ADMISSION POLICY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

COLLEGE OF NURSING

UNIVERSITY OF CHILD HEALTH SCIENCES, LAHORE

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NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the approval of the Syndicate in its 15th meeting, and in accordance with Section 5(1)(b) and Section 25(2)(x) of the University of Child Health Sciences, Lahore Act, 2021 (Act XVIII of 2021), the "Admission Policy for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)" for the Session 2026–2028 is hereby notified as under:

1. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

   a. **Category – I**:

      1) Minimum of 10 Years of schooling (Matric).
      2) 03 Years Diploma in Nursing
      3) 01 Year Diploma in Midwifery or any Post Basic Specialty Diploma registered with PNMC.
      4) 01-year experience as RN after Diploma in Nursing.
      5) 02 Years Post RN BSN/BSM Degree as specified by PNMC and HEC vide Notification No. 8(61)/A&A/2018/HEC/5799, dated 26.04.2018 and registered with PNMC.
      6) 02 years' experience as RN of which minimum of 01 Year experience as RN after Post RN BSN (clinical includes inpatient and outpatient in primary, secondary and tertiary care, as well as teaching and research).

   b. **Category – II**:

      1) 12 Years schooling (FSc Pre-Medical)
      2) 04 Year BS Nursing registered with PNMC.
      3) 01-Year Internship (bedside care)
      4) 01-year experience as RN after BSN (clinical includes inpatient and outpatient in primary, secondary and tertiary care as well as teaching and research) (excluding 01-year Internship).

2. **SEAT DISTRIBUTION:**

•	Open Merit	:	20 Seats
•	Self-Finance	:	03 Seats
•	Person with Special Ability (Disabled quota)	:	01 Seat
•	Foreign/International	:	01 Seat
	Total Seats	**:**	**25 Seat**

Note: Equal Opportunity: Both female and male candidates are eligible to apply, with equal opportunities provided to all applicants.

a. **Open Merit**

The seats are allocated with 90% reserved for applicants holding a valid domicile certificate of Punjab, while the remaining 10% are open to applicants from other provinces, Federal, FATA, AJK, Gilgit & Baltistan.

b. **Self-Finance**

Self-financed seats are available for candidates who can fund their education, providing an opportunity for students who may not secure admission through open-merit seats. These seats have a significantly higher fee structure compared to open-merit seats.

c. **Person with special ability seat:**

1) In the context of MSN admissions, special ability is defined as a physical impairment that significantly hinders a candidate's ability to acquire education before entering College of Nursing, relative to a normal individual, but does not preclude them from pursuing academic studies.
2) The Special ability shall be of permanent nature.
3) The candidate shall be declared especially able by the Medical Board.
4) Selection against these seats shall be finalized on the recommendation of Medical Board on merit from amongst the certified Special able candidates.
5) To be considered on open merit as well as the especially abled candidate's seats, the candidates must apply against both categories. However, it will be the candidate's choice to avail of an open merit or a disabled seat.
6) The vacant seats from disability quota will be reallocated to self-finance candidates. If any self-finance seats remain unfilled, they will subsequently be offered to candidates on open merit.

d. **Foreign/International/Self Finance Seat:**

1) Foreign/International seats are for applicants who hold a foreign/dual nationality and/or overseas (being a Pakistani citizen holding a permanent residence status in a foreign country) Pakistani.
2) Such candidates must have English proficiency certificate as IELTS academic (with an overall score: 6.0).
3) The candidate shall hold an equivalent qualification and have obtained a minimum of 2.5 GPA and registered with the Nursing Council abroad.
4) Where any seat of foreign quota remains vacant due to non-availability of eligible candidates or otherwise, it shall be transferred to self-finance seats. Provided that a student admitted on a foreign seat shall pay the fee as a foreign student regardless of any change in the status of such student during the program of study.

5) Vacant seats from the foreign quota will be reallocated to self-finance candidates. If any self-financed seats remain unfilled, they will subsequently be offered to candidates on open merit.

3. **NURSING ADMISSION COMMITTEE:**

a.	Prof. Dr. Mahwish Faizan, Dean Faculty of Nursing, UCHS	-	Chairperson
b.	Dr. Nazia Ilyas, Principal CON, UCHS	-	Co-Chairperson
c.	Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Additional Registrar, UCHS	-	Member
d.	Ms. Zarnigar, Tutor Sister / Vice Principal CON, UCHS	-	Member
e.	Ms. Ainee Ejaz Mirza, Deputy Director IT, UCHS	-	Member

4. **APPELLATE UCHS-ADMISSION COMMITTEE:**

a.	Prof. Dr. Junaid Rashid, Pro Vice Chancellor, UCHS	-	Chairman
b.	Prof. Dr. Nabila Talat, Registrar, UCHS	-	Member
c.	Mr. Mansoor Ahmad, Treasurer, UCHS	-	Member
d.	Ms. Isra Rashid, Deputy Director (Legal Matters), UCHS	-	Member
e.	Prof. Dr. Junaid Rashid, Pro Vice Chancellor, UCHS	-	Chairman

5. **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

The merit shall be calculated as follows:

a.	Percentage of professional qualification (BSN 4-Years/Post-RN BSN/ Post-RN BSM)	-	40
b.	Position at university-level examination	-	02
c.	Publications *	-	05
d.	Experience**	-	05
e.	Experience from Host Institutes***	-	03
f.	Entry Test	-	30
g.	Interview	-	15
	Total	-	**100**

* **Publications**. Publications will be accepted if published in HEC-listed journals in W, X, Y categories.

