SCHOOL OF NURSING
AND MIDWIFERY

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Programmes
Admission Information 2020 - 2021
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THE UNIVERSITY

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

Our merit-based, transparent admissions process and need-sensitive financial assistance programme attempts to ensure that a diversity of high calibre students are able to attend the programmes at AKU.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery was established in 1980, three years prior to the establishment of the University. It became the first operational academic unit of Aga Khan University and the first School of Nursing and Midwifery in the country to be affiliated with a university.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery has also accomplished many other firsts in Pakistan. It was the first to start a two-year Post Registered Nurse Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-RN BScN) programme for diploma qualified nurses in 1988, the first to start a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) in 1997, and the first to begin a Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) programme in 2001. In 2012, it was the first to start a Post RM Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (Post-RM BScM) and in 2014, the first to begin a PhD in Nursing in Pakistan.

The University’s Founder and Chancellor, His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, provides the vision for School of Nursing and Midwifery, which in his word is “to raise the standard and standing of the profession itself, so that it is accorded the recognition and prestige earned and deserved by the women whose working lives are dedicated to the demanding and honourable task of caring for the sick.”

The School of Nursing and Midwifery aspires towards becoming a centre of excellence in the region, providing the highest level of education, promoting and disseminating knowledge and technology, and providing education, research and service with particular relevance to the development of Pakistan, developing nations and the Muslim Ummah. Following the University’s international mandate, the School of Nursing and Midwifery is currently working towards improving the access to and quality of nursing education initiatives in Pakistan, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Afghanistan.

In order to meet its goal to achieve the highest international quality, the School of Nursing and Midwifery has forged mutually beneficial and long-term partnerships with important universities such as the Universities of Alberta, Calgary, and Washington. In collaboration with its partners, the School
of Nursing and Midwifery has been able to provide unique higher education opportunities to prepare its faculty members for distinguished careers in academics, opportunities for joint research, and access to international expertise in developing innovative curricula and evidence-based pedagogies.

The School combines the talents of national and international faculty with educational and professional experiences from Pakistan, Africa and North America. Faculty expertise in clinical practice, education, management and research enriches nursing education of students across all programmes. Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery motivates young men and women from all over Pakistan, and overseas, to choose nursing as a career in order to strengthen the delivery of healthcare services. In the process, these young individuals are encouraged to play a more meaningful role in their nation’s development, and advancement for women, which is in harmony with the traditions of Islamic society.

Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery offers the following undergraduate programmes:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)
- Post RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-RN BScN)
- Post RN Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (Post-RM BScM)

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES AT SONAM**

**I. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Degree Programme**

This is a four-year academic programme and an additional one-year mandatory internship. At the conclusion of five years, students become eligible to apply for the PNC licensure examination and receive the license as a Registered Nurse.

This programme equips students with knowledge, skills and attitude needed to practice nursing. It is designed to prepare clinically competent professional nurses. Upon completion of the programme, nurses are able to utilise critical thinking in providing holistic nursing care and play a role as change agents in nursing practice and education in any health care setting.

**II. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-RN BScN) Degree Programme**

The Post RN-BScN programme is a two-year programme designed to give experienced registered nurses an opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge and skills needed to practice nursing care as clinically competent professional nurses. Graduates will be able to provide leadership and influence the development of the nursing profession in Pakistan. Upon completion of the programme, nurses are able to utilise critical thinking in providing holistic nursing care and play a role as change agents in nursing practice and education in any health care setting. Both full time and part time study options are available.

**III. Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (Post-RM BScM) Degree Programme**

The Post-RM BScM programme will prepare its graduates to provide comprehensive, evidence-based midwifery care essentially to healthy women throughout pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum care, neonatal care and family planning.

The comprehensive educational standards developed by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) provide the guiding framework for the programme. The curriculum has been designed with the
objective of producing clinically competent graduates and clinical leaders who meet the knowledge, skills and standards set out at national and international levels and also to respond to the socio-cultural, ethical and the legal frameworks in the country.

The programme spread over two years comprises four semesters, 18 weeks each of full-time study. The programme comprises midwifery and related courses offering in a unique blend of face-to-face and distance-learning approaches for theory and practice.

The programme is offered every alternate year. 2020 is the year of offering.

**ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

Under its charter, AKU is open to all academically qualified candidates without consideration to gender, religion, race, creed, colour or domicile. Students from anywhere in Pakistan and overseas may apply. There are no quotas, reserved seats or admissions against donations. Merit-based admissions are open to candidates from around the world.

