



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

DIRECT ENTRY

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# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, KENYA



“Since 2000, our BScN upgrading programme has enabled working nurses to enhance their qualifications and offer more quality within East African healthcare spaces. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Direct-entry programme intends to prepare competent nurses who will provide compassionate, evidence-based care to a diverse population. This programme will augment our existing programmes, benefit from emerging innovations in telemedicine, electronic health records, simulation learning and an interprofessional approach as we aim to get closer to achieving Universal Health Coverage. Through this programme, we can work towards increasing the quantity and competence of nurses simultaneously.”

**Prof Eunice Ndirangu-Mugo**

Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery, East Africa



# Our Impact

More than **3,000 graduates across East Africa**, many of who have gone on to run hospitals, develop cancer care centers, receive the Presidential Order of Service awards, and achieve influential public and private sector positions

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First university to have an upgrading Bachelor of Science in Nursing programme in Kenya

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Our online professional development short courses have been accessed by more than **30,280 nurses globally**

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Our Continuous Development Programmes have impacted more than **6000 nurses and midwives across East Africa**

## SONAM EA Mission

AKU's School of Nursing and Midwifery (AKU-SONAM) has a history of excellence and innovation in educating professional nurses for leadership roles in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. With the legacy of 'firsts' in mind, AKU-SONAM leaders are committed to advancing and promoting the school's vision of 'Transforming Nurses and Midwives for a Global Future' for generations to come.



# About the Programme

The direct-entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a four-year degree programme which aims to equip you with the skills and competencies needed to function in areas such as patient-centred care, teamwork and interprofessional practice, evidence-based practice, quality improvement and use of informatics and technology to enhance quality of care.

## Core Curriculum

The programme will take advantage of the extensive Aga Khan Health Services network of hospitals and clinics, emerging innovations in electronic health records, telemedicine, data science, interprofessional learning between medicine and nursing students and simulation learning within AKU. Similarly, electives in emerging areas such as geriatrics, mental health, maternal child health, home based care will enhance the appeal of our students in rapidly changing healthcare environment.

- 1st Year: Foundation Courses (Basic Sciences)
- 2nd Year: Nursing concepts and Nursing Practice
- 3rd Year: Community; Research; Midwifery; Specialty Areas
- 4th Year: Nursing Leadership and Management; Electives

You will attend classes and conduct clinical rotations for five days each week.

In addition, you will have one-on-one time with faculty to gain clarity on any aspects that were not understood in the class and clinical settings. You will also have access to mentorship from faculty as well as regular assessments from the faculty to ensure you make continual progress. Your clinical practice skills will be enhanced through guided learning that takes place in hospitals and community-based health facilities approved by the Nursing Council of Kenya.

## Provisional Applications

The Aga Khan University will also accept provisional applications. In cases where provisional admission is granted, candidates will be required to submit their pending examination results slips/certificates or their graduation/postgraduate examination results in accordance with the minimum eligibility requirements.

*The University does not process incomplete applications including those that do not meet eligibility requirements or are submitted, for any reason, after the stated deadline.*

## Eligibility Criteria

- Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its Equivalent with minimum aggregate of C+ (plus) and C+ in each of the following subjects: English/Kiswahili, Mathematics/Physics, Chemistry and Biology
- For applicants from IGCSE backgrounds as well as other foreign qualifications, you should first obtain an equation certificate from the Kenya National Qualifications Authority ([www.knqa.go.ke](http://www.knqa.go.ke)) which will translate your results and enable AKU to align them with our minimum aggregate requirements