- **Original article**:
  - 1st, 2nd and Corresponding Author : 1.0 mark per article
  - 3rd to 6th author : 0.5 mark per article
- **Case report:**
  - 1st and 2nd author : 0.5 mark
  - 3rd to 6th author : 0.25 mark

Note. Authors in 7th or onward positions will not be considered.

** **Experience**. A total of 5 marks is allocated for experience in addition to the mandatory experience of two years.

- 0.5 mark if the experience is less than one year, but more than 06 months

- 01 mark for one year
- 02 marks for two years
- 03 marks for three years
- 04 marks for four years
- 05 marks for five years or more

The experience will only be considered from institutes/hospitals recognised by the PMDC/PNMC/Health Care Commission.

*** **Experience from Host Institutes**

The constituent institutes/hospitals of the UCHS: The Children's Hospital, College of Nursing & The School of Allied Health Sciences.

An applicant **currently working** in a host institute will only be eligible for these marks:

- 0.5 mark if the experience is less than one year, but more than 06 months
- 01 mark for one year
- 02 marks for two years
- 03 marks for three years or more

6. **ENTRY TEST DETAILS**:

a. Test Format: 100 MCQs

1)	Nursing	:	60 marks
2)	English	:	20 marks
3)	Analytical Reasoning and IT skills	:	20 marks

- Passing Criteria: Minimum 50% marks
- No negative marking

Passing the entry test is compulsory for the interview.

7. **DETAILS OF THE ENTRY TEST:**

Nursing	60%	English	20%
Fundamentals of Nursing	05	Types of sentences	04
Adult Health Nursing	05	Preposition	04
Critical Care Nursing	05	Synonyms	04
Pathophysiology	05	Antonyms	04
Research	05	Analogies	04
Biostatistics	05	**Analytical reasoning and Computer skills**	**20%**
Community Health Nursing	05		
Pediatric Nursing	05	Deductive logic	04
Pharmacology	05	Inductive logic	04
Health Assessment	05	Critical thinking	04
Anatomy & Physiology	05	Writing Skills	04
Reproductive Health	05	Computer Skills	04

8. **CALCULATION OF MERIT.**

The calculation of merit will be according to the formula below: -

a.	Academics	40	Percentage of professional qualification (BSN 4-Years/Post-RN BSN/Post-RN BSM). (10% for each prof with BSN and 20% for each prof with Post-RN BSN/Post-RN BSM)
b.	Position at university-level examination	02	Candidates shall be awarded 0.5 marks to BSN graduates and 01 marks to Post-RN BSN/Post-RN BSM graduates, each shall be awarded for getting 1st positions in each professional examination conducted at the university (not at the college) level.
c.	Experience	05	A total of 5 marks is allocated for the experience after the mandatory 2 Years: 1 mark per year, with a maximum of 5 marks. The experience will only be considered from institutes/hospitals recognised by the PMDC/PNMC/Health Care Commission.
d.	Experience from Host Institutes	03	The constituent hospital and colleges of the UCHS: The Children's Hospital, College of Nursing & The School of Allied Health Sciences. After the mandatory 02 years' experience, an applicant currently working in a host institute will be eligible as: < 1 year --- 01 mark 1-2 years --- 02 marks ≥ 2 Years --- 03 marks
e.	Publications	05	Publications will be accepted if published in HEC - listed journals in W, X, Y categories. Original article: 1st, 2nd and Corresponding author: 1.0 mark per article 3rd to 6th author: 0.5 mark per article Case report: 1st and 2nd author: 0.5 mark, 3rd to 6th author: 0.25 mark Note: Authors in 7th or onward positions will not be considered.
f.	Entry Test (Compulsory)	30	The entrance test shall be a qualifying examination, pass mark shall be 50%. **Only those candidates who pass the entrance test shall be considered for an interview.**
g.	Interview (Compulsory)	15	**Only successful candidates in the interview (Passing marks: 50%) will be considered for admission.**

