SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF BAHRAIN
“WE PLACE AN EMPHASIS ON PREPARING WORK-READY AND COMPETENT NURSES.”
“At RCSI Bahrain, we are striving to develop and promote an understanding of the value of nursing as an established and respected profession in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the wider region.

We place an emphasis on preparing work-ready and competent nurses who can be proud of their careers and meet the needs of patients and the health services. Since the establishment of the school in 2006 we have educated highly competent and knowledgeable nursing graduates, thanks to our excellent faculty who are a dynamic blend of local, Irish and international academic nursing experts.”

Professor Seamus Cowman,
Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery
RCSI BAHRAIN STRIVES TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE OF NURSING AS A REPUTABLE PROFESSION IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN AND THE WIDER REGION.
A WORTHWHILE CAREER

WHY NURSING?

What attracts you to nursing? The same thing that makes us passionate about educating competent and caring nurses – we want to help make people’s health better. We prepare work-ready nurses who can be proud of their careers and meet the needs of their patients and the health services.

WHY NURSING AT RCSI BAHRAIN?

Accredited
Accredited by RCSIB Bahrain, the National University of Ireland (NUI), and licensed by the Higher Education Council Bahrain.

WHO Recognised
School of Nursing & Midwifery has been placed on the WHO EMRO (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office of the World Health Organisation) Directory for Schools of Nursing and Midwifery.

Masters in Nursing
Opportunities to study a postgraduate MSc in Nursing and other education programmes.

Blended
Blended learning approach involving classroom and hospital with real-life clinical scenarios.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS
Tamkeen; the Ministry of Health; King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH), Bahrain Defence Force Royal Medical Services, Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Cardiac Centre, private hospitals and other healthcare facilities.
OVERVIEW

The BSc (Hons) Nursing is a full time professional nursing programme, delivered over a minimum of four academic years and a maximum of six academic years.

As a graduate you will be empowered with the skills you require to become a future leader, and to actively develop the nursing profession and the health of the community.

During the programme you will gain experience in the nursing care of children, adults, and the elderly, and also spend time in primary health care, community care, psychiatric care and general and specialist hospital care.

You will learn the principles of holistic care, clinical competence, therapeutic communication, accountability and personal development.

As well as nursing knowledge, the curriculum includes biomedical and social sciences knowledge applied in an integrated pattern. The education dynamic involves the fostering of problem-solving skills, critical thinking and evidence-based approaches, all fundamental to nursing.

QUALIFICATION

The BSc (Hons) Nursing is a full time professional nursing programme. You will graduate from the School of Nursing and Midwifery with a BSc (Hons) Nursing from RCSI Bahrain and the National University of Ireland (NUI).

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CURRICULUM

As a BSc (Hons) Nursing graduate, you will be able to conduct a holistic assessment of patient needs, and plan their care in conjunction with other team members. You will also be able to track patient progress in line with a care plan, and be fully aware of legalities around their care. We produce self-aware nurses who develop their competence while practicing, and who can establish, maintain, and conclude therapeutic practice with patients, be it on an individual, group, family or community basis.

Being a nurse means being a team player, and at a more senior stage, you will be able to lead and delegate to other nurses, and foster teamwork in your daily work. Most importantly, you will take responsibility to enrich lifelong personal and professional development of yourself and others.
TEACHING & LEARNING

A variety of learning styles are applied to nursing programmes, including lectures, group work, tutorials, practical, clinical placements, revision work, personal readings, library work, self-directed learning, examination and assessment. You will also undertake bedside clinical teaching, case and team-based learning and simulation-based clinical teaching.

CLINICAL TEACHING

Clinical competency is an essential requirement for a professional nurse. You will be directed to develop your ability to apply what you have learned as soon as you enter the hospital or community care. Clinical teaching has a range of instructional, evaluative and interpersonal components which differ from classroom teaching, and we place a strong emphasis on this throughout the programme.

In RCSI Bahrain’s programme, students are introduced to patients in the clinical environment within designated teaching facilities, including King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH), Bahrain Defence Force Hospital Royal Medical Services, Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Cardiac Centre, private hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

The school has a strong innovative approach in its delivery of nursing education. Recent pioneering projects include inter-professional education involving medical and nursing students learning together. Each student nurse is provided with a laptop to support their learning, with the use of eBooks being just one of the innovations used by RCSI Bahrain in supporting modern approaches to learning.

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You will be supported and coached through your assessments, which take place during or at the end of a module and in a variety of forms dependent on the specific learning outcomes. Assessment methods include:

- Multiple-choice questions
- Short-answer written questions
- Objective structured clinical examinations
- Projects
- Oral presentations
- Student clinical assessment reports
The BSc (Hons) Nursing Bridging programme is delivered over eighteen months/three semesters (part-time), and is designed for registered nurses who have studied to Diploma level.

It is uniquely constructed to upgrade your qualification to a BSc (Hons) Nursing degree to enable you to advance your career. Whatever your clinical background, general hospital, psychiatry, community nursing or midwifery, this programme will give you the opportunity to enhance your personal and professional development and performance.

The BSc (Hons) Nursing Bridging programme has been delivered at Johns Hopkins Aramco Health Care in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, testifying to its quality and support from leading healthcare institutions.

You will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Nursing from RCSI Bahrain and the National University of Ireland (NUI).
CURRICULUM

As a BSc (Hons) Nursing graduate from the Bridging Programme, you will be able to:

- Assess, plan, implement and evaluate health promotion strategies, taking into account the factors that determine and influence health.

- Integrate nursing theories and principles into competent nursing practice.

- Analyze research findings and evidence to improve the quality of patient care.

- Apply skills of clinical health assessment in various health care settings.

- Assess the role of the nurses and related challenges in the delivery of healthcare leadership, in order to position yourself as a multi-disciplinary leader in your organization.

- Practice in a professional manner within a legislative and ethical framework.
GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE

RCSI Bahrain is dedicated to graduating nursing professionals that are competitive on a global level. Part of this continual challenge are three integral features of the School of Nursing & Midwifery:

AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED DEGREE

Both nursing programmes are accredited by RCSI Bahrain, the National University of Ireland (NUI), and licensed by the Bahrain Higher Education Council. We also hold an award of full confidence from Bahrain’s National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education and Training (NAQQAET).

AN ELITE FACULTY

The structure of the school has been developed to ensure that all students are provided with inclusive support. There is a dynamic staff development culture in RCSI Bahrain and continuous development and training is provided to staff members from the school and our clinical partners. Our senior nursing teaching faculty, including our Head of School, are from the most reputable Irish, international and local institutions, and deliver the authentic and well-respected brand of RCSI teaching that we have become famous for.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Our programmes meet education standards specified by the Ministry of Health in Bahrain, Nursing Standards for GCC Countries, and those of the EU Bologna Accord. It is also mapped against the Bahrain National Qualification Framework (NQF) and the Irish and European Qualifications Framework (ECTS). In fulfilling the requirements for the BSc (Hons) award, the programme incorporates 240 ECTS credits / 480 NQF credits (4 year BSc (Hons) in Nursing. The BSc (Hons) in Nursing Bridging Programme incorporates 60 ECTS credits / 120 NQF credits.
“The interactive and practical element of the lectures have been stimulating and inspiring, and have helped me to develop communication and critical thinking skills. I would highly recommend this programme, the university in general is a really good choice.”

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