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UHS, COMSTECH sign MoU for health education, research across OIC nations

April 2: The Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) and the University of Health Sciences (UHS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote cooperation in medical education, research and capacity building among member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The agreement was signed by UHS Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore and COMSTECH Coordinator General Prof Dr Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary. The ceremony was attended by Rector University of Lahore Prof Dr Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Nadia Naseem, Registrar Kiran Fatima and other officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Choudhary said COMSTECH was committed to strengthening scientific and educational ties among 57 OIC

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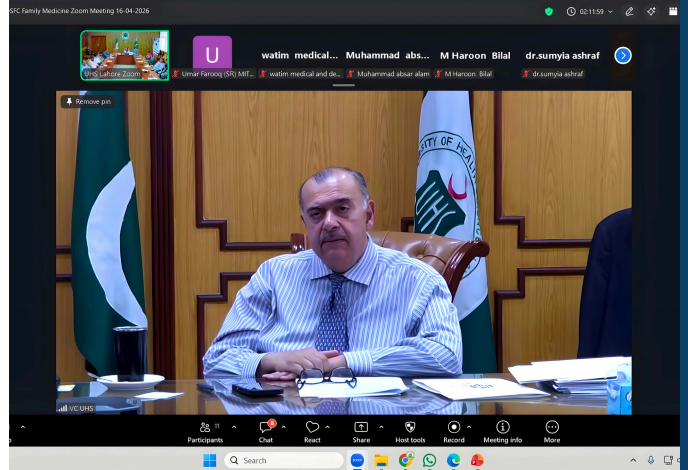


UHS VC unveils capacity-building plan at Family Medicine session

April 16: University of Health Sciences (UHS) Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore, unveiled a comprehensive six-month faculty capacity-building framework and a vision to establish Family Medicine departments across all affiliated colleges during the first session of the Discipline-Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) for Family Medicine held at UHS.

The session was chaired by Acting Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Sidrah Saleem, who highlighted the importance of preventive care in strengthening health systems. The academic meeting was jointly hosted by the Department of Family Medicine, UHS, and Fatima Memorial Hospital, bringing together senior faculty members and experts to deliberate on key academic and clinical priorities in the discipline.

Prof Dr Asif Naveed, Director Postgraduate Studies, said the DSFC would serve as an important platform for academic collaboration, coordination and standardisation among institutions. Dr Uzma Jabeen, Head of Family Medicine department, outlined major challenges facing the specialty, including limited training sites and the need for stronger collaborative platforms.



During the academic segment, Dr Naif Usman Saigol delivered a comprehensive presentation on strengthening primary healthcare through the integration of preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative services. Participants also reviewed the implementation of the three-month and six-month Certificate in Comprehensive Family Medicine Practice and Emergency Care (CCFP-EC) courses being introduced by UHS. The session on the new programmes was presented by Dr Uzma Jabeen and Dr Sibgha Usman. The council further discussed ways to enhance community-based learning and introduce early primary care exposure within the MBBS curriculum. At the conclusion of the session, a commemorative shield was presented to Dr Naif Usman Saigol in recognition of his valuable contribution.



UHS strengthens global health ties at Cambridge

UK experts express interest in health partnerships with Pakistan

April 23: The University of Health Sciences further expanded its international academic engagement as Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Nadia Naseem represented the university at the “Principles of Practice” workshop hosted by Cambridge Global Health Partnerships at the School of Clinical Medicine, Addenbrooke’s Hospital, University of Cambridge. The workshop brought together health professionals, academics and global partners to discuss safe, ethical and effective international health collaborations. The opening session was led by Director Evelyn Brealey, who shared CGHP’s values and vision for equitable partnerships. Discussions covered paediatric cancer, malnutrition, reproductive health, infectious diseases, sexually transmitted infections and community health services, with special reference to challenges faced by countries such as Pakistan.

During the workshop, Prof Nadia Naseem presented major UHS initiatives including the Lifesaving Skills Initiative, School Health Program for Reproductive Health, and the Pyari Beti Portal. The portal attracted keen interest as a potential model for collaboration within CGHP



community health platforms. She also highlighted UHS efforts in awareness and education regarding sexually transmitted infections, including HIV and HPV. CGHP leadership discussed pathways for UHS and Pakistan to join future collaborative programmes through grants, academic exchanges and community-based initiatives. Prof Nadia Naseem also proposed that Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore may serve as the institutional lead for future engagement with CGHP. Further discussions are expected through upcoming online meetings. During her visit, she also met Prof Kamal Munir, Professor of Strategy and Policy at Cambridge Judge Business School. Detailed talks focused on UHS nursing reforms, curriculum modernization, language training, competency-based clinical education and leadership development. Prof Munir appreciated these initiatives and expressed interest in visiting UHS.





