate neighbourhood-problems at personal, inter-personal and socio-political levels.

The rationale of the second focus of this department is that all of us, including the 'educated', have to be life-long learners. The world around us is changing fast; to remain where we are, we have to run fast.

Objectives of MCC

1. To respond to the learning needs of people in the state of Kerala with special focus on Idukki District by offering short-term courses and training programmes
2. To sensitize students about the socio-economic realities
3. To design and implement short-term courses and workshops for continuing education and professional development
4. To act as a nodal department, co-ordinating the extension activities offered by the different departments and organizations in the college



Courses Provided by MCC

1. Certificate Course in Cookery and Bakery

The hospitality industry in Kerala is a booming sector. Marian College is already offering a prestigious post graduate course in hospitality management to meet the HRD needs in this sector. But it is felt that tourism hospitality sector in Kerala needs to develop a cadre of workers at the lower levels. This course, in addition to teaching modern ways of cooking and baking, will equip the participants with relevant work culture, communication skills, spoken English, etiquette and manners.

Participants: Boys and Girls who have completed SSLC or Higher Qualifications

Course Structure: Six months long residential course followed by six months of Internship. The Certificate will be awarded only on the satisfactory completion of the whole programme including Internship. (Tuition fee and food and accommodation expenses must be met by participants. Concessions will be granted to deserving candidates).

Course will cover:

- Spoken English
- Personality Development Programme
- Basic Computer
- Cookery and Bakery (Theory & Practical)
- Hygiene and Nutrition (Theory & Practical)

Core Faculty:

Mr. Mathew Kurien (formerly, Chef, Oberoi Group of Hotels; Project Manager, Mediteranian Group of Hotels, Swaziland; Hotel Consultant).

Ms. Shyla Mathew (formerly Chef, Taj International, Mumbai; Senior Instructor, IHM, Mumbai)



Course Co-ordinator:

Sri. Biju P. Mani LLM

2. Short-term Course in Soft Skill Development

This course is offered as a one-month intensive training in attitudes and skills in personal development. The course is offered in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). The target group will consist of adult men and women who are unemployed or under-employed. The numbers of participants are 20-25. On successful completion of the course the college will help in the placement of the participants and suitable persons will be absorbed in the industries that suit their skill-sets.

Course Co-ordinator: Sri. Ajesh P. Joseph MSW

3. Certificate Course in Effective Parenting

When families are nuclear and life is stressful, parenting becomes challenging. This innovative course seeks to equip modern families with the awareness, attitudes and skills required for the creative influence of growing children. The course will be offered to groups of 25 parents (father/mother/ preferably both) who are members of PTA's of High Schools.

The course content will include such aspects as child development, communicating with children, motivating / influencing children, giving guidance/correction to the children, etc.

Duration: The course will be offered in 30 hours spread over six Saturdays.

Course Co-ordinator: Sri Ajesh P. Joseph M S W

4. Short Term Training Programmes

These are workshops and training programmes of short duration to be organized in the college or in different communities based on need assessment. Following are some of such initiatives we have taken.

- Capacity Building for Service Providers (3 Day training programme for taxi drivers and Hotel workers, in association with Tourism Department)
- One-day workshops for leaders of Self-Help groups (SHG's)
- Theme Centred Interaction (TCI) Workshops



5. Campus – Community Partnership

Objectives:

- (a) To facilitate close interaction between the staff and students of Marian College on one side and near by community's on the other; so that Marian can learn from them and vice versa.
- (b) Specifically, Marian College, under the auspices of the Community College and Centre for Continuing Education will support Schools in developing them as better "learning institution".

Activities:

1. Orientation programs for the Parent Teacher Association
2. Special coaching in English for the students of schools.
3. Opportunities for Marian students and neighboring community to interact closely through a variety of events such as home-stay, camps, joint picnics, study trips, motivation camps etc



Expected Outcome:

The Identified School becomes a school with a difference even as Marian College is a College with a difference. It is also expected that the School will develop a distinct identity as a learning institution. This will have positive and innovative impact on the classroom communication, student-teacher relationship, teacher-parent relationship, school-community interaction, personal development of the teachers, staff-management relationships, value education etc. A detailed action plan is expected to be drawn up jointly by a group of teachers from the specified High School and Marian College.

MCC Core Committee

Rev.Fr.Ruban Joseph Thannickal (Manager)
Rev.Dr.George Ambazhathunkal (Principal)
Dr.C.Thomas Abraham (Director)
Sri. Anish Jose MSW (Co-ordinator)
Rev.Fr.Varghese Kulampally
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Marian College at a glance

- ✓ Established in 1995
- ✓ Owned and Managed by the Catholic diocese of Kanjirappally
- ✓ Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University
- ✓ Accredited by NAAC with B++ grade (2003)
- ✓ Courses: B.Com, BCA, BBA, MCA, M.Com, MMH, MSW
- ✓ Motto: Information, formation, transformation

“Go to the People, Live among them, Learn from them, Plan with them, Work with them and Start with what they build on what they have.”

(from the Credo of International Institute for Rural Re-construction, Philippines.)