

Get that Diploma in Nursing

NURSING is one of the world's oldest professions. It is an international, challenging, interesting, and rewarding career dedicated to preventing illness, reducing suffering, assisting in the recovery of patients and effective rehabilitation of individuals and their family. In short, nursing is an art and human science to help develop skills to care for people at the various developmental stages in life, from birth through to old age.

There are seven areas of Nursing stressed throughout the course:

1. Fundamentals of Nursing
2. Medical and Surgical Nursing
3. Paediatric Nursing
4. Maternity Nursing
5. Community Health Nursing
6. Mental Health Nursing
7. Specialty Nursing

The Diploma in Nursing offered at AIMST University is a well structured programme approved by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and Nursing Board of Malaysia. The syllabus is student focused, with the theory and practice of Nursing at its heart.

The theoretical learning is aptly supported by clinical experience at various hospitals and community health settings.

Clinical training of students in the programme is conducted at the Government Hospitals, Private Hospitals and 12 State Health Clinics identified by the Ministry of Health. Throughout the programme student experience is widened beyond Midwifery to include placement in Special Baby Care Units, Gynecology and Mental Health settings.

Career Opportunities

Nursing professionals can apply their skills in a variety of settings in the health system and these include:

- Hospitals
- Specialist centres
- Clinics
- Homes for the elderly
- Industries
- Rehabilitation centres
- Research facilities
- The Armed Forces
- The Red Cross
- Blood Banks
- Mental Health Centres
- Home care

Basic Structure

- The three year curriculum as approved by the Nursing Board of Malaysia is structured in a carefully sequenced series of courses. Students will be trained with the philosophy that Nursing is a practicing profession dependent on allied professions and occupations for promoting



health and in preventing diseases.

- Throughout the curriculum students develop the necessary cognitive, psychomotor and affective skills, which enable them to practice as nurse generalists, at different levels of care within the health system. They will be able to utilize the knowledge gained in the course as frames of reference when making

decision for nursing care in interventions with individuals, families and communities.

- Clinical experience is linked to theory and takes place at intervals throughout the 3 years of the programme.
- In the first year, students will gain an understanding on the structure and functions of the human body as well as other basic

nursing skills which are applied throughout each semester.

- Much of the second year will be spent on the nursing practices in the respective hospital wards and health centres where the students will have “hands on” on these practices. This experience will also allow development of interpersonal and practical skills. Students will gain experience both in Hospitals

and Community Nursing. During your attachments or placements in the respective field, a clinical nurse instructor will guide you throughout your learning.

- The third year will focus on students attached to specialty nursing such as ENT, Ophthalmology, Radiology, Emergency and Disaster Management. The students will also gain an insight on the care of the “critically ill”.