UHS produces 245 editors, calls for audit in medical research publishing

April 22: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) held a certificate distribution ceremony for the 7th batch of Certificate in Medical Editing (CME) and the 3rd batch of Certificate in Medical Journalism Education (CMJE). With these batches, the university has produced 245 certified editors, strengthening editorial capacity for medical journals and research institutions.

The ceremony was attended by Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore, Maj Gen (R) Prof Muhammad Aslam, Mr Shaukat Ali Jawaaid, Prof Jamshed Akhtar, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Sidrah Saleem, Ms Kiran Fatima, Prof Noshina Saleem, Prof Abdul Hannan Ahmad and Prof Asif Naveed.

In CME Batch-7, Dr Faiza Suman stood first, Dr Aftab Mohsin second, while Dr Naima Mehdi and Dr

Aleena Waheed shared third position. In CMJE Batch-3, Dr Summia Khan secured first position, Dr Kashif Ali Hashmi second, while Dr Maryam Rashid and Dr Aiman Dawood shared third position. Maj Gen (R) Prof Muhammad Aslam said research should serve humanity and improve healthcare delivery. Mr Shaukat Ali Jawaaid said recognised medical journals in Pakistan had increased from 10 in 2019 to more than 70. Prof Jamshed Akhtar stressed the need to improve research culture and quality standards. Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore called for academic audit and institutional accountability in research and publishing. He said UHS had formed Discipline-Specific Faculty Councils in 74 specialties and established a Medical Journals Consortium to support editors, reviewers and researchers through training, peer-review networking and uniform publishing standards.





UHS completes another series of clinical life-saving skills training

April 18– The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has successfully concluded another series of Clinical Life-Saving Skills Workshops at its Jinnah Campus, Kala Shah Kaku.

A total of 16 workshops comprising both Provider and Instructor-level sessions were conducted as part of the Six Mandatory Clinical Training Courses for Nursing Colleges under the UHS framework. The initiative resulted in the successful training of 344 faculty members drawn from nursing, medical, and dental colleges affiliated with the university.

Of the total participants, 257 faculty members from nursing colleges completed the programme, 140 at the Provider level and 117 at the Instructor level. An additional 87 faculty members from medical and dental colleges also benefited from the training, with 46 completing the Provider course and 41 qualifying as Instructors, thereby significantly expanding the pool of certified clinical trainers within their respective institutions.

The training were conducted under UHS Professional Skill Development Centre. Dr. Lamia Yusuf, Director Medical Education at UHS, noted that the expanded instructor base would ensure the sustainability and cascade of life-saving skills across colleges, allowing trained instructors to carry the programme forward within their own institutions without ongoing dependence on central resources.

86.81 pc pass BDS second prof exam

April 23: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has announced the result of the BDS Second Professional Annual Examinations 2025.

According to a notification, as many as 887 candidates from 16 dental colleges appeared in the examinations. Of them, 770 were declared successful while 117 failed, taking the overall pass percentage to 86.81 per cent.

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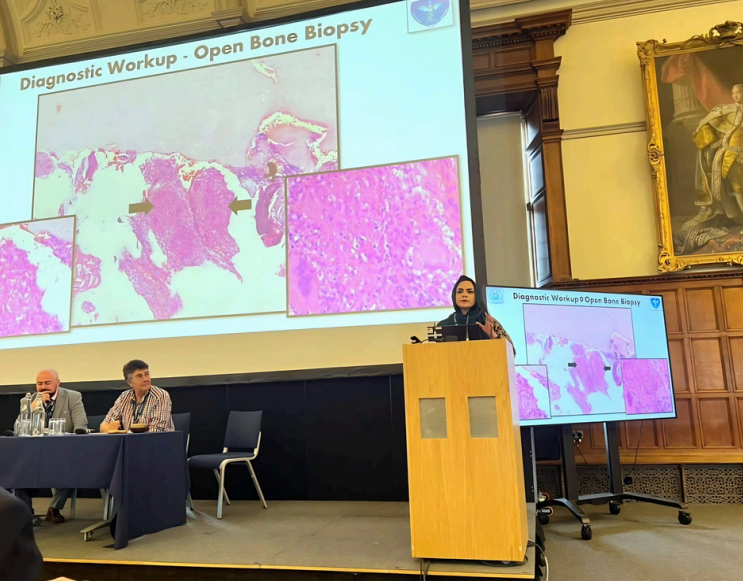


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Fatima Naveed of Niazi Dental College, Sargodha, secured first position with 939 marks. Areeza Ali of FMH College of Dentistry, Lahore, stood second with 922 marks, while Amina Ejaz of the same institution obtained third position with 916 marks.

The UHS spokesperson said the results were announced within 24 hours of the conclusion of practical examinations. All detailed results are available on the UHS website.