9. **EXAMPLE OF FINAL MERIT CALCULATION:**

a.	Academics	40	Academic % age is 70%*	**28**
b.	Position at university-level examination.	02	Secured the first position in university in 1st and final professional examinations Post RN BSN.	**02**
c.	Experience	05	If having TWO years' experience after the mandatory 2 Years	**02**
d.	Experience from Host Institutes	03	If having more than TWO years' experience after the mandatory 2 years of experience.	**03**
e.	Publications	05	If having 02 publications	**02**
f.	Entry Test	30	If scored 20	**20**
g.	Interview	15	If scored 8	**08**
Total		**100**		**65**

*obtained marks/total marks*weightage

10. **ADMISSION PROCESS:**

Process	Timeline
Advertisement	October
Online Admission portal open	October
Admission Closed	October
Download the roll number slip	November
Entrance Test	November
First Merit List	December
Grievances	December
Second Merit List (if any)	December
Last Date for fee submission and joining	December
Commencement of the Class	January

11. **FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2026:**

Admission Fee	Registration Fee	Misc. Charges per semester	Tuition Fee per semester for open merit	Tuition Fee per semester for Self-finance	Tuition Fee per semester for Foreign/ international
Rs. 10,000	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 70,000	Rs. 200,000	US$ 1,500

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To apply, **visit the website www.uchs.edu.pk**, where you can create an account by providing your full name, father's/guardian's name, email ID, and a secure password. Once you've created your account, you can proceed with the application process. Ensure you have the required information and documents ready to facilitate a smooth application process.
2. The application form must be completed by entering personal details, including name, domicile, contact information, address, nationality, gender, and date of birth.
3. Applicants shall upload scanned copies of the required documents in compliance with the prescribed file size limit of 2 MB per document.
4. Before submission, applicants must read and acknowledge the Undertaking, verifying all provided information and attached documents.
5. The completed application must be submitted online, after which a confirmation notification will be sent to the applicant's registered email. Applicants are required to download and print both the submitted application and the bank challan for the admission processing fee.
6. Entry test will be conducted by the University of Child Health Sciences Lahore, for admission in the MSN Program and is compulsory (Passing Marks= 50%).
7. Entry test will be MCQs-based (Nursing 60%, English 20%, Analytical reasoning and Computer skills 20%).
8. No request for modification, amendment, or rectification of an application shall be entertained

after its final submission.

9. The candidature and/or admission of any applicant found to have submitted forged, fake, or fabricated documents or incorrect/false information shall be immediately cancelled.
10. The candidates must submit a Bank Challan of Rs. 5000/- (Non-Refundable) payable to the Principal, College of Nursing, University of Child Health Sciences, Lahore, as the processing fee along with each application. The fee submission shall only be made on the Bank Challan generated/downloaded from the admission portal. The application process shall be deemed complete only upon successful fee submission. Failure to deposit the required fee within the stipulated time shall result in forfeiture of the right to admission.
11. The Admission Test Result, Interview Schedule, and Merit Lists shall be published on the official UCHS website www.uchs.edu.pk.
12. Admission shall be strictly based on merit.
13. Applicants who are in service must get NOC and those applying on a deputation basis must submit their applications through the proper channel.
14. Applicants holding foreign qualifications shall be required to submit an equivalence certificate issued by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan Nursing & Midwifery Council (PNMC), as applicable.
15. Detailed information regarding available programs, fee structure, and faculty is available on the official UCHS website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Selected applicants are required to personally collect their Call Letters from the office of the Principal, College of Nursing, UCHS. Letters will not be dispatched by mail or email.
2. Selected candidates must deposit the prescribed course fee within the due dates. Failure to pay the fee by the deadline will automatically render the candidate ineligible for admission.
3. Upon submission of the original fee deposit receipt, the Registrar, UCHS will issue the official enrolment number to the admitted student.
4. Candidates must report to the College within seven (07) days of issuance of the call letter.
5. Failure to report within the given period will result in cancellation of selection, and the seat will be offered to the next eligible candidate on the waiting list.
6. Admission fee once paid is non-refundable, either in part or in full, under any circumstances. However, the tuition fee is refundable according to the Higher Education Commission Policy 2024.
7. The competent authority reserves the right to alter admission dates or deadlines in case of unavoidable circumstances.
8. Candidates having equal marks shall be selected as per the following order of preferences
   - Regular employee of the Government of Punjab serving in the host institution
   - Regular employee of the Government of Punjab serving in other institutions.

- Contract/Adhoc employee of the Government of Punjab
- Private sector candidates

9. Any revision or review of the original merit list may be undertaken if relevant evidence or information is presented to the University Administration.
10. Such cases will be referred to the Grievance Redressal Committee, whose decision shall be final and not subject to challenge in any court of law.
11. In accordance with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) directives, the MSN Program will follow the Semester System.
12. Participation in political activities, strikes, or disruptive behavior is strictly prohibited. Any student found involved in such activities shall be liable to expulsion and, if employed in the government sector, may face disciplinary proceedings under the PEEDA Act 2006. An affidavit will be required in this context.
13. The University reserves the right to suspend or cancel the admission process at any stage without assigning any reason

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