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Gandhara University Successfully Completes 2nd CHPE Program to Strengthen Health Professions Education



Gandhara University has successfully completed its 2nd Certificate in Health Professions Education (CHPE) program, reaffirming its commitment to fostering excellence in teaching and learning within the health sciences. The program was facilitated by a distinguished team of educators, including Prof. Dr. Brekhna Jamil, Asst. Prof. Nowshad Asim, and Asst. Prof. Syed M. Junaid from Khyber Medical University, Dr. Saman Baseer, from KCD, along with Asst. Prof. Marina Khan, Asst. Prof. Aalia Jehan Zaib, and Dr. Usama Aurangzeb from Gandhara University. These experienced educators are guiding participants through essential domains of medical education such as adult learning principles, curriculum development, assessment strategies, and professional identity formation. Their diverse academic backgrounds and shared passion for educational advancement enrich the learning experience and provide valuable perspectives for participants.

Dr. Sofia Shehzad, Director ORIC and CHPE Program Director, addressed the audience and highlighted the growing significance of health research and the transformative role of faculty training in today's healthcare environment. She emphasized that the CHPE initiative is not only a step towards professional development but also a strategic move to elevate the standards of health professions education at the institutional level. Prof. Dr. Ejaz Hassan Khan, Vice Chancellor of Gandhara University, expressed his appreciation for this academic endeavor and stressed the importance of educational scholarship in shaping future healthcare leaders. He reaffirmed the University's dedication to supporting faculty through structured learning programs that align with contemporary educational needs.

The CHPE program represents a major stride in strengthening the pedagogical and research capacities of health professionals, aligning with Gandhara University's vision of academic excellence and innovation. It fosters a culture of continuous improvement, critical thinking, and reflective practice. Participants are already engaging in meaningful dialogue and collaborative learning. Through cutting-edge curriculum and hands-on training, the program equips professionals with the skills needed to navigate the evolving healthcare landscape. Ultimately, the CHPE program is set to cultivate future leaders who will drive transformative change in health education and research.





Gandhara University Marks Completion of 6th Certificate in Health Research CHR Program



Gandhara University proudly announces the successful completion of its 6th cohort of the Certificate in Health Research (CHR) program, a testament to our ongoing dedication to promoting research excellence and capacity building in the healthcare sector. This milestone reflects our commitment to equipping health professionals with critical skills in research methodology, evidence-based practice, and scientific inquiry.

The program concluded with a vibrant final day ceremony, featuring impressive research presentations from the participants, who demonstrated both intellectual rigor and practical application of their newly acquired knowledge. The event was honored by the esteemed presence of several distinguished guests, including Prof. Ejaz Hassan Khan, Vice Chancellor of Gandhara University; Prof. Ahmad Mishvani, Principal of Kabir Medical College; Dr. Sofia Shehzad, Director of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) at GU; and Prof. Hamid Hussain from Kabir Medical College. Their attendance and words of encouragement added significant value and inspiration to the proceedings, underscoring the importance of health research for regional and national healthcare advancements.

We express our deepest appreciation to the dedicated facilitators and mentors who played an essential role in guiding participants through this rigorous program. Special thanks go to Prof. Waqar Ali from the Northwest School of Medicine, Prof. Bushra Iftikhar and Asst. Prof. Kashif ur Rehman from Kabir Medical College, PhD Scholar Dr. Shaista Noreen from Khyber Medical University, and Asst. Prof. Farhad Ali from Khyber Medical College. Their unwavering support and expert mentorship were pivotal in enhancing the research competencies of all participants.

Heartfelt congratulations to all the participants for their hard work, resilience, and outstanding research contributions. The skills and knowledge gained during the CHR program will empower them to lead meaningful and impactful research initiatives, ultimately contributing to improvements in healthcare delivery and policy formulation. Gandhara University remains steadfast in its mission to foster future leaders in health research and to advance the scientific community's capacity for innovation and excellence.





