MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
(MSc - APN)

ADMISSION INFORMATION
2020
THE UNIVERSITY

Chartered in 1983, the Aga Khan University (AKU) is an international private university that currently operates in East Africa, South and Central Asia and the United Kingdom.

AKU occupies a pivotal place in the Aga Khan Development Network, a group of development agencies working under the leadership of His Highness the Aga Khan, and contributes in major ways to social development. AKU prioritises higher education and research initiatives relevant to the problems of the societies in which it operates, generally in the developing world.

Through on-going partnerships with prestigious institutions worldwide, AKU brings international expertise to bear upon the establishment and enhancement of its current and future programmes and services. With a growing programme offering, in addition to our existing six campuses spread over three continents, we are planning three new faculties and six graduate schools to deliver a range of educational choices in an environment that respects cultural diversity.

Admission to the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery (AKU-SoNaM) is based on merit and potential for leadership. Merit is assessed by several criteria including scholastic achievements, performance on the AKU Admission Test and an interview.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, EAST AFRICA

The School of Nursing and Midwifery in East Africa is committed to offering a coordinated response to the increasing need for health sector reform in the region. Since its inception in 2000, the school has seen 2512 graduates join the ranks of qualified, working nurses and midwives in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The School of Nursing and Midwifery has various partnerships in place to ensure that our nursing programmes are more accessible to working nurses and midwives in the region. It is through these external partnerships that we can guarantee continued support for a promising healthy population in East Africa.

MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING

The MSc in Advanced Practice Nursing (MSc – APN) is a work-study programme allowing candidates the opportunity of completing this two-year programme while they continue to work. This work-study nursing programme is specifically designed to accommodate the realities of working nurses and midwives.

The MSc-APN programme is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses who will develop innovative, practical solutions to complex health problems from a scientific perspective. Upon graduation, it is expected that graduates will become leaders with decision-making skills in the areas of advanced clinical practice and nursing education. As advanced nurse practitioners, they will be able to provide care in an independent capacity in a number of settings for various patient populations. The programme will also provide nurses the necessary skills to conduct research that will contribute to the body of knowledge defining the discipline of nursing.
The MSc-APN Programme will prepare graduates who will be able to:

1. Apply contemporary knowledge from different sources and the best available evidence for professional decision-making and during practice.
2. Apply critical and reflective thinking skills, as well as a systems approach to problem-solving and professional decision-making.
3. Demonstrate the ability to translate and use meaningful research findings.
4. Engage in effective ethical decision-making with respect to own practice area (e.g. clinical, education, leadership and management), or where ethical issues affect the broader health care team.
5. Maintain confidentiality as necessary. Communicate clear, consistent and accurate information verbally, in written or electronic forms and in a manner sensitive to the context.
6. Use advanced communication and interpersonal skills in professional work.
7. Work collaboratively with other professionals in health care to enhance the quality practice and services offered.
8. Articulate, promote and advocate for nursing professional development in general and the specialist role in particular, in the clinical, political and professional contexts.
9. Contribute to knowledge and practice through identifying and conducting supervised research.
10. Demonstrate leadership and management (planning, organizing, collaboration, delegation, problem-solving, human and material resources etc.) and policy development skills.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

In this academic programme, the medium of instruction is English. Students are expected to be self-directed learners and also team players. They are expected to fully participate in the learning process through classroom discussions; working in small groups; clinical rotations; presentations; and seminars.

The MSc-APN curriculum is designed to offer courses that cover core course subjects, specialty course subjects and research. In addition, each student must complete a practicum and a thesis in their area of interest. The purpose of the thesis is to prepare the student for future research and scholarly activities. The student in consultation with the research supervisor will develop a timeline for completion of the thesis within the study period.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

The School of Nursing and Midwifery - Kenya invites nurses to apply to their Master of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing (MSc – APN) Programme.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Relevant academic bachelor’s degree holders:
  
  o Upper Second-class honours or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a four-point scale; OR
  
  o Lower Second-class honours or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 on a four-point scale with additional relevant training, evidence of research capability through either research, paper presentations or peer reviewed publications and relevant working experience.

- Must be a registered nurse with the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) and hold a current practice license.
- Must have a minimum two (2) years of practice experience, after having completed an undergraduate degree programme.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are encouraged to apply online. For assistance in completing the online application, applicants are advised to go through the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or Understand the Online Process on the online application portal.

