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THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

BSc in Nursing

4,300+
total graduates

91%
of students received
financial assistance in 2017-18

99.7%
is the passing rate of our students in the
PNC licensure examinations

Welcome to Aga Khan University's School of Nursing and Midwifery in Pakistan. Our nursing and midwifery programmes prepare students to join diverse teams of clinical experts, researchers, academicians and policymakers. We focus on producing leaders who are trusted to be the best in their field and able to make an impact in the healthcare landscape.

Nursing and midwifery at AKU

The School of Nursing and Midwifery has led the way in introducing new academic programmes and in improving nursing and midwifery education and practice. Our programmes are recognised for their internationally benchmarked quality, innovation and affordability. Our graduates have the ability and the confidence to achieve the highest standards in patient care and to become innovative national and international leaders.

Opened in 1980, the School has collaborated with several public and private sector institutions, regulatory bodies and federations, and NGOs within Pakistan and internationally. This has enabled us to bring a diverse pool of expertise in developing innovative curriculum and evidence-based practices and has opened up opportunities for our faculty and students to connect with knowledge experts in Pakistan and elsewhere.

Awards

Our School, students and faculty have received national and international awards and scholarships. Members of faculty have been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, the Genevieve Gray PhD Medal in

Nursing and the runner-up prize in the British Journal of Midwifery's Midwife of the Year 2018, to name a few. In 2018, a nursing student also received a scholarship to participate in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Grand Hack in Boston.

Our programme

Our four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) programme blends solid academic preparation, innovative teaching methods and clinical experiences to enable you to provide holistic care for individuals. You will benefit from our well-qualified faculty and an intensive curriculum that emphasises the development of critical thinking skills and promotes the understanding of society and health in local and global contexts: areas that our graduates say prove to be valuable in their careers.

What will you learn?

In the first year, you will study biomedical sciences such as anatomy and physiology, biochemistry, microbiology and applied nutrition, and later advanced concepts in medical-surgical nursing. You will also engage in critical analysis, academic writing and study the connection between information technology and healthcare.



The second year will offer exposure to pathophysiology and pharmacology. From this year onwards, you will learn and perform clinical skills on simulators as well as on patients in your adult health nursing and health assessment courses. You will also be introduced to nursing ethics and developmental psychology.

The third year will focus on advanced learning concepts in community health, mental health and paediatric health nursing, tropical and communicable diseases, and behavioural psychology. You will engage in research, and teaching and learning principles and practices.

Your final year will enhance your leadership and management skills, and on the planning and decision-making needed to deliver critical care. You will spend more time in applying nursing skills in clinical settings.

How will you learn?

You will learn in a blended learning environment with a combination of face-to-face and online teaching and learning modules. You will also have simulator training at the University's Centre for Innovation in Medical Education and clinical rotations in hospitals as well as community-

based healthcare settings. In addition, you will have one-on-one time with instructors to gain clarity on any aspects that were not understood in class and clinical settings. You will also have access to mentorship and regular assessments.

What facilities are available?

The University has state-of-the-art simulation labs as well as a well-equipped clinical skills lab that facilitate active learning in safe environments. There is also a well-stocked library and an Audio Visual Learning Resource Centre featuring modern and high quality audio visual support that are highly conducive to study and research.

You will get many opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities. You can choose from a range of student groups and clubs and also involve yourself in community-based, public service programmes. The University has an on-campus Sports and Rehabilitation Centre that is built to meet a comprehensive range of your sporting, recreational and rehabilitation needs.

In addition to these, the School also offers academic and career advisers to all students.

What are our entry requirements?

You will need to have:

- A Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) in the Pre-Medical group with a minimum of 50% or equivalent from other systems of education
- A Secondary School Certificate or O-Level in the Science group with biology

These requirements are applicable to you if you have completed your higher secondary education in the British, American, Canadian or any other system of education in Pakistan and overseas.

Your age should be greater than or equal to 17 and less than or equal to 25 on January 1 of the academic year you are applying for. This is in line with the Pakistan Nursing Council's ruling of April 3, 2017.

You are expected to demonstrate good communication abilities, leadership potential and a commitment to the nursing profession. These qualities will be evaluated through the admission test, reference letter and a one-on-one interview.

When do classes begin?

Classes for the BScN programme begin in January.

What financial support is available?

We offer scholarships and financial assistance to our nursing and midwifery students.

How do you apply?

You are encouraged to complete the online application form available on our website. You will need to visit the page www.aku.edu/AdmissionsPK and select the programme Bachelor of Science in Nursing under the School of Nursing and Midwifery category. Click on "apply online" where you can follow the admission process.

If you cannot access the online application, you may email us and request for a paper-based application form.

Where can you get more details?

You can reach us by email at sonadmission.query@aku.edu or call us at +92 21 3486 5406 / 5140.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is located at Stadium Road, Karachi 74800, Pakistan.

Our alumni

hold leadership positions in public and private nursing schools, hospitals, regulatory bodies, non-profit organisations, and ministries of health and education in Pakistan and worldwide.



Arusa Lakhani, MScN '07

President, Midwifery Association of Pakistan

“I am better prepared to partner with local and international stakeholders and establish mechanisms needed to make an impact on the well-being of women and families.”

Sarmad Muhammad Soomar, BScN '16

Rho Delta Chapter Officer, Sigma Global Nursing Excellence

“I actively lead awareness sessions in communities that educate young men and women on reproductive and mental health issues. It’s a joy to see young people feel empowered about their health. The mentorship I received at the School has enabled me to encourage the youth to work on issues that are normally brushed under the carpet.”



Saleema Gulzar, MScN '06

Joint Secretary, eHealth Association of Pakistan

“At AKU, I learned how important critical thinking skills are for a nurse. It allowed me to engage in planning and decision making in many different aspects of the healthcare system.”