Honoring Academic Excellence: 10th Convocation at Gandhara University



Gandhara University, Peshawar proudly organized its 10th Convocation Ceremony 2025 at Monal Marquee, Cantt, Peshawar, commemorating a landmark achievement in the university's history. The grand ceremony was attended by distinguished guests, members of the university's governing bodies, senior management, faculty members, graduating students, and their families.

The convocation celebrated the academic accomplishments of graduates from diverse undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Degrees were formally conferred in an atmosphere of dignity and pride, recognizing the students' hard work, perseverance, and commitment to academic excellence throughout their educational journey.

During the ceremony, university leadership addressed the graduating class, emphasizing the importance of integrity, lifelong learning, and professional responsibility. Speakers highlighted Gandhara University's ongoing efforts to promote quality education, research, and innovation, and reaffirmed the institution's mission to prepare graduates capable of contributing meaningfully to society and the professional world.

The presence of parents and families added to the significance of the occasion, reflecting their vital role in supporting the academic success of the graduates. The ceremony concluded with expressions of gratitude to the faculty and administration for their dedication and guidance, followed by a celebratory atmosphere marking the beginning of a new chapter in the graduates' lives.

The 10th Convocation Ceremony 2025 once again demonstrated Gandhara University's commitment to academic excellence and its role in shaping competent, ethical, and socially responsible professionals.





Workshop on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in MCQ Development for KMC



We are pleased to share that a Workshop on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in MCQs Construction was successfully conducted on Saturday, 25th October 2025, under the umbrella of ORIC, Gandhara University, Peshawar. The session was facilitated by Asst. Dr. Nowshad Asim and Prof. Dr. Brekhna Jamil, who provided valuable insights into the effective use of AI for developing high-quality and reliable assessment tools. The facilitators highlighted practical approaches to integrating AI in MCQs construction, enhancing accuracy, relevance, and efficiency in assessments. Participants highly appreciated the interactive and hands-on learning experience, gaining practical knowledge to strengthen assessment strategies in medical education.

Workshop on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in MCQ Development for SBDC



We are pleased to share that a Workshop on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in MCQs Construction was successfully conducted on Thursday, 30th October 2025, under the umbrella of ORIC, Gandhara University, Peshawar. The session was facilitated by Dr. Sofia Shehzad and Professor Dr. Brekhna Jamil, who provided valuable insights into how artificial intelligence can enhance the development of effective and high-quality assessment tools. The facilitators emphasized practical applications of AI in assessment design, enabling participants to develop more structured and reliable MCQs. Participants highly appreciated the interactive and hands-on learning experience, gaining practical knowledge to further improve assessment strategies in medical education.



Item Analysis Workshop for KMC Faculty at Gandhara University

Gandhara University, Peshawar successfully conducted a Workshop on Item Analysis and Post-Exam Analysis on 04 November 2025 for the Kabir Medical College Faculty, Gandhara University, Peshawar. The workshop was organized as a refresher course for faculty members with the objective of strengthening assessment quality and reinforcing the importance of post-examination evaluation.

The session focused on enhancing faculty understanding of post-exam analysis techniques, including the item difficulty index, discrimination index, and identification of flawed MCQs. Emphasis was placed on how systematic item analysis can improve the reliability, validity, and overall quality of assessments in medical education.

Faculty members actively participated in the workshop and appreciated the practical orientation of the session. The refresher course served as an effective platform to update assessment skills, promote reflective teaching practices, and ensure alignment of examinations with defined learning objectives.



Item Analysis Workshop for SBDC Faculty at Gandhara University

Gandhara University, Peshawar successfully conducted a Workshop on Item Analysis and Post-Exam Analysis on 19 November 2025 at Sardar Begum Dental College, Gandhara University, Peshawar. The workshop was organized as a refresher course for faculty members with the objective of strengthening assessment quality and reinforcing the importance of post-examination evaluation.

