Overview

The Department of Midwifery is a cornerstone of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, dedicated to the advancement of maternal and child health through excellence in education, research, and clinical practice. Our department is founded on the principle that midwives are vital in saving the lives of mothers and newborns, providing a renewed sense of life through their dedication and tireless efforts. We play a pivotal role in ensuring the health of families and the broader community by promoting and safeguarding the well-being of mothers and children.

Our academic offerings span undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels, designed to cultivate highly competent and knowledgeable midwifery professionals. We are committed to nurturing the next generation of midwifery leaders, selecting the brightest students and providing them with a "golden opportunity" to flourish in this rewarding field. The curriculum is comprehensive, covering a wide array of responsibilities including reproductive health, prenatal, intranatal and postnatal care, and the management of common gynecological conditions.

The department is a hub of vibrant research activity, with faculty members actively engaged in diverse areas of study.

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Scientometrics Profile

Key research interests include:

-Women's health from puberty to menopause, -Neonatal and infant health -Management of labor and postpartum care, -Fetal health assessment

-Sexual health, -Menopause and maternal and newborn health

-Addressing infertility and high-risk pregnancies, -Physiological childbirth

-Health promotion for mothers and children, -Reproductive health and rheumatology

We believe in a structured and fair educational environment, as evidenced by our detailed procedures for student evaluation. This ensures a transparent and effective learning process, with a strong emphasis on continuous improvement and feedback. Our ultimate aim is to empower our students and faculty to contribute meaningfully to the healthcare system, addressing the critical need for skilled midwifery care in the country and beyond.

Vision

Our vision is to be recognized as one of the top three leading Midwifery Departments in the nation, setting the benchmark for excellence in education, pioneering research, and transformative clinical practice. We aspire to be a beacon of innovation and a driving force in the advancement of maternal, neonatal, and reproductive health, not only within our region but across the country.

In Education: We envision a future where our department is synonymous with the highest caliber of midwifery education. This means cultivating an academic environment that attracts the most promising students and nurtures them into compassionate, critically thinking, and highly skilled practitioners. We will be known for our dynamic and forward-thinking curriculum, one that seamlessly integrates theoretical knowledge with immersive, hands-on clinical experience in state-of-the-art facilities. Our graduates will be sought after as leaders and change-makers, equipped with the expertise to excel in diverse healthcare settings and shape the future of midwifery care

In Research: We see our department as a vibrant hub of impactful research that addresses the most pressing health challenges facing women and their families. We aim to be at the forefront of scientific inquiry, conducting groundbreaking studies that translate directly into improved clinical outcomes and evidence-based health policies. Our faculty and students will be leaders in generating new knowledge, publishing their work in high-impact journals, and collaborating with national and international partners to push the boundaries of the field. We strive to create a culture where curiosity is celebrated and research is an integral part of our identity, ultimately contributing to a healthier society

In Clinical Practice and Community Engagement: We envision our department as a central pillar in the healthcare community, championing a model of care that is both high-quality and profoundly human-centered. We will be leaders in promoting best practices and innovative models of midwifery care within our affiliated hospitals and beyond. Our vision includes establishing specialized centers of excellence for midwifery services and counseling, ensuring that all women have access to safe, respectful, and empowering care. We see ourselves as trusted partners with the community, actively working to improve health literacy and advocating for policies that support the well-being of mothers and newborns, thereby fulfilling our ultimate commitment to the health of our nation

Mission

In full alignment with the overarching mission of the Tabriz University of Medical Sciences, the Department of Midwifery is steadfast in its core mission: to cultivate the next generation of midwifery professionals who will serve as pillars of health and wellness in our society. Our purpose is to educate and train midwives who are not only exceptionally skilled but are also committed, innovative, accountable, and deeply aware of their ethical responsibilities. Through a comprehensive educational framework that spans the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels, we prepare our students to become leaders in a profession that is vital to the fabric of our communities.

Our mission is actualized by creating a dynamic and responsive learning environment. We are committed to a curriculum that addresses the real-world health needs of our nation, ensuring our graduates are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of modern healthcare. Professional ethics are not merely a subject of study but the very essence of our department's culture; we instill in our students a profound respect for the dignity of every individual and an unwavering commitment to compassionate, patient-centered care.