UHS builds global links at Oxford, research wins international acclaim

Oxford, April 6–14: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore expanded its international academic engagement during a visit to the University of Oxford, where Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Nadia Naseem held key meetings and represented Pakistan at a prestigious global conference. Professor Nadia Naseem met Sir Aziz Sheikh, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford and Head of the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, to discuss collaboration in primary healthcare, curriculum development and digital health systems. Sir Aziz Sheikh appreciated UHS certificate courses in primary healthcare and expressed interest in future partnerships. It was agreed that structured proposals would be developed to support policy reforms and strengthen primary healthcare in Punjab. Professor Amjad Khan, Professor of Clinical Biochemistry and Experimental Medicine, Nuffield Division of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, was also present. At the 13th International Bone Infection Conference (OBIC 2026), Professor Nadia Naseem presented a clinical study selected for free oral presentation, the only paper from Pakistan at the event. The study received appreciation for highlighting timely diagnosis of rare infections in resource-limited settings. She also met Professor Amjad Khan for joint research in colorectal cancer and Hepatitis B & C,

and Professor Proochista Ariana, Founding Director, Masters in International Health and Tropical Medicine, for collaboration in public health, scholarships and academic exchange.

UHS Lahore
wins prestigious Honour at
Oxford University

HIGHLY COMMENDED ORAL PRESENTATION
at the 13th International Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC) 2026
13th – 14th April, 2026
Oxford University, United Kingdom

Prof. Nadia Naseem
– Pro-Vice Chancellor & Head
Department of Histopathology

Among 270 Participants and Speakers from 26 Countries of the World who participated in this year's conference.

Isolated Tibial Nocardia Osteomyelitis in an Immunocompetent Host:
A Possibly First Case Report from Pakistan
(Naseem N, Fizzah F, Ismail M, Mehmood T, Niazi M)

For More Details Visit
<https://obic.org.uk>





Agreement with Pakistan Post for secure transport of examination material

April 15: The University of Health Sciences signed an agreement with Pakistan Post for safe and timely transport of official correspondence and confidential examination material across Punjab and Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

The agreement was signed by Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore and Postmaster General Central Punjab Lahore Mr Zia-ul-Haq Ranjha.

Pakistan Post will provide secure collection, dispatch and doorstep delivery of examination material to centres, and ensure its return after examinations.

The arrangement includes chain of custody, tracking and designated focal persons for transparency and accountability. Ms Shaista Anjum will represent Pakistan Post, while Mr Ali Fayaz Malik will serve as focal person for the university.

IPH Dean discusses academic initiatives with VC

April 15: Dean of the Institute of Public Health Prof Saira Afzal, accompanied by Prof Mulazim Hussain Bukhari, visited the University of Health Sciences and met Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore.

She briefed the Vice Chancellor on ongoing projects and upcoming initiatives. Discussions covered admissions in MPhil Community Medicine and MPH programmes, affiliation for BS Public

Health, increase in BS MLT seats, mandatory workshops for supervisors, and collaboration on the Malaria Free Punjab project. The Vice Chancellor assured full support. Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Sidrah Saleem and senior officials were also present.

Dr. Huma Saeed Khan awarded PhD

UHS has awarded a PhD degree in Physiology and Cell Biology to Dr. Huma Saeed Khan for her research on the role of long non-coding RNAs in diabetic kidney disease. The award was approved in the 222nd meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board. Conducted under the supervision of Dr. Saba Khaliq, Dr. Uzma Zargham and Dr. Waqar Ahmed, the study examined the expression of MEG3, NEAT1, NEAT2, TUG1 and PVT1 in type II diabetic patients with and without kidney disease. It found higher expression in affected patients, suggesting value as biomarkers for severity, prognosis and therapeutic targets. The findings were published in an HEC-approved W category journal, contributing to early diagnosis and targeted treatment research.





Four UHS scientists ranked among world's top 5% researchers



April 30: Four faculty members of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore have been ranked among the world's top five percent scientists in the SciRank Global 2025, reflecting the university's growing presence in international research.

Prof Dr Allah Rakha, Professor and Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine, earned the distinction for his contributions to forensic genetics, DNA analysis, toxicology and medico-legal sciences. His work has supported modernisation of forensic investigations and



strengthened academic training and research in medico-legal practice.

Prof Dr Muhammad Asif Naveed, Professor of Haematology, was recognised for his contributions to clinical and laboratory haematology, particularly in the study and diagnosis of blood disorders. His research and academic leadership have contributed to improving diagnostic standards and advancing evidence-based practices in haematological sciences.

Dr Shah Jahan, a leading biomedical scientist, secured his place in the ranking with more than 150 international publications, over 3,500

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UHS completes record 15,827 admissions under central policy

April 08: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has completed a record 15,827 admissions across Punjab under the provincial government's centralised admission policy, making it the largest admission cycle in the university's history.

