



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE MIDWIFERY
MSc (APM)**

ADMISSION INFORMATION BOOKLET

THE UNIVERSITY

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

Admission to the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery (AKU-SoNaM) is based on merit and potential for leadership. Merit is assessed by several criteria including scholastic achievements, performance on the AKU Admission Test and an interview.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

The School of Nursing and Midwifery's East Africa campuses are committed to offering a coordinated response to the increasing need for health sector reform in the region. Since its inception in 2000, the school has seen 2,388 graduates join the ranks of qualified, working nurses and midwives in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The School of Nursing and Midwifery has various partnerships in place to ensure that our nursing programmes are more accessible to working nurses and midwives in the region. It is through these external partnerships that we can guarantee continued support for healthy futures in East Africa.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE MIDWIFERY

The MSc-APM is a two-year programme to prepare advanced practice midwives who will develop innovative, practical solutions to complex health problems from a scientific perspective.

Upon graduation, it is expected that graduates will become leaders with decision-making skills in the areas of advanced clinical practice and midwifery education. As advanced midwifery practitioners, they will be able to provide care in an independent capacity in a number of settings for various patients' populations. The Programme will also provide midwives, the necessary skills to conduct research that will contribute to the body of knowledge defining the discipline of midwifery.

The MSc-APM Programme will prepare graduates who will be able to:

1. Incorporate a scientific, deliberate approach to advanced midwifery practice and clinical scholarship to improve the health and health care of childbearing women and babies, with a special emphasis on rural and vulnerable populations
2. Demonstrate advanced skills in communication, critical thinking, translational research and midwifery practice to address the quality of health and safety of childbearing women and babies with an emphasis on achievement of SDG goal 3 and reduction in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity
3. Implement the advanced practice midwifery role as practitioner, leader, innovator, clinical scholar, healthcare advocate and collaborator to address the current and future health and healthcare delivery needs at the individual, group, population and system level
4. Demonstrate advanced practice leadership through the incorporation of ethical, cultural, social, political and economic strategies to transform health systems
5. Evaluate, synthesize and apply scientific evidence from multiple disciplines to improve and transform health care and health care outcomes.
6. Use a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to enhance gender empowerment and decrease health disparities in diverse and vulnerable populations. Apply contemporary knowledge from different sources and the best available evidence for professional decision-making and during practice.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

In this academic programme, the medium of instruction is English. Students are expected to be self-directed learners and team players. They are expected to fully participate in the learning process through classroom discussion, working in small groups, clinical rotations, presentations, and seminars.

MSc-APM curriculum is designed to offer courses that cover core course subjects, specialty course subjects and research. In addition, each student must complete a practicum and a thesis in their area of interest. The purpose of the thesis is to prepare the student for future research and scholarly activities. The student in consultation with the research supervisor will develop a timeline for completion of the thesis.

WORK- STUDY PROGRAMME

This is a work-study program giving candidates the option of completing their stipulated two-year programme requirement as they continue to work. Our work-study nursing programs are specifically designed to accommodate the realities of working nurses and midwives. We continue to adapt the model of offering our courses in an effort to remain relevant to the context of our customers, the students.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

The School of Nursing and Midwifery - Kenya invites nurses to apply for their Master of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing MSC - APM Programme.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Relevant academic bachelor's degree holders:
 - Upper second-class honors or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a scale of 4.00; OR
 - Lower second-class honors or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 on a scale of 4.00 with additional relevant training, evidence of research capability through either research, paper presentations or peer reviewed publications and relevant working experience.
- Must be registered with the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) and hold a current practice license
- Must have a minimum of two (2) years of practice experience post undergraduate program.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are encouraged to apply online. For assistance in completing the online application, applicants are advised to go through the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or Understand the Online Process on the online application portal.

Only in situations where the online application is not accessible, candidates may request for a paper-based application form by emailing the Admission Office at admissions.ke@aku.edu.

Candidates must note that whether applying online or submitting the pre-printed application; a hard copy of the following documents must be submitted to the Admission Office. Incomplete applications are not processed. An application is considered incomplete when required documents are not included in the application.

- a) Hard copy of the completed application form; either submitted online or paper-based;
- b) Two recent passport size colour photographs labelled with your name and stapled as required (see photograph specifications section below);
- c) Attested photocopies of official academic transcripts from your nursing undergraduate training institution. All documents must be in A4 size; if a copy of the transcript is not available, you must present a certified letter from your training institution;
- d) Copies of your registration certificate and nursing license from the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK);
- e) Copies of your Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) documentation;
- f) A recommendation form/letter from your employer to be sent directly to the Aga Khan University, School of Nursing and Midwifery;
- g) Current Curriculum Vitae;

- h) One-page personal statement describing your professional goals for the next five years;
- i) Attested copies of work experience letters from your current and previous employers to validate your statement in the application form.

APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable application fee of **Ksh. 3,000/-** is applicable.

