



**THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING  
MSc (APN)**

**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 NURSING**

The MSc-APN is a two-year programme to prepare advanced practice nurses 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 nursing education. As advanced nurse 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 nurses the necessary skills to conduct research that will contribute to the body of knowledge defining the discipline of nursing.

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

1. Apply contemporary knowledge from different sources and the best available evidence for professional decision-making and during practice.
2. Apply critical and reflective thinking skills, as well as a systems approach to problem-solving and professional decision-making.
3. Demonstrate the ability to translate and use meaningful research findings.
4. Engage in effective ethical decision-making with respect to own practice area (e.g. clinical, education, leadership and management), or where ethical issues affect the broader health care team.
5. Maintain confidentiality as necessary. Communicate clear, consistent and accurate information verbally, in written or electronic forms and in a manner sensitive to the context.
6. Use advanced communication and interpersonal skills in professional work.
7. Work collaboratively with other professionals in health care to enhance the quality practice and services offered.
8. Articulate, promote and advocate for nursing professional development in general and the specialist role in particular, in the clinical, political and professional contexts.
9. Contribute to knowledge and practice through identifying and conducting supervised research.
10. Demonstrate leadership and management (planning, organizing, collaboration, delegation, problem-solving, human and material resources etc.) and policy development skills.

## **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-APN 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 - Tanzania invites nurses to apply for their Master of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing MSc - APN Programme.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing with minimum average of “B” or GPA of 2.7 awarded by an Institution accredited by Tanzania Commission of Universities (TCU) or its equivalent.
- Current practicing license and registration with either the Tanzania or Zanzibar Nursing and Midwifery Council.
- A minimum of two years of experience in a clinical setting as a registered nurse-midwife

#### 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.

Candidates must upload the following:

- a) A recent passport size colour photographs
- b) Attested photocopies of official academic transcripts from your nursing undergraduate training institution.
- c) Copies of your registration certificate and nursing license from the Tanzania or Zanzibar Nursing and Midwifery Council.
- d) Copies of your Certificate of Secondary Education.
- e) Copies of certificate for bachelor’s degree.
- 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 or 1000 words 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 **Tsh. 32,000/-** is applicable.

#### MODE OF PAYMENT

**Through direct bank deposit using below bank details or through online transfer using:**  
<https://shop.directpay.online/paymybills/AgaKhanUniversityTanzania> .

OR

For payment through **bank** please refer to Mode of Payment section below.

### Bank Details.

Title : The Aga Khan University  
Account # : 0092897003  
Bank : Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Limited  
Branch : Main Branch.  
Branch Code : 001  
SWIFT Code : DTKETZTZ  
Address : Mosque/Jamaat Street, P.O. Box 115, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

**OR**

### **You can pay through M-PESA by following below steps: -**

How to send money to M-PESA at AKU, Tanzania.

Step 1: \*150\*00#

Step 2: Select 4- Payment by M-PESA

Step 3: Select 4 -Enter business number

Step 4: Enter 899961

Step 5: Enter reference number it can be invoice number: student name you dictate what they need to enter

Step 6: Enter Amount

Step 7: Confirm 1 payment to Aga Khan

**END**

### **SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**

**The deadline for submitting the application is October 2, 2024.**

*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.*

## **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.*

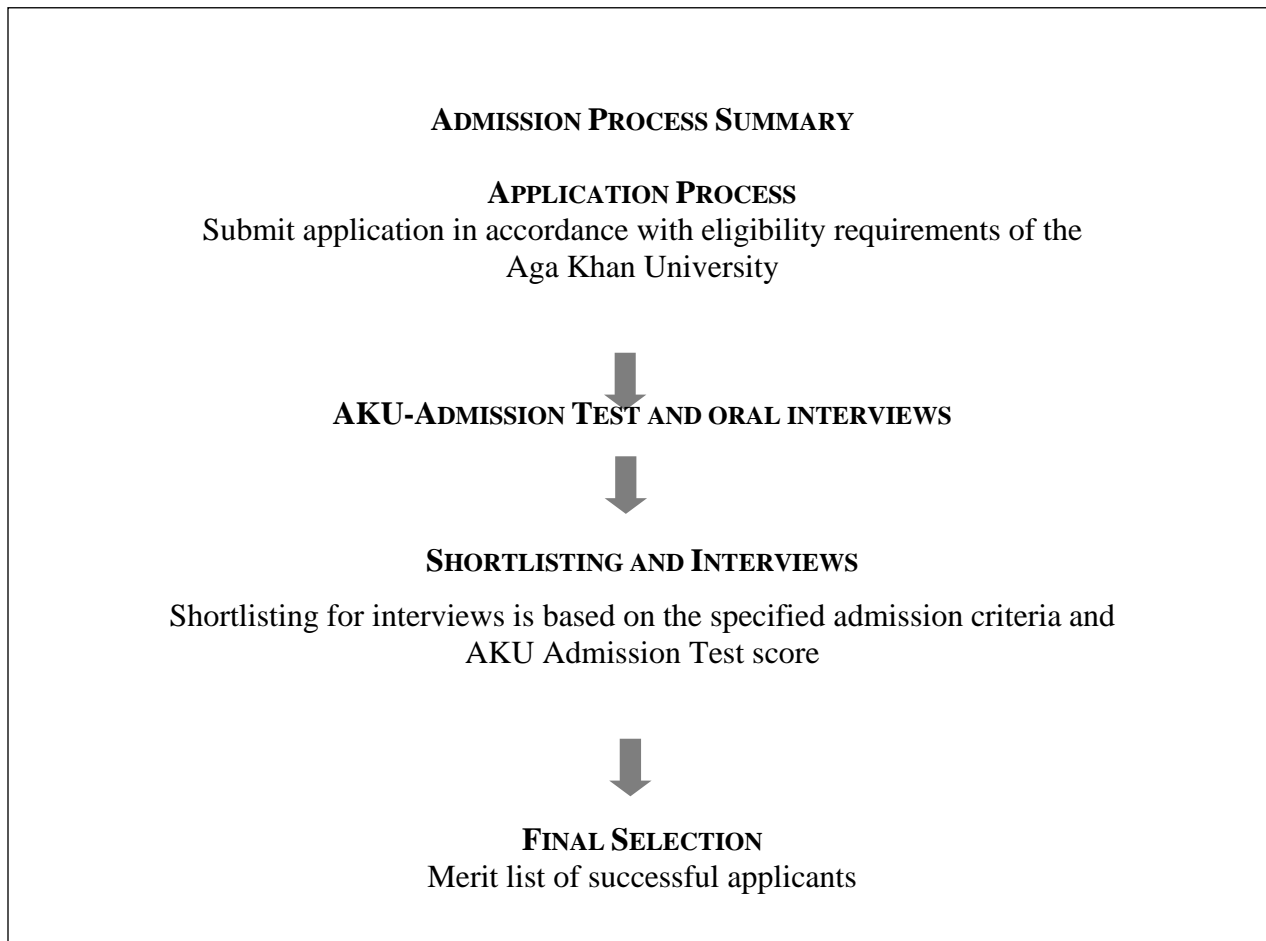
## **THE AKU ADMISSION TEST**

All applicants are required to write the AKU-SoNaM Admission Test. The Test is administered in English and consists of multiple-choice questions in the English Language and Nursing Knowledge.

Admission Test Centre will be Dar es Salaam.

## **INTERVIEWS**

Interviews will be held 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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