The process lasted nearly five months and concluded with the ninth selection list for BS Nursing and the third list for the Lady Health Visitors (LHV) diploma programme for session 2025–26. For the first time, UHS served as the central admitting university for admissions to public and private sector medical and dental colleges, along with BS Nursing, Post-RN BSc Nursing, LHV diploma, and postgraduate MCPS programmes. In total, admissions were conducted for 10 programmes across 204 medical, dental, nursing, and health institutions in Punjab.

A total of 50,205 applications were processed through a unified merit-based system. Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore called it a transformational reform, saying the policy ensured fairness, transparency, equal opportunity, and full utilisation of seats.

He also appreciated the admissions team led by Dr Rahat Abdul Rehman for successfully managing the large-scale exercise.

42nd Academic Council Meeting

New Pharm-D curriculum approved with patient-centred training model

April 10: The 42nd meeting of the Academic Council of the University of Health Sciences (UHS), chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore, approved major reforms in the Pharm-D curriculum along with a new academic quality assurance system and postgraduate programmes. The revised Pharm-D curriculum introduces the Pharm-D PULSE framework, short for *Patient-*

Advanced semesters will provide exposure to pharmaceutical industries, including production, quality assurance and quality control operations. Senior students will also join hospital rounds with clinical teams to strengthen clinical pharmacy skills and contribute to patient-centred care. The reforms are expected to shift pharmacy education towards a more practical, outcome-based and healthcare-integrated model. The council also approved a Weekly Academic Quality Assurance and Monitoring System for affiliated institutions to ensure uniform teaching standards, regular audits and compliance reporting. Under the mechanism, all affiliated institutions will be required to hold weekly quality assurance and coordination

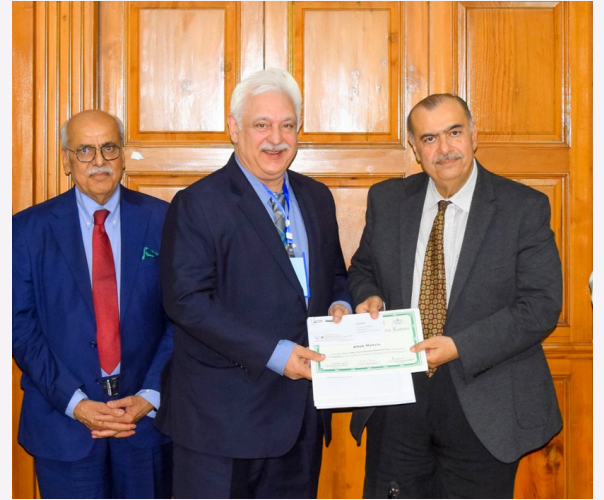


Understanding through Learning and Supervised Experience, aimed at aligning pharmacy education with modern healthcare needs. Under the new structure, students in early semesters will receive mandatory hospital visits to understand pharmacy services, medication systems and patient care processes.

In later semesters, students will undergo laboratory training in pathology and microbiology, along with hands-on instruction in compounding, dispensing and safe medication practices. Structured rotations in hospitals and community pharmacies will help bridge classroom learning with real-world experience.

meetings chaired by their respective principals, with the Department of Medical Education serving as the coordinating body. Institutions will submit a prescribed proforma, duly signed by the principal and focal person, to UHS.

New postgraduate curricula were also approved for MS programmes in Transplant Urology, Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Paediatric Anaesthesia, and diploma programmes in gynaecology and obstetrics, radiology, anaesthesiology, psychological medicine, and ophthalmic medicine and surgery.







Norway-based Pakistani scientist urges capacity building, TB collaboration at UHS

April 9: Pakistan-born global health expert Prof Tehmina Mustafa from the University of Bergen visited the University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore and called for stronger research collaboration, grant culture and clinical trial capacity between Pakistan and Norway. She met UHS Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore and held discussions with senior faculty members. Prof Mustafa, Professor of Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine at the University of Bergen and consultant pulmonologist at Haukeland University Hospital, is internationally known for tuberculosis research, including host-pathogen interactions and immune-pathogenesis. She stressed the need for academic capacity building, interdisciplinary teamwork and stronger grant writing skills, saying Pakistani institutions could partner with Norwegian universities for international research funding. Referring to Pakistan's high TB burden, she said the country had strong potential for quality clinical trials. She proposed joint initiatives including development of monoclonal antibodies for ELISA-based TB detection and use of UHS facilities for translational research.

Prof Rathore welcomed the proposals and identified collaboration in infectious diseases research, faculty and student exchanges, clinical trial development, advanced diagnostics and institutional grant capacity.