# Hallmarks of an **AKU Graduate**



Critical and  
Creative Thinking



Evidence-based  
Decision Making



Ethical Global  
Leadership



Effective  
Communication



Socially &  
Environmentally  
Aware Citizenship



Lifelong Learning



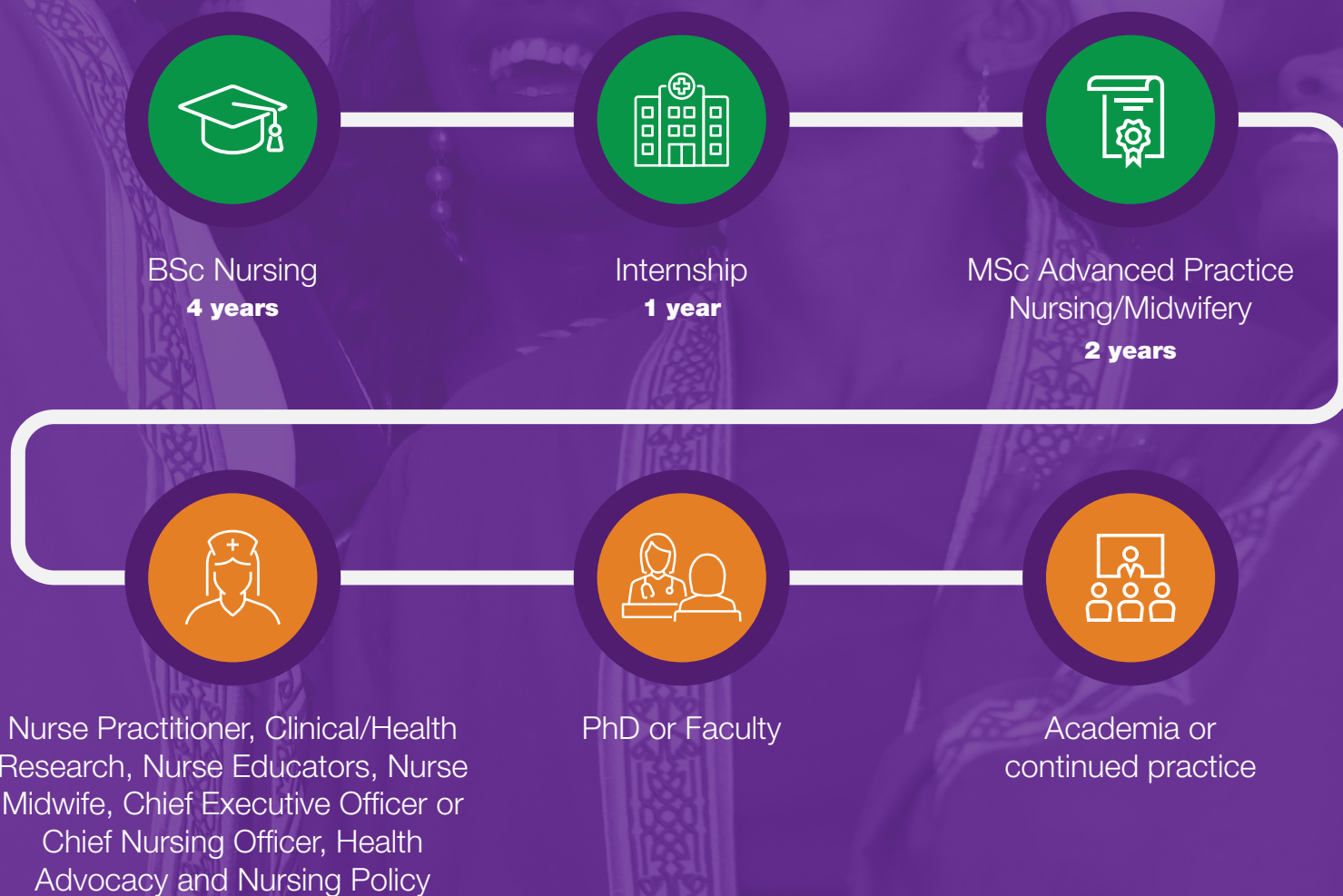
Specialist Knowledge  
to bring Change





# Career Pathways

BSc Nursing graduates can go on to choose multiple career pathways







## Financial Assistance

Admissions to our academic programmes are merit-based. Students accepted into one of our academic programmes who are unable to pay for the cost of their education at the University, may apply for financial assistance.

Through partnerships with our generous donors, we have partial scholarships that will be granted to the most promising students. This will enable the School of Nursing and Midwifery to support the next generation of nurses and midwives as they receive a world-class educational experience that is responsive to various healthcare challenges.

# Campus Life & Student Life

## Campus Life

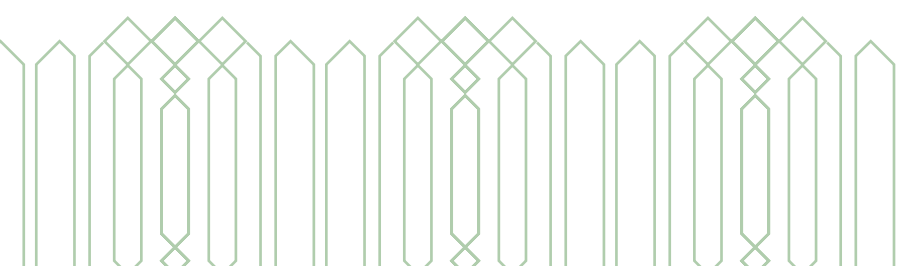
AKU students will spend their four years on our twin-tower campus in Nairobi. The campus features state-of-the-art classrooms, a canteen and plenty of space to study, ponder and relax.

The library is equipped to offer information services using modern technology. Students will also have access to the new Centre for Innovation in Medical Education – the first in the region where students can hone their clinical skills, using lifelike patient mannequins in highly realistic hospital settings.



## Student Life

Academic work is only one aspect of the AKU experience. A wealth of co-curricular activities will offer numerous opportunities for self-discovery and peer-to-peer learning. Team sports, debate clubs, music and drama groups, literary and research journals, and visits by inspiring speakers will foster a vibrant campus, where there is always another chance to form a new interest, make a new friend, acquire a new skill, and collaborate with classmates.



# A History of Excellence

AKU is known as a pioneer and a quality leader. Founded in 1983 by His Highness the Aga Khan, it has campuses and programmes in Pakistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom.

We have awarded more than 3,000 diplomas and degrees across the region. Our academic units in East Africa include our Medical College, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Graduate School of Media and Communications, Institute for Human Development, and Brain and Mind Institute. The 300- bed Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi is East Africa's leading private teaching hospital. In addition, the University provides scholarships to nine out of 10 of its students in East Africa.

The Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi was the first in East Africa, to meet the rigorous accreditation standards of the U.S.- based Joint Commission International and the College of American Pathologists.

AKU is one of 10 agencies of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). Working mainly in Africa and South and Central Asia, AKDN helps those in need to improve their own lives through a long-term, multifaceted approach to development that spans economic, social and cultural dimensions. AKDN's roots in East Africa date back more than a century, and its activities benefit millions of East Africans every year.



“At the very heart of our programmes is one central conviction: The key to future progress in the developing world will be its ability to identify, to develop, and to retain expert and effective homegrown leadership.”



**His Highness the Aga Khan**  
Chancellor, Aga Khan University



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