The session focused on enhancing faculty understanding of post-exam analysis techniques, including item difficulty index, discrimination index, and identification of flawed MCQs. Emphasis was placed on how systematic item analysis can improve the reliability, validity, and overall quality of assessments in medical and dental education.

Faculty members actively participated in the workshop and appreciated the practical orientation of the session. The refresher course served as an effective platform to update assessment skills, promote reflective teaching practices, and ensure alignment of examinations with learning objectives.





Workshop on the Clinical Audit at Sardar Begum Dental College

We are pleased to share that the Clinical Audit One-Day Workshop was successfully conducted on 4th October 2025 at Gandhara University, facilitated by Prof. Dr. Waqar Ali.

The session provided valuable insights into the importance of clinical audit in improving healthcare quality and patient safety. Participants appreciated the interactive and practical learning experience.



Workshop on the Clinical Audit at Naseer Teaching Hospital

We are pleased to announce that the Clinical Audit One-Day Workshop was successfully conducted on 18th October 2025 at Naseer Teaching Hospital, Peshawar, under the umbrella of ORIC, Gandhara University.

The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Dr. Waqar Ali and provided valuable insights into the significance of clinical audits in enhancing healthcare quality and patient safety. Participants highly appreciated the interactive sessions and practical learning experience, which contributed to a deeper understanding of effective audit implementation in clinical practice.





MoU Signing Ceremony Between Gandhara University and City University

Gandhara University and City University of Science & Information Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster academic cooperation and collaborative initiatives in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a special focus on SDG 16 and SDG 17, which emphasize peace, conflict resolution, justice, strong institutions, and partnerships for sustainable development. This MoU reflects the shared commitment of both institutions to promote research collaboration, faculty and student exchange, capacity-building programs, and joint academic activities aimed at addressing societal challenges. Through this partnership, both universities seek to contribute to institutional strengthening, social cohesion, and sustainable development by leveraging mutual expertise, resources, and academic leadership. The MoU signing ceremony marked an important step toward developing sustainable academic networks and fostering inter-university cooperation. It also aims to encourage dialogue, innovation, and evidence-based solutions for peacebuilding and institutional development. Both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to working jointly for long-term societal impact and sustainable progress.



Gandhara University Meeting with Secretary Industries and Commerce KP on Research Appraisal and Industrial Study Visit



A meeting was held today with the Secretary Industries and Commerce, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, at his office to discuss matters related to industrial development and research collaboration. During the meeting, an appraisal was presented on the ongoing research study, followed by a detailed discussion on findings and observations from the recent study-cum-visit to the wood industry located at Hayatabad Industrial Estate. The discussion focused on industry practices, challenges, opportunities for innovation, and the role of academic research in supporting sustainable industrial growth. The Secretary appreciated the research initiative and emphasized the importance of evidence-based recommendations for policy formulation and industrial development in the province. The meeting also explored potential avenues for collaboration between academia and industry to enhance research-driven solutions. Emphasis was placed on improving value addition, skill development, and adoption of modern technologies within the wood industry sector. Environmental sustainability and efficient use of resources were highlighted as key areas of concern. The interaction concluded with a mutual commitment to continued engagement and future cooperation. Both sides agreed to maintain close coordination and share insights to support sustainable industrial development and informed policymaking in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



Gandhara University Announces New Learning Facility for Dental Students

Gandhara University is proud to announce the inauguration of a new learning venue for its undergraduate and postgraduate dental students, specializing in Prosthodontics and Orthodontics. As part of this initiative, Dean of Sardar Begum Dental College, Prof. Dr. Shaheed Iqbal, and Prof. Dr. Jaffer Khan of Wazir Muhammad Institute of Allied Health Sciences have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Chughtai Dental Studio.

These agreements establish a framework for mutual collaboration, enabling students and faculty to benefit from shared expertise in Digital Dentistry and research initiatives. The new facility offers students hands-on experience with 3D printing and computer-assisted milling technologies, complementing the existing computer-assisted design of dental prostheses and orthodontic appliances.