Jinnah Campus hosts Marathon race

April 10: The UHS Sports Department held a marathon race at Jinnah Campus with active participation from students, faculty and staff. In the students' boys category, M. Arslan won, followed by M. Usman Ali and Muzamil Nasir. Among girls, Parveen secured first, Aima second and Rabia third. In faculty and staff boys, Hassan Shah stood first, Ubair Arslan second and Farooq Malik third. The event was supervised by Prof. Allah Rakha and Waqas Ahmad.





Spring 2026 students welcomed at Jinnah Campus orientation

April 28: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) welcomed newly admitted on-campus undergraduate students of Spring 2026 session during an orientation ceremony held at Jinnah Campus, Kala Shah Kaku. The event was presided over by Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Nadia Naseem. Students enrolled in Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Physical Therapy, BS Medical Imaging Technology, BS Cardiac Perfusion, BS Anesthesia Technology and BS Medical Laboratory Technology attended the session with great enthusiasm. Parents also participated in the ceremony. Addressing the students, Prof Nadia Naseem said, "You are stepping into professions rooted in knowledge, compassion and service to humanity.

UHS will provide you every opportunity to grow academically and personally." She urged them to remain disciplined, curious and committed to excellence.

She added, "Your time at UHS will shape not only your careers but also your character. Make the most of this journey with honesty, hard work and respect for others."

The newly admitted students were given detailed briefings on academic facilities, curriculum, campus life, hostel arrangements and other important rules and regulations.

Director Undergraduate Studies Dr Masooma Ahmad, Director Jinnah Campus Farooq Malik, Head of Pharmacy Department Prof Haji Muhammad Shoaib, Director Institute of Allied Health Sciences Dr Saba Khaliq, senior faculty members and programme coordinators were also present.



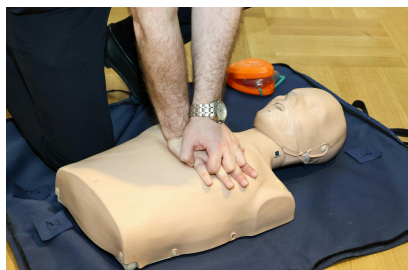


Paediatrics marks raised to 300 in MBBS

April 7: The University has approved major reforms to the MBBS curriculum, raising paediatrics marks from 200 to 300 and placing the subject at par with gynaecology in final year. The decision was taken at the 54th meeting of the Board of Studies in Medicine chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore. Convener Prof. Zohra Khanum and principals of affiliated colleges attended. From the current academic year, paediatrics will have two final-year theory papers, both based on multiple-choice questions. Prof. Rathore said the change was vital as nearly 45 per cent of the country's population comprises children. The meeting also approved changes in community medicine. Maternal and child health, along with nutrition, will now be compulsory components of the subject. Fourth-year students will also visit immunisation centres, neonatal care units and family planning facilities as part of practical training.

UHS reviews CPR training at THQ Shahpur

April 23: The University of Health Sciences conducted a quality assurance session for the Cardiac First Response Course at THQ Shahpur under its Punjab-wide clinical skills training programme. The session was led online by Professor Shane Knox, Director of Paramedicine, National Ambulance Service College, Dublin, with Prof Sarah Ghafoor, Director Professional Skill



Faculty represents University at MAGCON-2026

April 01: Dr. Anam Saeed of the Department of Public Health, University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, represented the university as an invited speaker at MAGCON-2026 held at Gulab Devi Teaching Hospital. She presented research on soybean-based tempe as a nutrient-rich strategy against protein-energy malnutrition in Pakistan. Her evidence-based talk was well received by clinicians, researchers and students, reflecting UHS's growing contribution to public health nutrition and research-led solutions.



Development Centre. Participants appreciated the training, demonstrations and interactive teaching. Professor Knox praised UHS faculty for delivering a high-quality programme.



UHS facilitates BDS teaching collaboration between DCD, SIMS

April 30: The University oversaw the signing of an MoU between de' Montmorency College of Dentistry and Services Institute of Medical Sciences to ensure uninterrupted undergraduate BDS teaching through an integrated academic partnership. The MoU was signed by Prof Dr Nabeela Riaz Mirza, Principal DCD, and Prof Dr Zohra Khanum, Principal SIMS, in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore. Registrar UHS, Ms Kiran Fatima, also signed the agreement.

The agreement has been executed in line with directions of the SHC&ME Department to maintain standards-compliant academic delivery for BDS students of DCD. Under the arrangement, SIMS will provide structured teaching, laboratory support, and clinical exposure in key disciplines, including Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Pathology, Microbiology, Behavioral Sciences, General Medicine, General Surgery, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

SIMS will ensure availability of qualified faculty, teaching facilities, and regulatory compliance with Pakistan Medical and Dental Council standards, while DCD will coordinate student management, curriculum planning, and liaison with UHS. Both institutions will nominate focal persons to oversee implementation, attendance, and assessments. The agreement also provides for continuation of academic activities through online or hybrid modes in case of exigencies.