In situations where the online application is not accessible, candidates are advised to call, email or visit the campus for any support that they need to complete the online application. Physical, email and telephone contact information is provided at the end of this document. Details to complete the application are provided within the online application.

The following information will help in preparing the required documents: Specifications for uploading documents are provided in the table below.

a) Completed application form submitted online;

b) Recent passport size colour photograph;

c) Certified official academic transcripts from your nursing training institution. All documents must be in A4 size; if a copy of the transcript is not available, a certified letter from your training institution may be uploaded;

d) Registration certificate and current practice license from the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK);

e) A copy of your Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE) certificate;

f) Certified copy of your bachelor’s degree certificate;

g) A recommendation form/letter from your employer;

h) Current Curriculum Vitae;

i) One-page personal statement describing your professional goals for the next five years;

ej) Copies of work experience letters from your current and previous employers to validate your (work experience) statement in the application form.
SPECIFICATIONS FOR UPLOADING DOCUMENTS

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APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable application fee of Ksh. 5000/- is applicable.

MODE OF PAYMENT

The application fee may be paid through direct deposit to the bank or as bank draft in favour of “The Aga Khan University”. Cash, money orders, postal orders and personal cheques are not acceptable. For payment through the bank, the original payment receipt should be uploaded on the document page.

The bank details are as follows:

Title: The Aga Khan University
Account No: 00500444002
Bank: Diamond Trust Bank
Branch: Parklands Branch
Branch Code: 005
SWIFT Code: DTKEKENA

You can also pay through Aga Khan University M-Pesa Payment Services:

1. This service is available for M-Pesa registered users only
2. Go to M-Pesa on your phone menu
3. Select Payment Services
4. Select Pay Bill
5. Enter the Aga Khan University business number 657098
6. Enter your Student Number
7. Enter the amount you wish to pay
8. Enter your M-Pesa PIN
9. Confirm details are correct and press OK
Candidates applying from overseas can pay in foreign currency through telex transfer / International Cheque:

Title: The Aga Khan University
Account #: 00500444002
Bank: Diamond Trust Bank
Branch: Parklands Branch
Branch Code: 005
SWIFT Code: DTKEKENA
Intermediary Bank: Standard Chartered Bank New York
SWIFT Code: SCBLUS33

**SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**

**The deadline for submitting the application is June 29, 2020.**

The online portal will cease to receive applications at 5:00 pm on June 29, 2020.

Please ensure that you have complied with the instructions provided in this information sheet. Candidates will be informed of pending, incomplete documents on the online portal. It remains the responsibility of the candidate to complete the application requirements according to the instructions and time schedule.

Aga Khan University reserves the right to admission; to revoke admission and registration if an application form is discovered to be inaccurate or incomplete or if supporting documents are discovered to be fraudulent. Any candidate who presents a fraudulent document in support of an application for admission may be identified to other universities and colleges.

**REPEAT APPLICATIONS**

Applicants not successful in their first attempt may apply again with additional information supporting their application.

A fresh application together with necessary documentation must be submitted for a particular admission cycle. The University does not have a policy of automatically carrying forward applications from one cycle to the next.

**PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS**

The Aga Khan University will accept provisional applications from candidates who may have documents pending to be submitted including reference letters or transcripts. All such applications will be evaluated for admission on a provisional basis. To process an application for final selection, applicants will be required to submit their (pending) documents in accordance with the minimum eligibility requirements by the date specified by the University. In case pending documents are not submitted within the due date as communicated by the Admissions Officer handling your application, the application will stand cancelled.
It is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure that pending documents are uploaded online/ received in the Admission Office according to the published schedule. Notifications are sent to candidates on the online portal.

**THE AKU ADMISSION TEST**

All applicants will be required to write the AKU-SoNaM Admission Test on a date to be communicated later. The test is administered in English and consists of multiple-choice questions in the English Language and Nursing Knowledge.

Admission Test centre will be Nairobi.

**INTERVIEWS**

Interviews will be held on a date to be communicated later. Each applicant will meet a panel of two interviewers for approximately half-an-hour. Applicants should note that interviews are a component of the application process and do not guarantee selection.
ADMISSION PROCESS SUMMARY

APPLICATION PROCESS
Submit application in accordance with eligibility requirements of the Aga Khan University

AKU-ADMISSION TEST AND ORAL INTERVIEWS

SHORTLISTING AND INTERVIEWS
Shortlisting is based on the specified admission criteria and AKU Admission Test score

FINAL SELECTION
Merit list of successful applicants

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