This initiative reflects Gandhara University's ongoing commitment to academic excellence and innovation in healthcare education, providing students with advanced training and practical exposure to cutting-edge dental technologies. The collaboration is expected to enhance clinical skills, research capacity, and industry readiness of dental graduates, aligning academic learning with modern professional standards.



Breast Cancer Awareness Lecture at Kabir Medical College Peshawar



Kabir Medical College Peshawar is pleased to announce that a Breast Cancer Awareness lecture will be held on 23rd October 2025 at 10:00 AM in Lecture Hall No. 5. This session aims to educate students and faculty members on the importance of breast cancer prevention, early detection, and available treatment options. The lecture will feature distinguished speakers, including Dr. Asif Riaz Khan, Consultant Medical Oncologist and Medical Director at Life Care Hospital, Peshawar, and Dr. Amjad Ali, Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon. The session provides a valuable opportunity for attendees to gain insights from leading experts in the field and actively engage in discussions

within its academic community. regarding breast health. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend and benefit from this important awareness initiative, reflecting Kabir Medical College's ongoing commitment to health education and professional development. This initiative also reinforces Kabir Medical College's dedication to promoting community health awareness and empowering future healthcare professionals with essential preventive knowledge.



Gandhara University Graduate Muhammad Awais Selected as 2025 Paul Dudley White International Scholar



Congratulations to Muhammad Awais (Batch 2020–2025), currently serving as a House Officer at Hayatabad Medical Complex (HMC), on his prestigious selection as the 2025 Paul Dudley White International Scholar in recognition of his outstanding abstract accepted for presentation at Scientific Sessions 2025.

This significant international achievement is a testament to his hard work, academic excellence, and strong commitment to advancing medical research. His success not only highlights his individual merit but also brings great pride and recognition to Gandhara University and its academic community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Muhammad Awais and wish him continued success, growth, and excellence in all his future professional and scholarly pursuits.

Gandhara University Student Nouman Khan Honored with Prime Minister's Youth Excellence Award



Gandhara University is proud to announce that Nouman Khan, a final-year MBBS student of Kabir Medical College, has been conferred with the Prime Minister's Youth Excellence Award in recognition of his exceptional contributions to community engagement, youth development, artificial intelligence innovation, and climate activism. This highly prestigious national honor was awarded to only 10 nominees from across the country, highlighting Nouman Khan's remarkable achievements, leadership qualities, and sustained commitment to creating meaningful and positive societal impact. His multidisciplinary efforts reflect a rare blend of academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility, setting an inspiring example for students nationwide. Gandhara University extends its heartfelt congratulations to Nouman Khan on this distinguished accomplishment, which brings great pride to the institution and reinforces its mission of nurturing socially responsible, forward-thinking, and impactful future leaders in healthcare and beyond. His dedication to addressing contemporary challenges through innovative solutions and community-driven initiatives exemplifies the values of service and excellence upheld by Gandhara University. This achievement not only recognizes his individual efforts but also reflects the supportive academic environment that encourages leadership, innovation, and civic responsibility.



Ambassador, Student Research Society Kabir Medical College Gandhara University



Dr. Mujtaba is a highly motivated and dedicated MBBS student at Kabir Medical College, Gandhara University, with a strong interest in academic excellence and medical research. He has actively contributed to the promotion of a research-oriented culture among medical students. He joined the Student Research Society as a Secretary, where he demonstrated strong organizational and leadership skills and was instrumental in planning, coordinating, and executing a range of academic activities, including research meetings and student-led initiatives. In recognition of his consistent dedication and leadership potential, Dr. Mujtaba was subsequently appointed as an Ambassador of the Student Research Society. In this role, he actively guides and supports students in various aspects of research, including research methodology, proposal development, and manuscript preparation. He also plays an important role in facilitating workshops, academic training sessions, and capacity-building programs, encouraging student participation in research activities and fostering a strong culture of learning and scholarly engagement. Through his dedication and mentorship, Dr. Mujtaba continues to play a significant role in strengthening student engagement in research and promoting evidence-based learning within the institution.

