

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

The diploma is an 18-month work-study programme aimed at educating nurses to function as specialized oncology nurses who can advance cancer care across the illness trajectory and at all levels of care by providing safe, competent, compassionate and quality cancer care.

The programme is based on the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology standards and competencies which have been adapted to contextual relevance.

What will you learn?

In the first year, you will explore introduction to oncology nursing, cancer development and diagnosis, adult cancers as well as symptoms assessment and management before moving onto advanced concepts in pain assessment and management.

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

During the second half-year, the modules will give you exposure to oncologic emergencies, palliative care, paediatric cancers and community oncology.

You will get an opportunity to engage in research, teaching and learning as well as leadership and management skills, on the planning and decision making needed to deliver care effectively. You will learn to become more independent and use your skills to lead and manage the provision of high quality nursing care.

How will you learn?

This is an 18-month "work study" programme that is fully approved by the Nursing Council of Kenya. Classes and clinical experiences are scheduled for two days per week so that students can continue practicing.

You will have one-on-one time with the instructors to gain clarity on any aspects that were not understood in the class setting.

You will also have access to mentorship from the instructors as well as regular assessments from faculty.

What facilities are available?

The School has well-stocked modern libraries with a wide range of material in each of its three East African campuses which are highly conducive for private study and research.

There are also well-equipped clinical skills labs to facilitate active learning where students are able to practice in a safe environment that enables them to explore the boundaries of learning.

What are our entry requirements?

The programme will be offered at the SONAM Nairobi Campus and is open to any nurse who meets the minimum requirements.

- Minimum KCSE Aggregate 'C' plain or KCE/EACE Division II
- Registration with the Nursing Council of Kenya as a Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse (KRCHN) or as a Kenya Registered Nurse and Midwife (KRN/KRM), in good standing
- At the time of admission, at least two years working experience as KRCHN or KRN/KRM, preferably in an oncology or medical/ surgical setting
- Recommendation from in-charge or immediate supervisor at current workplace

Nurses enrolled in the program must be able to travel to the Nairobi campus for two days per week to attend classes and clinical placements.

What support is available?

Our students can apply for scholarships and eligible students may enquire about the fee structure while applying.

When do classes begin?

The programme starts the first week of August, after students have been through an orientation at the School of Nursing and Midwifery campus in Nairobi.

How do you apply?

You have to fill out an application form, complete and sign it; and submit it along with certified copies of your:

- Secondary school certificate
- Enrolled Nursing certificate
- Enrolled Nursing transcript
- Letter of release/recommendation from current employer
- Two passport-size photographs

Where can you get more details?

For all enquiries email: sonam.ke@aku.edu or call the Office +254 20 374 5808 | 374 7483 | 366 2014.

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