

Building a World Class Program in a Local Context: The Story of QU College of Pharmacy

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- In 1973, Qatar's first national College of Education was founded.
- Today, Qatar University comprises *seven colleges*: Arts and Sciences; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering; Law; Pharmacy; and Sharia and Islamic Studies. Total of *60* undergraduate and graduate *programs*. It currently boasts a population of over 1000 faculty, 15,000 students and an alumni body of over 30,000.

QU Vision is Qatar's

- Qatar University shall be a model national university in the region, recognized for high-quality education and research and for being a leader of economic and social development.

QU Commitments

- Maximizing student potential
- Competitive graduates
- Beyond education
- Committed to continuous improvement
- Balancing international ambitions and local needs
- Interacting with rapid changes

Building the Pharmacy Program

- The Qatar University College of Pharmacy was founded in 2006 to help meet the country's and the region growing demand for qualified pharmacists inline with Qatar Vision 2030 and Qatar National Health Strategies (2006-2010 and 2011-2016).



Planning for Excellence

- Global pharmacist (competencies and licensure)
- Achieve the highest international standards (CCAPP vs ACPE)
- Excellence in teaching, research, services and international engagement

Recruit smartly

- The Founder should be chosen carefully with unique characters of leadership and being visionary.
- Freedom to act
- Time to achieve
- Recruit for target

International Accreditation

- BSc Pharm full accreditation in 2011 by Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) till 2018.
- PharmD full accreditation in 2013 by Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) till 2018.
- Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development (CME/CPD) in 2014 by Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

- **Vision**

To be the leading pharmacy school in the Middle East region

- **Mission**

To prepare our students to provide optimal pharmaceutical care and advance health care outcomes, to promote research and scholarly activity, and to serve as a pharmacy resource for Qatar, the Middle East and the world

Selective admission

- Bsc: High School (90%), 3.0 GPA min., 174 CH (33 Pre-Pharmacy), PCAT, TOFEL/IELTS, Interview
- PharmD: (Full time and Part time); 209 CH, Interview
- Msc: GPA 2.8 min, TOFEL/IELTS, Interview

Program Learning Outcomes

- Scholar
- Knowledgeable
- Ethical
- Communicator
- Professional
- Competent
- Advocate



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Excellence in teaching

- The curriculum was based on a Canadian model with emphasis on clinical pharmacy and practice and being patient-oriented
- Curriculum Review (CC, PLOA, APR, CCAPP)
- Systematic Assessments and Improvements
- Customization to local need (Arabic counseling, direct students to Qatar market needs)

Excellence in research

- Last year, more than 50 papers, 60 posters and 70 oral presentation
- \$ 6 million in research grants
- 45 ongoing research grant (QNRF-NPRP, -UREP, -JSRA, -PDRA, QU)
- All undergraduate students participate in a minimum of two research-funded projects (QNRF-UREP and QU Student Grants)
 - Postgraduate Programs
 - Promotion Policy
 - Appraisal Form
 - Research Reward Program
 - Recruit

Excellence in local and international engagement

- ❖ PharmD: 221 total clinical rotations (Hospital (177); Ambulatory (37); Other (5), International (10).
- ❖ Bsc SPEP: 20 community pharmacy, 10 primary health clinics with 120 preceptors.

Al Khor Hospital

Al Wakkra Hospital

Hamad General Hospital

Heart Hospital

National Center for Cancer Care & Research

Women's Hospital



Excellence in international engagement

Xavier University

- ❖ New Orleans, Louisiana (5 and 5 student exchanges)



South Carolina University

- ❖ Charleston, South Carolina (3 and 1 student exchanges)



University of British Columbia

- ❖ Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (9 hosted students; 3 recruited as faculty and 1 student exchange)



Purdue University

- ❖ Indianapolis, Indiana (3 hosted student rotations)



Major initiatives

- *Programs:*

- Initiating PhD program in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Initiating MSc in Clinical Pharmacy and Practice
- Initiate combined degree BSC/MBA
- Targeted collaborative MoUs

- *Qatar Community:*

- Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) in partnership with the Supreme Council of Health and University of Toronto
- Qatari Outreach Unit
- Foster the participation in AHS initiatives



Thank you

*Let the sails of ambition carry you on the
journey of success*