Admission to the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery (AKU-SONAM) is based on merit and potential for leadership. Merit will be assessed by several criteria including scholastic achievements, performance on an admission test and panel interviews, productive use of time and other experiences indicating potential for leadership. There are no reserved seats. There are no admissions against donations. Students from anywhere in Pakistan and overseas may apply. There are no international/geographical/regional quotas. The gender ratio for admission to the BScN, Post RN-BScN and the Post RM-BScM programmes will be in accordance with the regulations of the Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC).

Fulfilment of basic eligibility requirements or a high academic score in any single discipline or any other outstanding achievement alone will not be sufficient for selection. Selection to the AKU-SONAM is made with great care and concern. Its decisions are irrevocable and are not negotiable.

Experience over the years has shown that competition for admission is intense. Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply to other institutions as well. A deliberate effort is made to select students from diverse economic and educational backgrounds. This is done in the belief that diversity in the student body greatly enriches the educational experience.

As English is the medium of instruction at AKU, candidates must be able to demonstrate competence in English comprehension and expression, both written and verbal.

It is in the best interest of students, particularly from overseas, to have a working knowledge of Urdu. The University would also make necessary arrangements for acculturation and strengthening of language skills through coaching, where possible.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

Candidates in Pakistan or overseas, who have successfully completed or are completing their HSSC/graduate/postgraduate education by the summer of 2020 and meet the eligibility criteria for the relevant programme as indicated in this brochure may apply.
PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

The Aga Khan University will accept provisional applications from candidates who will be writing their Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) examination/graduation/postgraduate examination until the summer of 2020. All such applications will be evaluated for admission on a provisional basis. In cases where provisional admission is granted, applicants will be required to submit their (pending) HSSC examination or their graduation/postgraduate examination results in accordance with the minimum eligibility requirements by the dates specified in this University brochure. If the HSSC/graduate/postgraduate examination result of a provisionally admitted candidate is less than the minimum eligibility requirement and is not submitted within the due dates, the admission offer made by University will stand cancelled.

*It is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure that pending results are received in the Admission Office according to the published schedule. Reminders will not be sent from the Admission Office.*

REPEAT APPLICATIONS

Applicants not successful in their first attempt may apply again with additional information supporting their application. A candidate’s most recent formal academic qualification will be used for evaluation purposes.

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

ADMISSION PROCESS SUMMARY

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

I. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMME (BScN)

In line with Pakistan Nursing Council’s (PNC), candidates may apply for the Four-year BScN Programme if their age range is within 14 and 35 on January 1, 2021. Marital status is not a consideration.

Candidates applying to the BScN programmes should have completed the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSSC) in the pre-medical group with a minimum of 50% or equivalent. Candidates should have completed the Secondary School Certificate or equivalent in the Science group with biology, chemistry and physics as compulsory subjects.

Candidates with equivalent qualifications (in the British, American, Canadian or any other system of Education in Pakistan and overseas. must submit equivalence certificates from the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). The equivalence must state that the qualification is equivalent to an overall aggregate of at least 50% HSSC pre-medical qualification in Pakistan. Applicants must note that applications will not be processed for final selection without required equivalence certificates.

Candidates who have completed two years in college, or have an undergraduate or graduate degree are also required to have achieved a minimum aggregate of 50% or equivalent in their HSSC in the pre-medical group.

The University reserves the right to request candidates to complete an enrichment programme before making a final offer of admission. In such cases, admission into the BScN programme will be confirmed upon successful completion of the Enrichment programme.

II. POST-RN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMME (POST-RN BScN)

To be eligible to apply, candidates should have met the following requirements and criteria:

1. Have obtained the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) (any group) or equivalent.
2. Have obtained the three year RN Diploma.
3. Hold current/valid registration/license in their country of residence.
4. Have achieved at least a second division in the Provincial Nursing Board examination. Overseas applicants must submit evidence of successfully passing their National Nursing Registration/Licensure examination.
5. Documentary evidence of minimum one year of clinical experience as an RN by January 1, 2021. (PNC website date: September 6, 2019)
6. Completed RM Diploma (any Post Basic Specialty for male in lieu of midwifery)
7. All Registered Nurses holding an RN/RM must submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Institution where RN/RM has been completed. The NOC must certify that the institution and/or affiliated Hospital has No Objection if the candidate pursues higher education at the Aga Khan University for the academic session 2021.
In line with Higher Education Commission [HEC] requirements, candidates should have completed the mandatory courses of English, Pakistan Studies and Islamic Studies/Ethics and Religion at BA/BSc level.

