

### 7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness

The under graduate and post graduate programs offered by the College have a strong and important component of skill training and skill enhancement. This ensures that the students graduating from the college are equipped with self-employment and entrepreneurship skills. They are also prepared to face the challenges of the job market.

The final year students have one month internship at under graduate level and a two month internship at post graduate level. Students are placed in industries or research organizations related to their specialization for internship. This enhances their job seeking skills for future placement.

- At the Under Graduate level, the first year level students are offered core subjects and introductory courses of all specializations in first three semesters. The students are selected to one of the five specializations offered and have courses of only that specialization in semester four, five and six. There is a separate three year vocational degree program which offers courses of only that specialization in all six semesters. . The departments arrange workshops for students to fill in the gaps in the curriculum and keep up with the needs of the job market.

The strong focus on the employability skills can be seen by the objectives of all core courses and specialization courses that are enlisted below.

- **Textile Science and Apparel Design Department:** Students get an in depth knowledge of textile fibers, blends and dyes, dyeing and printing textile materials. They learn to design and stitch various apparels as per fashion trends and develop skills in fashion illustration and designing
- **Resource Management Department:** Students are equipped with knowledge and skill in planning residential and commercial interior spaces. They develop intellectual and creative skills required for Interior Design using various soft wares for professional interior designing.
- **Human Development Department:** Students learn the important developmental aspects of human life span. They develop skills to prepare age appropriate and child friendly teaching aids and are trained in effective communication skills with preschool children as well as their parents. The Laboratory Nursery School was revived in July 2019. This gives hands on practical training to the students of this specialization.
- **Food Science and Nutrition Department offers courses at the Under Graduate and Post graduate levels:** Students acquire basic skills in analysis of different food constituents, adulterants and qualitative standards and specifications laid down by FSSAI. They also understand various aspects of Quality control, Food labeling, packaging and Food laws and the process of new food product development.  
The Nutrition and Dietetics students understand the effects of various diseases on nutritional status and nutritional and dietary requirements. They recommend and provide appropriate nutritional care for prevention/ and treatment of various diseases and use various types and techniques of nutritional counseling.
- **Human Ecology and Consumer Services Department:** Offers courses that enable students to develop skills in communication with the community through street play, puppet shows. This also helps students to develop entrepreneurial skills.