



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY (SONAM)

BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE – DIRECT ENTRY

ADMISSION INFORMATION BOOKLET

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Aga Khan University promotes a transparent and open application process. We apply equal opportunities for students from all backgrounds.

The undergraduate nursing programme BNS direct entry is driven on the principles of primary health care, inter-professional education and innovations in technology, and focuses on equipping nursing graduates with relevant skills needed to function in the 21st Century.

The AKU SONAM Uganda invites interested persons to apply for the **Bachelor of Nursing Science – Direct Entry programme in the 2025 Admissions Cycle.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For the 2025 admissions cycle, eligible candidates must satisfy the criteria below.

Minimum university entrance requirements

- a) Minimum requirements applicable to candidates admitted directly out of secondary school with Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) or its equivalent and Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) or its equivalent with a principal pass in Biology and another principal pass in Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics.

Other admission requirements (where applicable)

- Application for admission online
- Sitting for the AKU Admissions test
 - Written interview for Biology, Mathematical reasoning, and English
- Oral interview.
 - General knowledge about the nursing profession

Students who have studied outside Uganda but within East Africa are encouraged to apply. However, apart from those with A-Level and O-Level qualifications from Uganda, all other applicants are required to have their academic credentials equated by the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEb). This ensures proper assessment and recognition of their qualifications during the admission process

HOW TO APPLY

All applications will be done online. For assistance in completing the online application, applicants are advised to go through the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) or [Understand the Online Process](#) sections on the online application portal.

(See specifications for uploading documents in the table below)

Complete application must include the following documents:

- a) Completed application form submitted online.
- b) Recent passport size colour photograph with white background attached online (see photograph specifications section below).
- c) A copy of Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) (Senior 6) grade 12 or the result slip.
- d) A copy of your Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) (Senior 4) grade 10.
- e) A copy of the equivalence certificate from *Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB)* where it applies.
- f) Copy of National Identity Card or Passport or Birth Certificate (for those under 18 years of age)
- g) Proof of application fee paid

SPECIFICATIONS FOR UPLOADING DOCUMENTS

Document	Uploading Size (should not exceed)	Uploading Format
Passport size colour photograph showing full face (<i>taken within last week to reflect current appearance</i>)	2MB	JPEG
Attested copies of all the required documents; certificates, result slip, national ID etc.	5 MB each	PDF / JPEG
Proof of application fee paid (<i>see relevant sections for more details</i>)	5 MB	PDF / JPEG

Incomplete applications will not be processed. An application is considered incomplete when requisite information is not provided on the Application Form, or where required documents are not included in the application submitted.

SUBMITTING YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

The deadline for submitting the application is August 15, 2025.

The University does not accept late applications. Please ensure that you have complied with the instructions provided in this information sheet. Incomplete applications will not be processed. It remains the responsibility of the candidate to complete the application requirements according to the published instructions and time schedule. The Admission Office will not send reminders.

In case the applicant has some inquiries to make, you may use the following address:

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

The Registrar's office

Nakawa campus along old port bell road

P.O. Box 8842, Kampala, Uganda

Tel. +256 41 349494 Mob #: +256 785238669

Email: registrar.ug@aku.edu website: www.aku.edu/uganda

APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable application fee of **Ugandan shilling 60,000/-**

MODE OF PAYMENT

The application fee will be paid through bank in favour of "Aga Khan University, Uganda". **Cash, - money orders, postal orders and personal cheques are not acceptable.** The payment can be made by a demand draft / pay order in favour of "Aga Khan University, Uganda". For payment through bank, the original payment slip must be sent along with the application to the admission office.

Candidates in Uganda can pay in Uganda Currency through online deposit to any branch of the Diamond Trust Bank Uganda Limited or any DTB agent banking. The bank details are as follows:

Title:	Aga Khan University, Uganda
Account #	0101839028
Bank:	Diamond Trust Bank (DTB)
Branch:	Any Branch of Diamond Trust Bank or payment agent

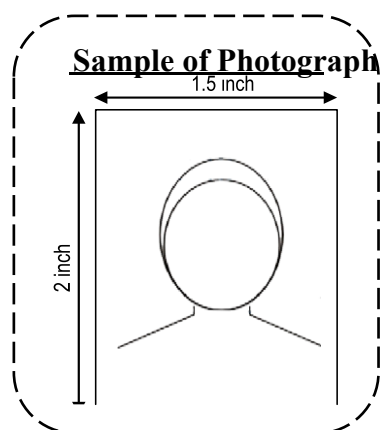
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Admission to the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery is strictly based on merit. Applicants who are selected and are unable to pay for the cost of the education are eligible to apply to the University for the needs-sensitive Financial Assistance. Financial assistance is offered based on demonstrated need as evaluated by the University from data provided by the student, his/her family and other avenues that the University may deem appropriate. It is strongly recommended that every student desirous of receiving financial assistance from the University should thoroughly explore all other possible sources of financing their education. Details of financial assistance application will be made available to successful applicants with the admission offer letter.

PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATION

Your photograph is a vital part of your application. Please follow these instructions carefully.

- Passport sized; coloured photo with white background; attested on the back.
- Taken within the last one week to reflect your current appearance.
- The photo should show a clear, front view, full face of the person.
- Snapshots, mobile phone photos or low-quality photos aren't acceptable.



If your photograph does not reflect your current appearance, even if it is not older than one week, the University will not allow you to write the Admission Test.

REPEAT APPLICATIONS

Applicants not successful in their first/previous 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.

THE WRITTEN TEST

All applicants are required to write an Admission Test scheduled **between September 1st – 3rd 2025**. The specific schedule including test centre and timing will be provided in good time on the admit card. The Test is administered in Biology (Science Knowledge), Mathematical reasoning, and English and consists of multiple-choice questions.

Admission test center will be Kampala.

ORAL INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held tentatively from **September 1st – 3rd 2025**. Each applicant will meet a panel of two interviewers for approximately half an hour. Applicants should note that interviews are a mandatory component of the application process, and do not guarantee selection.

ADMISSION PROCESS SUMMARY

APPLICATION PROCESS (June 2, 2025- August 15, 2025)

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



SHORTLISTING (August 20, 2025)

Shortlisting for interviews is based on the specified admission criteria



AKU-ADMISSION TEST AND INTERVIEWS (September 1st – 3rd 2025)



FINAL SELECTION

Merit list of successful applicants

REVOKING ADMISSION

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.