Candidates must achieve a competitive score on the AKU-SONAM Admission Test. Students may be required to attend supplementary English classes/or Nursing Knowledge at the discretion of the Admission Committee.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate qualities of communication, leadership and a commitment to the nursing profession. Candidates must also have sufficient nursing knowledge and skills appropriate for study at the baccalaureate level. These qualities will be evaluated through the admission test, letters of reference and a personal interview with each candidate.

III. **POST-RM BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME (POST-RM BSCM)**

To be eligible to apply, candidates should have met the following requirements and criteria:

1. Have obtained the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) (any group) or equivalent
2. Have obtained the RN and RM Diploma
3. Hold current/valid registration/license in their country of residence.
4. Have achieved at least a second division in the Provincial Nursing Board examination. Overseas applicants must submit evidence of successfully passing their National Nursing Registration/Licensure examination.
5. Documentary evidence of minimum one year of clinical experience as RN by January 1, 2021. (PNC website date: September 6, 2019)
6. All Registered Nurses holding an RN/RM must submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Institution where RN/RM has been completed. The NOC must certify that the institution and/or affiliated Hospital has No Objection if the candidate pursues higher education at the Aga Khan University for the academic session 2021.

In line with Higher Education Commission [HEC] requirements, candidates should have completed the mandatory courses of English, Pakistan Studies and Islamic Studies/Ethics and Religion at BA/BSc level.

Candidates must achieve a competitive score on the AKU-SONAM Admission Test. Students may be required to attend supplementary English classes/or Midwifery Knowledge at the discretion of the Admission Committee.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate qualities of communication, leadership and a commitment to the nursing profession. Candidates must also have sufficient nursing and midwifery knowledge and skills appropriate for study at the baccalaureate level. These qualities will be evaluated through the admission test, letters of reference and a personal interview with each candidate.

**OBTAINING AN EQUIVALENCE CERTIFICATE FROM IBCC**

All applicants to the School of Nursing and Midwifery, local and foreign, who have certificates of education other than the Pakistani Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), are required to submit an equivalence certificate of their HSSC from the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). The
equivalence must state that the qualification is equivalent to an overall aggregate of at least 50% HSSC pre-medical qualification in Pakistan.

IBCC offices are located in Karachi and Islamabad. They may be directly contacted on the following addresses:

**Islamabad:** Plot No. 25, Street 38, G-10/4, Near Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHA), Islamabad. Tel: +92 51 9106631

**Karachi:** Located in Sindh Board of Technical Education, ST-22, Block 6, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Near NIPA Chowrangi, Karachi, Sindh. Tel +92 21 99244121

For further details, please visit their website: [www.ibcc.edu.pk](http://www.ibcc.edu.pk)

To apply for an equivalence certificate of their qualification, applicants overseas and those with equivalent qualifications in Pakistan must submit an application, complete in all respects to the IBCC, Islamabad. You must submit the following documents:

1. Original General Secondary Education Certificate and transcripts Grade 9 and 10. If these are in a native language, an English translation from an authentic source will be required.
2. Higher Secondary Certificate and transcripts, Grade 11 and 12. If these are in a native language, an English translation from an authentic source will be required.
3. Educational documents identified in point 1 and 2 above should be first attested by Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Pakistan Embassy in the home country before submitting these to IBCC.
4. A No Objection Certificate [NOC] from your home country Embassy in Islamabad. This NOC should state that they have no objection if the student is studying in Pakistan/AKU.
5. Admission Offer letter.
6. Copy of Passport or/and visa as applicable.

**AKU Undergraduate Admission Test**

All applicants to the BS(N), Post RN-BScN and Post-RM BScM degree programme are required to write the AKU Undergraduate Admission Test. The Test is administered in English and consists of multiple choice questions designed to test recall, application of knowledge, deductive reasoning and problem solving ability.

**TEST COMPONENTS**

BScN Degree Programme: The Test comprises sections in English language, Mathematics Reasoning, Chemistry, Biology and Physics. Please see sample test paper for details.

Post-RN BScN Degree Programme: The Test comprises two sections: English language and Nursing knowledge. Please see sample test paper for details.

Post-RM BScM Degree Programme: The Test comprises two sections: English language and Midwifery knowledge. Please see sample test paper for details.
All applicants to the School of Nursing and Midwifery programmes are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language.

For applicants residing overseas, the University will attempt to administer the Admission Test at a centre convenient to the applicant.