Ambassador, Student Research Society Sardar Begum Dental College Gandhara University



Dr. Ahmed is a highly motivated and dedicated BDS student at Sardar Begum Dental College, Gandhara University, with a strong interest in academic excellence and dental research. He has actively contributed to the promotion of a research-oriented culture among dental students. He joined the Student Research Society as a Secretary, where he demonstrated strong organizational and leadership skills and was instrumental in planning, coordinating, and executing a range of academic activities, including research meetings and student-led initiatives. His proactive approach and collaborative attitude have made him a valuable contributor to student-focused academic and research initiatives. In recognition of his consistent dedication and leadership potential, Dr. Ahmed was subsequently appointed as an Ambassador of the Student Research Society. In this role, he actively guides and supports students in various aspects of research, including research methodology, proposal development, and manuscript preparation. He also plays an important role in facilitating workshops, academic training sessions, and capacity-building programs, encouraging student participation in research activities and fostering a strong culture of learning and scholarly engagement.



Saif Ali Khan – Deputy Editor, Academic Journals Research Cell (ORIC), Gandhara University | 2021–2025



Saif Ali Khan has been serving as the Deputy Editor at the Research Cell, ORIC, Gandhara University for the past four years, consistently demonstrating exceptional dedication, integrity, and professionalism. During his tenure, he has played a vital role in the management, editing, and publication of academic journals, ensuring adherence to international editorial standards, ethical guidelines, and timely dissemination of high-quality scholarly work. In addition to his editorial responsibilities, Saif has made substantial contributions to the coordination and execution of academic and research programs, including the Certificate in Health Research (CHR) and Certificate in Health Professions Education (CHPE) initiatives. He has also been actively involved in organizing research workshops, seminars, and national and international conferences, facilitating effective academic engagement and knowledge exchange. Saif's strong command of information technology and digital research tools has significantly enhanced the operational efficiency of journal workflows, online submission systems, peer-review management, and research communications. His technical expertise has been instrumental in streamlining editorial processes, improving data management, and strengthening the digital presence of academic publications at Gandhara University.

Promoting Research Excellence: Student Research Society Gandhara University

The Student Research Society (SRS) of Gandhara University actively served as a dynamic platform for promoting research culture and academic engagement among undergraduate students during the year 2025, with strong representation from Kabir Medical College (KMC) and Sardar Begum Dental College (SBDC). The society remained committed to nurturing scientific inquiry, critical thinking, and research ethics among future healthcare professionals. Throughout the year, SRS facilitated a range of research-oriented activities, including workshops, seminars, journal clubs, and student-led research initiatives, enabling students to develop essential skills in research methodology, data analysis, and academic writing. These activities encouraged interdisciplinary collaboration and enhanced students' understanding of evidence-based medical and dental practice. By providing mentorship opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and a supportive academic environment, the Student Research Society empowered students to actively participate in research and scholarly discourse.



