Qatar Health Care Environment

One of the major components of the Qatar National Health Strategy is a cancer strategy that identifies the immediate need for advanced practice nurses in the areas of oncology and palliative care. The major provider of health care services in Qatar is Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC). To date, HMC’s hiring of advanced practice nurses (masters and PhD prepared) in oncology and palliative care is from overseas (England, U.S.A., Canada) to fill the immediate need.

The State of Qatar’s healthcare system is undergoing a major transformation. An ambitious healthcare strategy has been set out which includes an upgrading of the education level of health professionals. Nursing is one area that requires advanced healthcare practitioners to meet the reforms proposed.

This UCQ Master of Nursing program focuses on the clinical area of oncology. Local nurses who graduate from the program will be qualified to take on advanced practice roles with HMC to contribute to evidence-informed, high quality cancer care.

Contact Information

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For specific program/admissions related questions please contact Melissa Manuel at UCQ at mmanuel@ucalgary.edu.qa.

For more detailed information, please visit:

ucalgary.edu.qa/prospective
Master of Nursing - focus in oncology

Advanced practice

The University of Calgary in Qatar offers a course-based Master of Nursing, advance practice degree in partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC). New student intake is in January each year. In support of the Qatar National Cancer Strategy, the focus of the January 2015 intake is oncology nursing. The anticipated intake is nine students.

Prospective students are required to apply for admission to the University of Calgary in Qatar. Recommendations for admission must also be approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Calgary (Calgary, Canada).

Admission requirements:

1. A bachelor’s/baccalaureate degree in nursing
2. A grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above
3. Successful completion of one undergraduate 3.0 credit course in research methodology
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5. Qatar citizenship or residency
6. Qualify for sponsorship with HMC
7. English language proficiency
   - Completion of an undergraduate degree from a designated English speaking country
   - Completion of UCQ Bachelor of Nursing
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   - Minimum IELTS score of 7.0 or minimum TOEFL score of 80

Preferred attributes:

1. Preference will normally be given to Qatari applicants who meet admission requirements, although Qatari permanent residents are also encouraged to apply
2. A preferred minimum of two years (full time or equivalent) clinical experience in oncology nursing
3. Capacity to speak Arabic fluently
4. Successful applicants would be required to sign a scholarship contract with HMC including commitment to take up an assigned Clinical Nursing Specialist post for three years upon graduation (benefits packages are included)

Required Supporting Documents for Application to the Program

- Copy of nursing degree certificate or parchment
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