MBBS Final Prof result declared

April 30: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) on Thursday declared the result of the MBBS Final Professional Annual Examination 2025, recording an overall pass percentage of 90.87.

A total of 5,125 candidates from 43 affiliated medical colleges appeared in the examination, out of which 4,657 were declared successful while 454 failed.

According to the result notification issued by UHS, Anna Mariyum of Quaid-e-Azam Medical College (QAMC), Bahawalpur, secured first position with 1,329 marks. Fatima Altaf of Abwa Medical College, Faisalabad, stood second with 1,328 marks, while Aaila Ibrar of Gujranwala Medical College (GMC), Gujranwala, clinched third position with 1,315 marks.

1st Position 2nd Position 3rd Position



The university stated that the result was compiled and announced within one week of the conclusion of the practical examinations, reflecting the efficiency of its examination system. Results can be viewed on UHS website.

Officials said the timely declaration of results would facilitate graduating students in planning their next phase of training and professional progression.





UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES LAHORE

POSTGRADUATE ADMISSIONS (Ph.D., M.Phil. & M.S.) Spring 2026

The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore, invites applications from eligible candidates for admission into the following programs for the Spring, 2026:

Ph.D. Programs	M.Phil. Programs	Master's Programs
1. Anatomy 2. Biochemistry 3. Forensic Medicine 4. Haematology 5. Histopathology 6. Human Genetics & Molecular Biology 7. Immunology 8. Microbiology 9. Medical Education 10. Pharmacology 11. Physiology	1. Anatomy 2. Biochemistry 3. Biochemistry 4. Chemical Pathology 5. Community Medicine 6. Forensic Medicine 7. Haematology 8. Histopathology 9. Human Genetics & Molecular Biology 10. Immunology 11. Medical Laboratory Sciences 12. Microbiology 13. Oral Biology 14. Oral Pathology 15. Pharmacology 16. Physiology	1. Master in Health Professions Education (MHPE) 2. Master of Nursing (MSN) 3. Master in Public Health (MPH)

Eligibility Criteria

Program	Duration	Qualification Required	Admission Test	Interview	Condition
Ph.D.	3-Year	1. 18 years of education with the following qualifications: ■ MBBS for Ph.D. in Basic Medical Sciences, and ■ M.Phil./Master/FCPS or equivalent qualification in relevant subject recognized by HEC/Concerned Federal Regulatory Authority. 2. Minimum CGPA of 3.0 (out of 4.0) in the semester system or First Division in annual system in the most recent relevant degree obtained whether from a Pakistani or foreign university.	Percentile score of 60% in GRE subjects in which the test has been available in the country. OR Minimum score of 70% in the Admission Test conducted by the University at par with the GRE Subject Test.	Yes	Ph.D. and M.Phil./M.S. programs shall be fulltime and students enrolled in these programs shall not be allowed to undertake any employment until the completion of degree.
M.Phil./Masters in Public Health	2-Year	1. For admission to M.Phil. in Medical Sciences or M.Phil. in Dental Sciences , a candidate must possess MBBS and BDS degrees respectively. 2. For M.Phil. in Medical Laboratory Sciences , a candidate must possess BSc (Hons.) or MSc in relevant subject.	Minimum 60% marks in the Admission Test.	Yes	
MSN	2-Year	Four (04) years Generic BSc Nursing OR two (02) years post RN Nursing OR any other degree recognized by the Pakistan Nursing Council as equivalent to aforementioned degrees.		Yes	
MHPE	2½ -Year	MBBS/BDS degree			

Admission Test*

Test	Date & Time	*Format	Time Allowed
Ph.D. Admission Test	Sunday, 17 th May, 2026 at 10:00 AM	Subject-Based Admission Test consisting of 100 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).	2 hours
M. Phil and Master in Public Health Admission Test		Total 100 MCQs; 30% General (English, Analytical Reasoning and Computer Skills) and 70% Basic Sciences.	2 hours
M.S. Nursing Admission Test		Total 100 MCQs; 30% General (English, Analytical Reasoning and Computer Skills) and 70% Basic Sciences.	2 hours
MHPE Admission Test	Sunday, 17 th May, 2026 at 02:00 PM	Total 100 MCQs; 30% General (English, Analytical Reasoning and Computer Skills) and 70% Subject-Based	2 hours

* For detail of format and ToS, please visit UHS website (www.uhs.edu.pk).