We strive to empower our graduates to deliver services that are of the highest quality, firmly rooted in the best available scientific evidence, and oriented toward the specific needs of the community. This means preparing them to excel in a variety of roles:

As Expert Clinicians: Providing comprehensive care throughout a woman's life, from adolescence through to the post-menopausal period, with a special focus on ensuring safe and positive pregnancy and childbirth experiences. As Inspiring Educators: Sharing their knowledge and expertise to empower patients, families, and the next generation of healthcare professionals. As Diligent Researchers: Contributing to the body of midwifery knowledge by engaging in rigorous scientific inquiry that seeks to solve key health problems and improve clinical outcomes.

As Effective Managers: Leading and managing healthcare services and programs .in a way that is efficient, equitable, and of the highest standard

Ultimately, our mission extends beyond the confines of our institution to make a tangible and lasting impact on societal health. We are dedicated to elevating the nation's key health indicators by training a workforce capable of reducing maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. Furthermore, we are committed to fostering an entrepreneurial spirit, encouraging our graduates to pioneer innovative solutions, introduce new models of care, and champion initiatives that enhance the quality and accessibility of health services. In essence, our mission is a holistic pledge to advance the profession of midwifery and, through it, to safeguard and enhance the health and well-being of women, newborns, and families throughout our nation.

Values

Our department is guided by a set of core values that are embedded in every aspect of our work, from teaching and research to our engagement with the community. These values are the bedrock of our identity and the guiding principles for our actions.

Excellence: We are committed to achieving the highest standards in all our endeavors, including education, research, and clinical services. We continuously .strive for quality and distinction

Ethical and Professional Responsibility: We uphold the utmost integrity and accountability in our practice. We are dedicated to training midwives who are not only skilled but also deeply committed to ethical conduct and compassionate .care

Community-Oriented Service: We believe in our responsibility to serve the health needs of our community. Our programs and research are designed to have a .direct and positive impact on the well-being of mothers, children, and families Innovation and Evidence-Based Practice: We champion a culture of inquiry and innovation. We are dedicated to advancing the field of midwifery through rigorous research and the integration of the latest evidence into our educational and .clinical practices

Student-Centered Learning: We are devoted to the success of our students. We provide a supportive and dynamic learning environment that fosters critical .thinking, intellectual curiosity, and the skills necessary for a successful career Collaboration: We value the power of collaboration and partnership. We actively seek to build strong relationships with other departments, universities, and healthcare institutions, both nationally and internationally, to enhance our .educational and research programs

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Objectives

To fulfill our mission and realize our vision, the Midwifery Department is committed to a set of strategic objectives that guide our activities and initiatives. These objectives are focused on enhancing our educational programs, fostering a robust research culture, empowering our faculty and students, and serving our community. *Educational Objectives:*

To train proficient midwives at the undergraduate and master's levels to .meet the evolving needs and demands of the national healthcare system To implement innovative teaching methods to improve the practical and clinical .skills of our students

To secure accreditation for a doctoral program in Reproductive Health. To establish new specializations within the master #39;s program, such as forensic midwifery.

To create a dedicated midwifery counseling and service center within the faculty and its affiliated hospitals

To continuously improve the quality of theoretical, practical, and clinical education .for midwifery students

Research and Faculty Development Objectives:

.To enhance the research capabilities of our faculty and students. To develop and execute research projects based on regional, national, and international priorities.

To increase the publication of research findings in reputable national and international journals

To establish dedicated research teams to advance specific areas of midwifery .science

To actively participate in and organize national and international scientific .conferences and seminars

To support faculty members in pursuing sabbatical leave and other developmental .opportunities

.To recruit new faculty members to meet the growing needs of the department Community and Professional Engagement Objectives:

To strengthen the professional and practical skills of practicing midwives and recent graduates through continuing education programs

To actively collaborate with various non-governmental organizations to address .the educational needs of the community

To develop and implement programs aimed at improving the health literacy of .mothers

To foster an entrepreneurial spirit through workshops focused on midwifery, reproductive health, and sexual health

.To promote a culture of professional ethics among our students and faculty

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