*The University does not provide any special preparation for its Test nor does it endorse or authorise any publication or preparatory classes for this purpose.*

*The University reserves the right to evaluate the applications for shortlisting purposes on the criteria developed at the time.*

**Validity of AKU Admission Test Scores**

The AKU Undergraduate Admission Test scores are valid for a period of two years from the date the test is written. For admission to the 2020 session, Admission Tests written in 2018 and 2019 will be considered valid. The test scores of previous years will be used for shortlisting purposes only in cases where applicants do not write the Admission Test in the year of application and inform the Admission Office in advance. Candidates applying to programmes in the School of Nursing and Midwifery in the 2020 academic year are encouraged and advised to write the Admission Test with adequate preparation even if they have written the Admission Test in the preceding two years.

**Application for Admission**

Applications for admission will be accepted between **March 16, 2020** and **June 23, 2020**. Candidates must apply online by logging on to [www.aku.edu/apply-online](http://www.aku.edu/apply-online).

In cases where applicants are unable to access our online portal, candidates may request for a paper based application by e-mailing [sonadmission.query@aku.edu](mailto:sonadmission.query@aku.edu)

Candidates completing the paper based form are requested to follow the instructions mentioned on this form for fee payment and submission. Please courier the completed paper based form to reach the Admission Office latest by June 23, 2020. Applications are not accepted over the counter.

**Note for All Candidates**

Candidates are requested to ensure they meet application requirements before applying. These are listed in the programme brochure. Additionally, candidates applying online or with a paper based application, are responsible to complete the application requirements according to the published instructions and time schedule.

Aga Khan University reserves the right to admission; to revoke admission and registration if an application 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.
ADMIT CARD

The admit card to allow you to write the test will be received by candidates who apply online on their portal and through an email.

Candidates who submit a paper application will receive their admit card through an email.

In cases where the admit card is not received 15 days before the date of the test; candidates must email the Admission Office at sonadmission.query@aku.edu for the required information and application details.

Please note:
To write the Test, candidates must bring:
- A hard copy of the admit card issued by AKU AND
- A valid current photo ID card/original CNIC/college ID card/enrolment card for identification.

Without these documents, AKU reserves the right not to allow you to write the Test.

SHORTLISTING

On the basis of the Admission Test scores, applicants are shortlisted and invited for interviews.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews are held at the Aga Khan University. Alternate arrangements are made in other cities in Pakistan if a sufficient number of applicants request for it. Each applicant meets 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.

For all applicants who are residing overseas, interviews will be conducted on Skype/Zoom. Information will be conveyed to the applicants.

DEFERRED ADMISSIONS

A request for deferred admission must be made in writing prior to the start of the academic session for a maximum of one year. The reasons for deferral are reviewed by a committee constituted by the Dean, before taking a decision. All decisions are final.
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS
Follow the steps below to apply for an academic programme online:

You will need an email account to apply; if you don't have one, please create

Click on our online page www.aku.edu/apply-online

As a new AKU online user, click on "new user"

An acknowledgement email will be sent to your email address. Click on "here" to verify your account and move forward.

Provide personal information

Upload proof of payment on “upload document page”

Review for correctness before submission

Save and submit online application

You will receive a copy of your application on your email.

If eligible, you will receive admit card on your email.

Create new application

Select Country

Select your programme

Enter your qualifications

Enter programme specific details

Upload documents according to the checklist

▪ Enter test centre & other details
▪ Upload your photo
▪ Generate fee voucher or pay online

Upload proof of payment on “upload document page”

You will receive a copy of your application on your email.
**PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WHEN APPLYING ONLINE**

Note: The photograph should be in JPEG format with 2 MB size and all other documents should be in PDF format with 5 MB file each.

### BScN, POST RN-BScN AND POST-RM BScM PROGRAMME

1. Photograph *(see photograph specification section)*
2. B Form/CNIC/NICOP *(front & back copy)* for candidates applying from Pakistan or relevant pages of passport for overseas applicants.
3. Attested photocopies of mark sheets/official transcripts/general certificates as entered on the form.
4. Attested copy of Domicile *(Compulsory)*.
5. Applicants with overseas qualifications are required to obtain an equivalence certificate from IBCC. Admissions will not be finalised without equivalence certificates. *(as applicable)*.
6. Application Fee:  
   - Applying from AKU residential countries* is Rs. 6,800/-  
   - Applying from AKU non-residential countries is US $ 350/-

The application fee is non-refundable; candidates must ensure that they are eligible for the programme before applying. *(see mode of payment section for details)*

*Afghanistan, Burundi, Kenya, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda*

### Additional documents required for candidates applying to the Post RN-BScN and Post-RM BScM Programme

7. Current RN and RM *(any Post Basic Specialty for male in lieu of midwifery)* Licensure of Pakistan Nursing Council or equivalent agency/authority *(as applicable)*.
8. No Objection Certificate from employer/institution/affiliated Hospital. Please refer to the eligibility requirements of the programme for details.
9. Attested copies of Work Experience Certificates to validate your statement in the application form.