How to Apply

1. Visit the UHS Online Admission Portal for Postgraduate Programs at www.uhs.edu.pk.
2. Create an account by entering your full name, father's/guardian's name, email, mobile number, and password.
3. Select your desired program (Ph.D., M.Phil., M.S. Nursing, MHPE) and then choose the relevant discipline/subject.
4. Fill in personal details (name, domicile, contact info, address, nationality, gender, date of birth).
5. Enter academic qualifications with marks, year of passing, and awarding university.
6. Upload scanned copies of all required documents (max 2 MB each).
7. Read and acknowledge the Undertaking before submission.
8. Submit the application online. A confirmation email will be sent — download and print both the application and bank challan.
9. Deposit the non-refundable admission fee of **Rs.5,000/-** at any Bank of Punjab branch or via 1Bill online banking. The process is complete only after fee payment.

Schedule of Admissions

Description	Ph.D.	M.Phil.	M.S.
Online Application Start Date	21.04.2026 From 09:00 AM		
Online Application Closing Date	06.05.2026 By 05:00 PM		
Download roll number slips from UHS website	From 11.05.2026		
Admission Test	17.05.2026		
First Merit List	08.06.2026		
Second Merit List, if any	12.06.2026		
Commencement of Classes	15.06.2026		

Important Instructions

1. Applications must be submitted only through the online portal. Incomplete or improperly submitted forms, or unpaid applications, will be rejected.
2. No hard copy is required, but the paid challan/bank receipt must be uploaded before the deadline.
3. No changes can be made after final submission.
4. Any false or forged information will lead to immediate cancellation of candidature/admission.
5. Ph.D. applicants must submit a Statement of Purpose.
6. Test results, interview schedules, and merit lists will be available on the UHS website.
7. Admission will be strictly merit-based.
8. In-service applicants must submit an NOC; those applying on deputation must apply through the proper channel.
9. Applicants with foreign qualifications must provide an equivalence certificate from HEC, PMDC, or PNC, as applicable.
10. Details about programs, fees, and faculty are available at www.uhs.edu.pk.

Note: For certain programs, selected students may be placed for supervised training at the **Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI/LGH), Lahore; the Federal Postgraduate Medical Institute (FPGMI/Shahk Zayed Hospital), Lahore; and the Institute of Public Health (IPH), Lahore**, subject to the availability of duly approved supervisors. The institution-wise details are as follows:

FPGMI		PGMI		IPH	
M.Phil		M.Phil		M.Phil	Master's
Anatomy	Biochemistry	Anatomy	Biochemistry	Community Medicine	Master in Public Health (MPH)
Chemical Pathology	Community Medicine	Forensic Medicine	Haematology		
Haematology	Histopathology	Histopathology	Microbiology		
Microbiology	Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Physiology		

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Last date to apply: 06 May 2026



Officers appointed on key administrative positions

April 10: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore further strengthened its administrative and academic structure as Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore handed over appointment letters to newly inducted officers selected for key positions in different departments of the university. The appointments are aimed at improving governance, institutional efficiency, academic support and public service delivery.

Dr Lamia Yusuf was appointed as Director Medical Education (BPS-20), a key position responsible for academic planning, faculty development and educational standards. For the posts of Additional Registrar (BPS-19), appointment letters were issued to Mr Ali Fayaz Malik, Mr Aamer Adnan, Mr Hassan Raza Abidi and Mr Farooq Malik.

In the information technology wing, Mr Masoud Rauf and Mr Faisal Imran were appointed as Director IT (BPS-19) to help modernize digital

systems and strengthen technological infrastructure at the university.

For research and coordination, Dr Usman Javed Iqbal received appointment as Manager ORIC (BPS-19). Mr Waqas Latif was appointed as Deputy Director (QEC) (BPS-18), while Mr Muhammad Akbar was appointed as Deputy Treasurer (BPS-18). Mr Mazhar Mukhtar received appointment as Assistant Director (P&D) (BPS-17).

For database administration, appointment letter was issued to Mr Wajahat Aslam as Database Administrator (BPS-17).

UHS VC, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore congratulated the newly appointed officers.



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member states. He said the organisation's initiative of 5,000 scholarships for Palestinian students reflected this commitment. He added that improving nursing standards in many member countries, particularly in Africa, was a priority and UHS could play an important role in training healthcare human resource.

He said the partnership would help promote faculty development, research linkages and capacity-building programmes, while creating opportunities for young scholars and professionals to benefit from shared expertise.

Prof Rathore welcomed the collaboration and said the MoU would expand UHS's global engagement and support health systems in brotherly OIC countries. He said UHS was ready to develop need-based training programmes, including certificate courses for nurses and midwives, to help address workforce shortages.

Under the agreement, both sides will work on joint academic programmes, research projects and faculty development initiatives. Foreign PhD scholars will be able to undertake research residencies in UHS laboratories, while faculty training will be supported through COMSTECH scholarships.