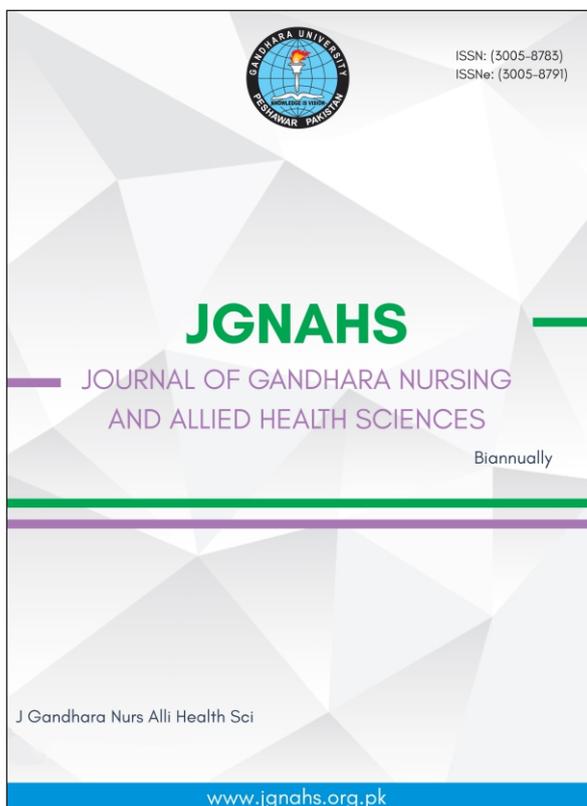


Journal of Gandhara Medical and Dental Sciences



The Journal of Gandhara Medical and Dental Sciences (JGMDS) proudly announces its renewed recognition by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), reflecting the journal's sustained compliance with national regulatory standards and its dedication to excellence in scholarly publishing. Alongside PMDC recognition, JGMDS continues to maintain its recognized status with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP). These recognitions signify the journal's academic credibility and its growing impact as a trusted platform for high-quality research in medical and dental sciences. JGMDS serves as a vital forum for researchers, clinicians, and academicians by facilitating the dissemination of original research, reviews, and evidence-based studies. The journal follows a rigorous peer-review process, adheres to strict ethical guidelines, and aligns with international publishing standards, ensuring transparency, originality, and academic integrity. Through continuous improvement in editorial practices and research governance, JGMDS contributes to the advancement of healthcare knowledge and supports Gandhara University's vision of fostering innovation, research excellence, and professional development in the health sciences.

Journal of Gandhara Nursing and Allied Health Sciences



The Journal of Gandhara Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (JGNAHS) proudly maintains its recognized status with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), reflecting the journal's compliance with national academic standards and its commitment to excellence in scholarly publishing within the fields of nursing and allied health sciences. JGNAHS serves as a credible and impactful platform for researchers, clinicians, educators, and healthcare professionals by facilitating the dissemination of original research articles, review papers, and evidence-based studies. The journal follows a rigorous peer-review process, adheres to strict ethical guidelines, and aligns with international publishing standards, ensuring transparency, originality, and academic integrity. Through continuous enhancement of editorial practices and research governance, JGNAHS contributes to the advancement of healthcare knowledge and supports Gandhara University's vision of promoting innovation, research excellence, and professional development in nursing and allied health sciences. Through its commitment to quality research and academic integrity, JGNAHS continues to strengthen its role in advancing evidence-based practice and healthcare education in Pakistan.



Appointments

Dr. Romaisa Kiran Baloch - Senior Registrar - Ophthalmology - NTH

Dr. Abdul Hamid - Professor - Anatomy - KMC

Dr. Niaz Muhammad - Professor - Anatomy - KMC

Dr. Saleem Ullah - Senior Registrar(Orthopedic) - General Surgery - NTH

Dr. Alvina Farid - Senior Registrar - Paediatrics - NTH

Dr. Faisal Rehman - Assistant Professor - Farkhanda Institute of Nursing and Public Health

Promotions

Dr. Palwasha Khan - Assistant Professor - Periodontology - SBDC

Dr. Wajiha Khan - Assistant Professor - Periodontology - SBDC

Dr. Syed Imran Ali Shah Gillani - Associate Professor - Community & Preventive Dentistry - SBDC

Dr. Arif Ullah - Associate Professor - ENT - MMC-General Hospital

Dr. Sidra Sultan - Assistant Professor - Physiology - KMC

Dr. Aneelofar Nausheen - Professor - Oral Biology - SBDC

Dr. Hamad Ishtiaq Mian - Assistant Professor - Prosthodontics - SBDC

Dr. Saira Bilal - Assistant Professor - Orthodontics - SBDC



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