#### 3 letters of references:

10. Please download reference form for Post RN-BScN from [www.aku.edu/admissions/post-rnbscn](http://www.aku.edu/admissions/post-rnbscn) / Post-RM BScM from [www.aku.edu/admissions/post-rmbscm](http://www.aku.edu/admissions/post-rmbscm) to be sent in sealed envelopes or emailed directly by your referee to [sonadmission.query@aku.edu](mailto:sonadmission.query@aku.edu) Name of your referees should be provided on the application form.

*(One referee must be your immediate supervisor or faculty; and the other two must be professionals you have known for at least 2 years (not relatives). The letters should be current or not more than one-year-old.)*
APPLICATION FEE (AS APPLICABLE)
Candidates applying from AKU residential countries*: Rs. 6,800
OR
Candidates applying from AKU non-residential countries: US $ 350
*AKU residential countries: Afghanistan, Burundi, Kenya, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda

MODE OF PAYMENT
Candidates may pay the application fee either through the fee voucher or the AKU online payment portal. When the fee is paid, please upload the receipt on the online admission portal.

• FEE VOUCHER (FOR PAKISTANI CURRENCY ONLY)
  Please follow these steps to pay the application fee through fee voucher:
  1. On the application home page, please click on “Fee, photograph and other details”
  2. For payment mode, select “Fee Voucher”
  3. Click “Yes” to generate the voucher (make sure that your pop ups aren’t blocked)
  4. Take the printed voucher to any branch of Habib Bank Ltd (HBL) and pay the fee
  5. Upload the paid voucher on “Upload Document Page” by selecting fee payment

• PAY ONLINE THROUGH DEBIT/CREDIT CARD (FOR PAKISTANI & US$ CURRENCY)
  Follow these steps to pay application fee online through a debit / credit card:
  1. On the application home page, please click on “Fee, photograph and other details”
  2. For payment mode, select “Online Payment” and click yes (make sure that your pop ups aren’t blocked)
  3. Complete your payment details on online web portal: https://payonline.aku.edu/
  4. Upload the payment acknowledgement email or screenshot on “Upload Document Page” by selecting fee payment
  In case you are unable to receive the payment acknowledgement, please notify the Finance Office by emailing student.finance@aku.edu

PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATION

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

• Passport size coloured photograph with white background; taken within the last 1 week to reflect your current appearance.
• File size and format: 2 MB and JPEG format.
• The photo should show a clear front view; full face of the person.

If your photograph does not reflect your current appearance, the University will not allow you to write the Admission Test.
FEES AND FUNDING

Admissions to all the academic programmes at Aga Khan University are based on merit and are needs blind, i.e. without considering the financial background of the student.

Upon acceptance into one of our academic programmes, students who are unable to pay for the cost of education at the University, may apply for financial assistance.

The financial information including student’s fee paying status, fee structure for the 2020-2021 session, and financial assistance is available on: www.aku.edu/admissions/fees-and-funding

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

BScN Degree Programme

Students selected to the BScN programme are eligible to apply for the Aga Khan University Hospital sponsorship. Details will be made available to students with the admission offer letter.

SERVICE AGREEMENT

All students entering the four-year BScN programme are required to complete an additional one year of internship. This is a mandatory requirement for obtaining licensure from the Pakistan Nursing Council. The internship will begin after the completion of the fourth year of BScN studies in which the students are expected to work in the assigned units as nursing interns to strengthen their clinical experience.

AKU will be responsible to arrange internship of their graduates in AKUH/ AKDN teaching hospitals approved by Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC). An internship programme will be planned between the school and the hospital to facilitate rotation in several clinical areas. The graduates will receive the basic salary of a staff nurse at AKUH or according to the policy of the Institution at the time of the internship. The internee will submit a formal letter/certificate issued by the Nursing Director upon the completion of the internship period to the Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery. The said Dean will send the final list of eligible applicants to the PNC. All applicants will be required to write the PNC licensure examination to obtain the license to practice.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for undergraduate outstation students is arranged in the University hostels managed by the University. These hostels provide single and shared, furnished accommodation. Hostel space is only available for students who do not have residential accommodation in Karachi.

A fee is charged for all accommodation. Accommodation charges for the 2020-2021 session is available online along with the fee structure. Meals may be purchased separately from the University’s cafeteria. All students living in the hostels are expected to conform to rules and regulations. Residence is conditional upon proper use and care of the property, considerate behaviour and periodic reappraisal of the student's need for such accommodation.
## Key Dates for 2020-2021 Admissions

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