


Interview with a Researcher:

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The College of Nursing aims to educate and train top-tier nursing professionals to deliver high-quality healthcare in line with international standards and Qatar's National Vision 2030. It also strives to excel in research and contribute to the ongoing advancement of the nursing profession. Therefore, we decided to meet with Dr. Noof Fahad Al Kuwari, the College's Associate Dean for Student Affairs, to gain insight into the international standards of excellence in nursing education and training that equip students with the skills, knowledge, and moral underpinnings necessary for a distinguished and prosperous career.



Dr. Noof Al Kuwari, how do you introduce yourself to the magazine's readers?

I am Dr. Noof Fahad Al Kuwari, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at Qatar University College of Nursing. I am a pediatric surgery nurse and pain management clinical nurse specialist. I hold a master's degree in Advanced Nursing Sciences with a focus on Pediatric Pain Management and Obstetric Critical Care. My passion has always been supporting students and developing nursing education in line with the latest international standards, which contributes to preparing distinguished nursing professionals capable of serving the community efficiently.

As the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, what role does the office perform, and tell us about its most important functions?

The Office of Student Affairs is dedicated to supporting students throughout all stages of their academic journey, from admission and mentoring to graduation in the future and transition to professional life through academic and career support. The office also works to provide a supportive environment that helps students achieve academic and personal excellence, as well as organizing events and activities that enhance their leadership and professional skills.

The nursing profession is a noble profession. What international standards of excellence does the College of Nursing incorporate into its curricula to ensure the graduation of highly qualified and competent nursing professionals?

The College of Nursing relies on international standards of excellence in the design of its curriculum, as it is based on international and evidence-based clinical practices. We ensure that our curriculum is aligned with the standards of the Academic Accreditation of Nursing Programs and is also in line with the National Nursing Competency Framework in Qatar. We also provide students with clinical training opportunities in state-of-the-art simulation centers, such as the Tamayuz Simulation Center, as well as partnerships with reputable health institutions to enhance their clinical expertise.

What about academic programs? Is there a graduate orientation in nursing?

Yes, there is a growing interest in developing graduate programs in nursing, as we seek to offer graduate programs that suit the needs of the health sector in Qatar. These programs will provide graduates with greater opportunities to specialize in areas such as nursing administration, advanced nursing, and other nursing disciplines, contributing to the advancement of the profession and enhancing the quality of health care.

How do you think the College will cover the needs of the Qatari community?

The College seeks to meet the needs of the community by graduating qualified nurses in the fields of Acute Care, Primary Care, and Community Care, in addition to promoting scientific research on priority, and global and local health issues. We also encourage students to participate in community initiatives and health education, reinforcing the role of nursing as a key profession in achieving Qatar's health vision.

What is new in the nursing profession?

The nursing profession is witnessing remarkable developments, especially in the field of health technology and artificial intelligence, where the use of health information systems has become an essential part of nursing practice. There is also a growing trend towards specialized nursing, such as critical care nursing, palliative care, and maternal and child health, which enhances the quality of health services provided to patients.

As a researcher, tell us about your research achievements and what you aspire to achieve in the future.

I have had a passion for scientific research since my time as a university student, with a particular focus on research related to Interprofessional Education (IPE) and its impact on healthcare. Over time, my research interests have expanded to include pediatric pain management and maternal and child critical care, where I aim to develop effective evidence-based care strategies.

In the future, I seek to expand my research to include new technologies in nursing care, especially in relation to digital transformation in nursing, to ensure improved patient experience and higher efficiency of health services.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the magazine for this chance and look forward to supporting scientific research and nursing education to better serve the Qatari community and advance the role of nursing in the healthcare system.