

Our alumni

enjoy careers in a range of settings, holding leadership positions in hospitals, universities and colleges, government authorities, businesses and non-profit organizations.

70%

of our alumni strongly agreed that the programme provided the right level of learning and challenge

85%

of our alumni strongly agreed that the education and training they received at AKU was relevant to their career goals

90%

of our alumni said that their AKU experience was very good or excellent

**Supporting Healthy Futures for East Africa: Celebrating 15 Years of Partnership in Nursing Education
School of Nursing and Midwifery in East Africa, Aga Khan University.*



Winnie Shena, '10, Kenya
National Chairperson
National Nurses Association of Kenya

"For me, the starting point was to realize that nursing is not just the skills you use by the bedside, it's responding to the needs of the community," she says. "You can influence policies, you can contribute to economic development. And that I learned at AKU."



Mary Musoke, '09, Uganda
Founder, Maama Maria's Domiciliary Clinic

At AKU, Mary discovered that "you don't have to be one thing. You can be a leader, manager, mentor, educator, spokeswoman and advocate." Mary is indeed all those things: in addition to leading a clinic she founded, she serves as president of the 780-member Private Midwives Association of Uganda.



Raheema Panga, '13, Tanzania
District Reproductive and Child Health Coordinator
Ubungu Municipal Council, Dar es Salaam

Raheema found the community nursing modules at AKU very useful in responding to a number of challenges, including a low level of male partner testing for HIV/AIDs and limited male involvement in prevention of mother to child transmission services. "Our center was identified as a Center of Excellence in male involvement," she says.



Welcome to the Aga Khan University's School of Nursing and Midwifery in East Africa. With campuses in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, we offer programmes that are designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed for a career in nursing and midwifery. Our focus is on producing nurses and midwives who possess the clinical skills, problem-solving abilities and leadership capacities needed to become outstanding professionals.



Nursing and midwifery at AKU

Our vision is to provide you with an internationally benchmarked quality education that is relevant, innovative, affordable and needs-based.

We enable graduates to develop the skills, knowledge and experience of the modern nurse and midwife, helping them to grow by encouraging participation in evidence-based practice and by facilitating connections with networks outside the East African region.

As a research-active school, our faculty are qualified expert nurses and midwives, who are able to impart knowledge and skills that allow graduates to be innovative and creative in finding solutions to local and global health problems. We use a dynamic learning model and an innovative curriculum in a work-study programme that makes it possible for nurses and midwives to continue working while studying.

Our standards are recognized worldwide and our students have the opportunity to draw from a wealthy pool of knowledge of experts, from within Africa and elsewhere.

Awards

Our School and our students have received awards and scholarships within East Africa and from abroad.

In 2017, a member of our faculty in Tanzania was awarded the Midwife for Life Award by the International Confederation of Midwives in Toronto, Canada. In the same year, a member of our Uganda faculty received a rare Commonwealth Scholarship to complete her PhD studies in nursing from the University of Salford in the United Kingdom.

Our programme

Our nursing degree blends solid academic preparation, innovative teaching methods and clinical experiences to enable you to provide holistic care for individual.

You will benefit from small classes, well-qualified and supportive faculty and an intensive curriculum that goes beyond national requirements to include coursework in subjects such as critical thinking and culture, health and society – areas of study that our graduates consistently say are especially strong influences on their careers.

What will you learn?

In the first year, you will explore the biomedical sciences such as anatomy and physiology, biochemistry, microbiology and pathophysiology, before moving on to advanced concepts in medical-surgical nursing.

You will have the opportunity to engage in critical analysis, improve your academic writing and investigate the connection between information technology and healthcare.

During the second year, the modules will give you exposure to the social determinants of health, reproductive health, child health, community health, and mental health and psychiatry. You will get an opportunity to engage in research and teaching and learning.

In the final half-year, you will focus on leadership and management skills, and on the planning and decision-making needed to deliver care effectively.

You can also take an elective course that can improve and change practice through an evidence-based project.

How will you learn?

You will attend classes and conduct clinical rotations for two days each week, then work at your job for the remaining three days.

In addition, you will have one-on-one time with the instructors to gain clarity on any aspects that were not understood in the class and clinical settings. You will also have access to mentorship from the instructors as well as regular assessments from the faculty to ensure you make continual progress.

Your clinical practice skills will be sharpened through guided learning that takes place in hospitals, mental health hospitals, and community-based health facilities or settings approved by the Nursing Council of Kenya.

What facilities are available?

In each of its three East African campuses, the School has well-stocked and modern libraries that feature a wide range of materials and that are highly conducive to study and research. There are also well-equipped clinical skills labs that facilitate active learning in safe environments.

What are our entry requirements?

You will need to:

- Have a form IV level of education with a minimum aggregate score of C plain KCSE or Division II in KCE
- Have a diploma in Nursing
- Be currently registered with a valid license to practice
- Have a minimum of two years of practice experience

You are expected to demonstrate good communication abilities, leadership and a commitment to the nursing profession. You must also have 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 oral interview.

When do classes begin?

You have the option of starting the two-and-a-half-year programme either in February or August.

What support is available?

Scholarships are available. For information on fees, please contact us.

How do you apply?

You must fill out an application form and sign it, and submit it along with certified copies of your:

- KCSE or KCE certificate
- Diploma in Nursing certificate
- Diploma in Nursing transcript
- Certificate of enrolment/registration with Nursing Council of Kenya
- Letter of release/recommendation from current employer
- Two passport-size photographs

Where can you get more details?

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