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THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

MSc 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 Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) programme prepares practicing nurses to take the next step in their career and to take on advanced nursing roles. The programme is very flexible as it allows nurses to enrol as full-time, part-time or work-based students, studying alongside existing work commitments. It has four different components: core courses, specialty tracks, thesis writing and practicum. At present, the School offers two specialty tracks including Education and Clinical Specialties. You can choose from either of these two specialty tracks.

What will you learn?

Before you begin the programme, you will be required to choose a specialty track according to your area of interest. Your core courses will remain the same regardless of the track you choose.

In the first year, you will be introduced to biostatistics in healthcare, ethics in healthcare and the theoretical basis for nursing practice. To excel in research, you will also be offered courses in academic writing and research



methodology. All these courses will be offered to students in both specialty tracks.

During this year, you will also be offered pathophysiology and pharmacology for advanced practice and the first module for advanced clinical care if you are opting for Clinical Specialties. If you are pursuing the Education track, you will study education design and administration as well as clinical education along with an elective course.

In your second year, both tracks will explore leadership and management techniques in healthcare. The Clinical track students will be offered further courses in advanced health assessment and the second module for advanced clinical care, while those in the Education track will gain exposure to critical thinking teachings and principles, and methods of assessment.

You will also engage in theses and practicum in your chosen track of study; areas that our graduates say are especially strong influences on their careers.

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?

Track I (For candidates who have studied Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

You will need to have:

- A Higher Secondary School Certificate in the Pre-Medical group
- Successfully completed four-year BScN programme;
- Two years of clinical experience including a year's internship in a hospital
- Valid registration with the Pakistan Nursing Council or equivalent

Track II (For candidates who have studied Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

You will need to have:

- A Secondary School Certificate in Science with biology
- A three-year General Nursing Diploma i.e. RN
- A one-year Midwifery Diploma or Post Basic Specialty Diploma
- Completed three compulsory courses i.e. English, Islamic and Pakistan Studies at BSc level
- A two-year Post-RN BScN degree with a minimum of 60 credit hours
- Two years of clinical experience
- Valid registration with the Pakistan Nursing Council or equivalent

When do classes begin?

Classes for the MScN 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 Master of Science in Nursing under the School of Nursing and Midwifery category. Click on "apply online" where you can follow the admission process and upload the requested documents.

If you cannot access the online application, you may email us and request for a paper-based application form. It is, however, advisable to process your application online.

Where can you get more details?

You can reach us by email at postgrad.query@aku.edu or call us at +92 21 3486 4537 / 5456 / 5531.

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.”