MODE OF PAYMENT

The page for payment on the application site/platform will have a link to Direct Pay online (DPO). DPO accepts **MPESA, credit/debit cards** and therefore will serve both local and international applicants.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

The deadline for submitting the application is April 19, 2024

The completed paper-based application or copy of the PDF of the online application, the application fee and all required attested documents should be delivered either by hand, or through a reliable courier service to the Admission Office at the following address:

Office of the Registrar
Aga Khan University
3rd Parklands off Limuru Road
P.O. Box 30270 - 00100
Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: +254 203 747 483
Mobile: +254 785 405 487
Email: admissions.ke@aku.edu

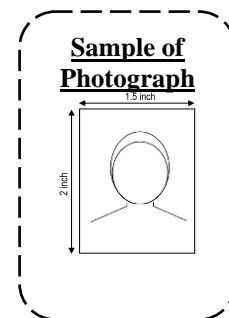
The University does not accept late applications. Please ensure that you have complied with the instructions provided in this information sheet. Incomplete applications will not be processed. It remains the responsibility of the candidate to complete the application requirements according to the published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

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.

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 are not 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 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.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

The Aga Khan University will accept provisional applications from candidates who may have documents pending to be submitted including reference letters or transcripts. All such applications will be evaluated for admission on a provisional basis. To process an application for final selection, applicants will be required to submit their (pending) documents in accordance with the minimum eligibility requirements by the date specified by the University. In case pending documents are not submitted within the due date as communicated by the Admissions Officer handling your application, the application will stand cancelled.

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

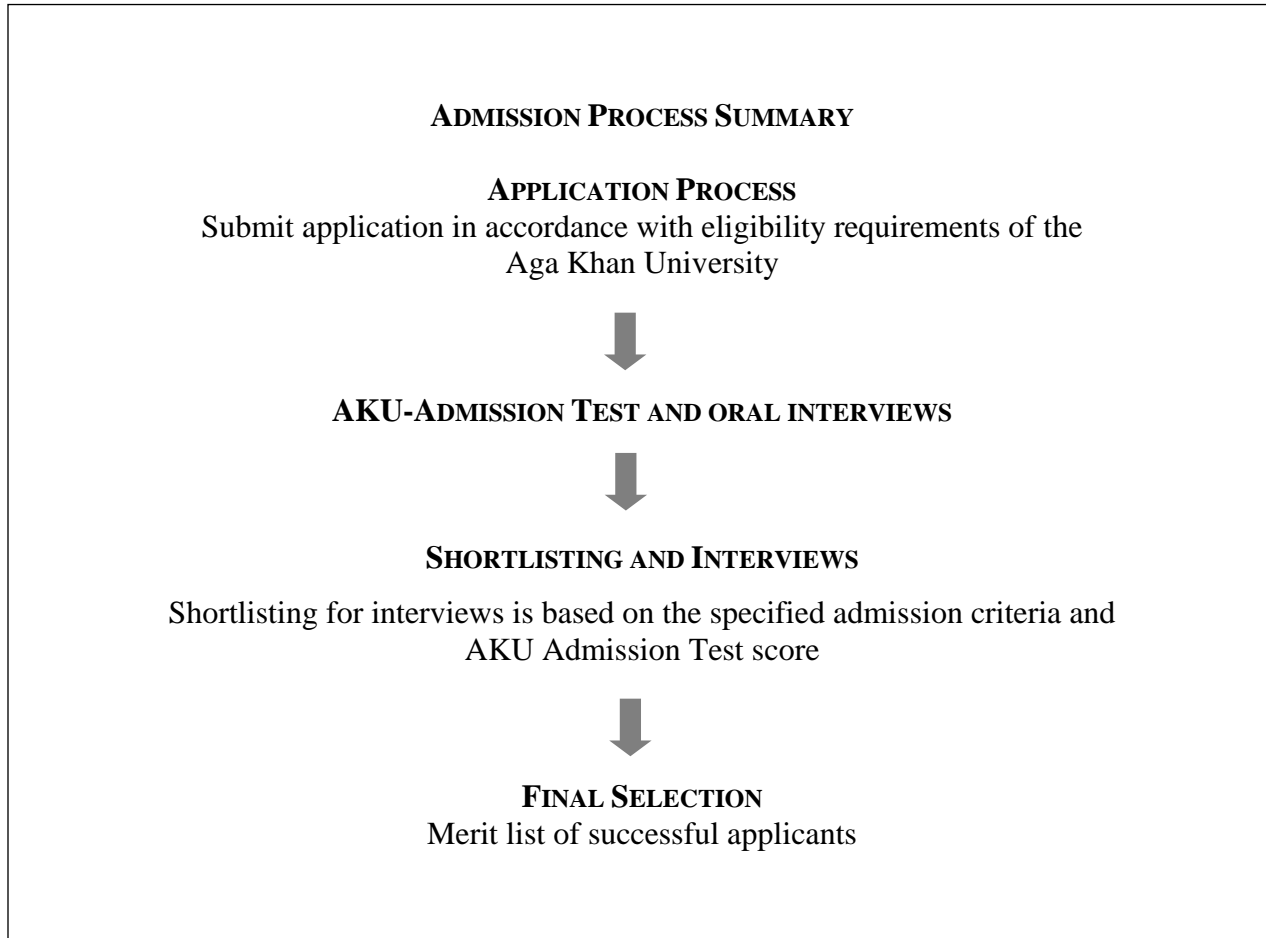
THE AKU ADMISSION TEST

All applicants are required to write the AKU-SoNaM Admission Test scheduled on **Monday April 29, 2024 - Friday 3, 2024**. The Test is administered in English and consists of multiple-choice questions in the English Language and Nursing Knowledge.

Admission Test centre will be Nairobi.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held tentatively from **Monday May 13, 2024 – Friday 17, 2024**. Immediately after the Admission Test. Each applicant will meet 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.



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