The two institutions also agreed to develop projects for OIC countries, including six mandatory life-saving training courses. UHS manuals will be translated into Arabic and French and launched in Nigeria. Cooperation in student mobility, joint conferences, telemedicine training and emerging health sciences will also be promoted, with special focus on African states.

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Senior officials present on the occasion included Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor and Director Research UHS Prof. Dr. Sidrah Saleem, Registrar Kiran Fatima, Controller of Examinations Dr. Muhammad Abbas, Treasurer Mujahid Iqbal, Director ORIC UHS Prof. Dr. Sarah Ghafoor, Director International Linkages UHS Dr. Midhat Salman, Director Postgraduate Studies and Head of Haematology UHS Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed,

Registrar ITU Mr. Adeel Asghar, Director ORIC ITU Dr. Rehan Hafeez and Chairperson Electrical Engineering ITU Dr. Qasim Mahmood, along with faculty members and administrative officers of both universities.

MBBS Third Prof result declared

April 9: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) announced the results of the Third Professional MBBS annual examinations, with an overall pass percentage of 93.15%.

A total of 5,347 candidates from 44 affiliated medical colleges across Punjab appeared in the examination. According to the results, 4,979 students were declared successful, while 366 failed.



Allama Iqbal Medical College Lahore student Ayesha Asif secured first position with 942 marks. Noor Sultan of Aziz Fatima Medical College Faisalabad stood second with 941 marks, while Masooma from Bakhtawar Amin Medical College Multan clinched third position with 933 marks. The results were declared within just three days of the conclusion of practical examinations.

Four UHS scientists ranked

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citations and an H-index of 35. He has led major research projects, including COVID-19 genomic surveillance studies, and served as an adviser to the Government of Punjab on PCR-based diagnostics and thalassemia prevention programmes.

Dr Tasleem Akhtar, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, was included for her work in molecular pharmacology and inflammatory disease mechanisms, focusing on immune signalling pathways and development of innovative therapeutic strategies aimed at improving disease management at the cellular and molecular levels.



UHS, UK Royal College discuss accreditation, MRCP site, specialist training

April 25: The University of Health Sciences (UHS), and the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), London, discussed a broad collaboration framework covering international accreditation of MD, MS postgraduate programmes, establishment of a future MRCP examination site at UHS, engagement of UK examiners for quality assurance, and joint work in specialist training and curriculum development.

The proposals came under discussion during a meeting between UHS Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Nadia Naseem and Prof Mumtaz Patel, President of the Royal College of Physicians in London. Prof Patel, a distinguished clinician and medical educator, is the first Muslim woman to serve as president of the institution.

According to a UHS spokesperson, during the meeting, UHS shared details of its centrally governed examination system, structured curriculum and closely monitored logbook-based training model, which university officials said had been developed in line with international standards.

The two sides discussed cooperation in

international accreditation of UHS postgraduate programmes, engagement of Royal College examiners for assessment, audit and quality assurance, and the possibility of establishing UHS as a future MRCP examination centre. They also explored collaboration in curriculum development and specialty training, particularly in nephrology, besides academic linkages between UHS Specialty Advisory Committees and UK experts. Opportunities to strengthen postgraduate MS/MD programmes and PMDC Level III and IV specialisation pathways were reviewed. According to a UHS spokesperson, Prof Mumtaz Patel appreciated the structured academic framework of UHS and suggested a formal roadmap with wider UK Royal Colleges engagement.





UHS, ITU sign MoU for joint research and digital innovation

April 23: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) and the Information Technology University of the Punjab (ITU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote joint research, innovation and technology-driven academic collaboration. The agreement was signed by Vice Chancellor UHS, Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore, and Vice Chancellor ITU, Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, during a ceremony held at UHS.

Under the MoU, both universities will work together on collaborative research projects, data sharing, academic publications and the possible commercialization of research outcomes. The agreement also provides a framework for the protection and management of intellectual property rights and patents arising from joint projects.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore said the partnership would open new avenues for modernising academic and administrative systems at UHS. "We look forward to working with ITU for the digitalisation of examination systems, smart academic

solutions and technology-based reforms that will improve efficiency, transparency and service delivery," he said. UHS VC offered ITU graduates to explore internship opportunities at UHS in areas of digital systems, data management and innovation support. Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor Mian said ITU would fully support the initiative by sharing its technological expertise. "Our university is committed to providing technical knowledge and innovation support for digital transformation projects. This collaboration will help create practical solutions for higher education and healthcare sectors," he said. According to the MoU, intellectual property developed jointly by researchers of both institutions will be shared equally unless otherwise agreed in writing, while both sides will jointly decide on patent filing and commercialization matters. The agreement will aim to combine UHS expertise in health sciences with ITU strengths in engineering, computing and emerging technologies.

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