

## Global Presence of Siddha Education, Training and Practice

Siddha medicine, one of the oldest traditional healing systems originating from South India, is gaining recognition globally.

The globalization of Siddha medicine has seen significant strides in recent years, particularly in training and practice. We are witnessing collaborative initiatives of premier Siddha institutions with international stakeholders to integrate Siddha practices with modern medicine. The transnational approach of imparting Siddha wisdom through training and practice is the current uprising trend in Siddha medicine as it is becoming adept to tackle the contemporary healthcare needs, promoting holistic wellness on a global scale. Training programs that emphasize research skills help practitioners contribute to evidence-based practices, enhancing the credibility of Siddha medicine.

The table given below provides the overview of its current status in Siddha education and training across the globe:

Table 1: Status of Siddha training in various countries

S. N	Country	Programme /Courses offered	Name of the Institution	Medium of Instruction/Language Used	Duration of Course/ Programme	Type of Institutions (Government/Aided/Private)	Mode of Training (Online/Physical/Distance/Hybrid/Gurukul)	Governing Regulatory Body	Regulatory Act (Country-specific)	Additional Information, if any	Reference (URL) for related docs
1	USA	-	GCSMR (Nonprofit)	English	unknown	Non profit	creating awareness	None	None	-	<a href="https://globalcenterforsiddha.org/">https://globalcenterforsiddha.org/</a>
			Morehouse School of Medicine	English	one month	Private	one month training at Manipal University	None	None	-	<a href="https://www.msm.edu/RSSFeedArticles/2022/September/SiddhaMedicine.php">https://www.msm.edu/RSSFeedArticles/2022/September/SiddhaMedicine.php</a>
2	Australia	-	None	None	None	Private	Online/Physical/Hybrid	Australian Natural Therapies Organisation		Siddha practitioners can get enrolled in the Associations and practice under Ayurveda. They cannot use Doctor title	<a href="https://www.australiannaturaltherapistsassociation.com.au/">https://www.australiannaturaltherapistsassociation.com.au/</a>
3	Germany	Siddha Varmam	-		each module 5 days	Private					<a href="https://www.naturopath.de/fortbildungen/siddha-varma-therapie/">https://www.naturopath.de/fortbildungen/siddha-varma-therapie/</a>

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		Energy Programme									
4	Sri Lanka	BSMS (Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery)	Faculty of Siddha Medicine, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University Sri Lanka	English	Five Years course works and One Year Internship	Government	Physical	University and the University Grant Commission	Sri Lankan Ayurveda Act		<a href="https://fsm.tc.esn.ac.lk/">https://fsm.tc.esn.ac.lk/</a>
		BSMS (Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery)	Faculty of Siddha Medicine, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka.	Tamil	Five Years course works and One Year Internship	Government	Physical	University and the University Grant Commission	Sri Lankan Ayurveda Act		<a href="https://www.siddha.jfn.ac.lk/">https://www.siddha.jfn.ac.lk/</a>
5	Malaysia	Bachelor of Siddha Medicine	None	English / Tamil	Four and Half Years course works and One Year Internship	None	Physical	Traditional & Complementary Division Medicine Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia	T&CM Act 2016	The course syllabus has been constructed by Malaysian Qualifications Agency and Ministry of Health Malaysia	<a href="https://www2.mqa.gov.my/qad/v2/garispenduan/2021/PS%20TRADITIONAL%20AND%20COMPLEMENTARY%20MEDICINE%202ND%20ED%2026.10.2021%20final%20edited.pdf">https://www2.mqa.gov.my/qad/v2/garispenduan/2021/PS%20TRADITIONAL%20AND%20COMPLEMENTARY%20MEDICINE%202ND%20ED%2026.10.2021%20final%20edited.pdf</a> <a href="https://hq.moh.gov.my/tcm/en/index.php/education/education-system">https://hq.moh.gov.my/tcm/en/index.php/education/education-system</a>

Table 2: Status of Siddha Practice in various countries

S. No	Country	Whether Siddha Health care services offered or not?	Health care personnel involved (Practitioners/Vaidyars/Nurse/The rapist)	Type of Health care settings (Government/Aided/Private)	Name of the Health care centre/ institution	Mode of health care delivery (Online/teleconsultation/Physical consultation)	Governing Regulatory Body, if any	Regulatory Act, if any	Additional Information, if any	Reference (URL) for related docs
1	Germany	Yes	Yes		Schule für Heilpraktiker, Darmstädter Straße 10, D-64342 Seeheim, PALANI AYURVEDA, In der MÜHLE 07, Wundtstraße 7/3, 69123 Heidelberg					<a href="https://www.palani-ayurveda.de/siddha/siddha-schmerztherapie.html">https://www.palani-ayurveda.de/siddha/siddha-schmerztherapie.html</a>
2	Sri Lanka	Offering	Practitioners and Vaidyars	Government and Private	Siddha Teaching Hospitals, Siddha Base Hospitals, Siddha Rural Hospitals, Siddha Dispensaries with Herbal Garden, Siddha Dispensaries	Physical Consultations	Government of Sri Lanka, Department of Ayurveda	Department of Ayurveda, Government of Sri Lanka, Free Siddha Ayurveda Dispensaries, Private Siddha Hospitals, Private Siddha Dispensaries		

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3	Malaysia	Offered from 2017 till 2020	Practitioners	Government	Sungai Buloh General Hospital (Unit Varmam Terapi) Jabatan Perubatan Rehabilitasi Pusat Kawalan Kusta Negara Hospital Sungai Buloh Jalan Hospital 47000 Sungai Buloh, Selangor Tel: 03 - 6156 1321 Extension 2352	Physical Consultation	Traditional And Complementary Medicine Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia	T&CM Act 2016	Practitioner is deputed by Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India	<a href="https://hq.moh.gov.my/tcm/en/index.php/contact-us/contact-unit?showall=1">https://hq.moh.gov.my/tcm/en/index.php/contact-us/contact-unit?showall=1</a>
4	Switzerland	Siddha Health care services offered	Dr Gitanjali	Private	Siddhamed Farm, Canton Zug, Switzerland	Online/Physical consultation				<a href="https://siddhamed.com/">https://siddhamed.com/</a>
5	Canada	Siddha Health care services offered Siddha varmama and external therapies	Dr Balachandran Mani and Dr Ezhilmathi Kalaimamani	Private	Vashista Ayurvedic centre, Unit#1-2199 Midland Avenue Scarborough, Toronto ON - M1P 3E7	Online/Physical consultation				<a href="https://www.vashista.ca/">https://www.vashista.ca/</a>
6	Singapore	Yes	Siddha practice	Private	Nalam Siddha Case, 320, Seeragan Road	Physical Consultation	Ministry of Health, Singapore	None	None	<a href="https://www.nalamsiddha.com.sg/">https://www.nalamsiddha.com.sg/</a>