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FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

VISION:

Nursing and Midwifery for every individual, family and community

MISSION:

To provide quality Nursing and Midwifery Higher Education, prepare a competent and innovative clinician who is able to contribute towards research, innovation and appropriate health services directed towards sustainable healthy community and environment.

CORE VALUES:

- Professionalism,
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Inclusiveness,
- Equity,
- Partnership,
- Evidence based care,
- Advocacy





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VICE CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Our partnership with Seed Global Health, an American initiative led by Professor Vanessa C, has been pivotal particularly in the introduction of Uganda's first Bachelor of Science in Midwifery program at Lira University. Seed Global Health's commitment to training healthcare providers in developing countries has profoundly impacted our institution.

This collaboration led to the establishment and growth of the Department of Nursing and Midwifery, now the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, in collaboration with PEPFA.

Seed Global Health's support has gone beyond theory, and since the start of the partnership sent two educators annually to guide and mentor students.

The partnership has also benefitted our Ugandan lecturers, who gained from Seed Global Health's expertise in curriculum formulation and orientation. This has ensured world-class education and nurtured a new generation of skilled healthcare professionals. We extend heartfelt appreciation to Seed Global Health for their unwavering support, which has paved the way for a brighter future in healthcare and education at Lira University. We are very grateful to Seed Global Health for this noble partnership.



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DEAN'S REMARKS

I am Mrs. Anna Grace Auma, a midwife by profession and currently the Dean of Faculty Nursing and Midwifery.

The faculty has a vision of training nurses and midwives at a high level, provide quality care, be able to conduct research and translate the research findings into practice in line with the University vision of being a center of excellence.

As a faculty, we have learnt that no man is an island and through strong partnerships we are able to achieve great things. We are glad to partner with Seed Global Health and the various public facilities in the region such as Lira regional referral hospital Ober HCIV among others that have facilitated our noble mission.



LIRA UNIVERSITY-SEED GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP



Insights from the partnership coordinator, Ms. Felister Apili

Our Goal of partnership:

Midwifery graduates from Lira University's Master of Midwifery Science and Bachelor of Midwifery Science demonstrate skills in management of Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal conditions.

Our partnership began in 2018, addressing the need for human resources to support maternal and child health. The partnership sought to train 25 master's student Midwives annually starting 2018.

We started with curriculum development, involving local faculty and SEED Global Health educators. Currently, we have both the Master of Midwifery science Curriculum and the revised Bachelor of Midwifery science curricular accredited and approved by the Uganda National council for Higher education. The master's program commenced in October 2022 following accreditation and we currently have 9 students.

The partnership has enabled us achieve tremendous milestones including simulation-based training, open distance electronic learning (ODEL) which was crucial for continued learning amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, a student mentorship Program, showcasing of the programs and student capacities at national and international conferences.

The concept of cross partnership learning with other Seed partners such Mbarara University of science and technology, Busitema University, Muni University and Makerere University has enabled us learn key student and faculty capacity building techniques such Journal clubs, One on One mentorship programs and student led Quality improvement projects.

Our partnership benefits staff members through continuous professional development, faculty manuscript writing and the students through feedback reviews, mentorship initiatives, and support for skills laboratory and clinical site transportation.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to SEED Global Health for their commitment to support the Department of Midwifery, the Lira University management for endorsing this partnership, and the dedicated faculty members for utilizing the opportunity and ensuring that partnership objectives are met.



LIRA UNIVERSITY-SEED GLOBAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP



Dr. Ritah Florence Matte, Seed Educator
2022 to 2024

SEED EDUCATOR'S SHARED EXPERIENCE

Greetings, I am Dr. Ritah Matte Florence, associated with Lira University as a Seed Global Health educator since 2022. My involvement includes the training of the Bachelor of Science in Midwifery and Master of Midwifery science students.

The groundbreaking Master's program not only enhances critical thinking and research skills, but also provides learners with advanced midwifery skills that enable them to contribute to improvement of maternal and newborn health outcomes.



Ms. Rebecca Ngalande, Seed Educator
2021 to 2023

Amidst the various challenges of implementing the master's program, Seed Global Health's invaluable support, such as the provision of reference materials for students and assistance with transportation to practicum sites and so much more has made commencement of the program seemingly easy.

I therefore extend my encouragement to fellow nurses and midwives from within Uganda and the rest of the world to come and join the Master of Midwifery Science Program at Lira University.



PROGRAMS OFFERED

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY SCIENCE(BMS)

Entry scheme

- UACE entry Scheme
- Diploma entry scheme
- Mature age entry scheme

Duration

It runs for 4 years

MASTER OF MIDWIFERY SCIENCE (MMS)

Entry scheme

- Eligible Bachelor degree holders are BSc Midwifery and BSc Nursing

Duration

It runs for 2 years or 4 semesters plus 1 recess term.



Mr.Emmanuel Madira
Master of Midwifery Science student

Welcome, fellow midwives and aspiring Master of Midwifery Science students,

I'm thrilled to be part of the first edition of our newsletter. I am Madira Emmanuel, currently pursuing the Master Midwifery Science (MMS) program at Lira University. As one of the pioneers who began this journey in September 2022, I'm delighted to announce the successful completion of my first year in the program.

Reflecting on my first-year journey, I can't emphasize enough how interesting and mind-expanding this program is as it goes beyond the conventional mother-baby focus and opens our minds to broader perspectives. Besides, it also equips us with advanced skills in research, advocacy, leadership, and even entrepreneurship.

To those starting, my advice is to prepare yourselves both mentally and physically. It's an intense program, but with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn, you'll become exceptional midwives.

I'm grateful for the partnership between Lira University and Seed Global Health. They have provided they have provided support in form of facilitators for classroom activities, training sessions, reading materials and transportation to clinical sites, like Lira Regional Referral Hospital, ensuring we achieved our course objectives.

Together, let's make a meaningful difference in the field of midwifery. Thank you for being part of this transformative journey.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

JOURNAL CLUB

We are glad to have had our inaugural journal club session as the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery in May 2023. We are grateful for the cross partnership meetings organised by Seed Global Health that inspired us to start. We as well appreciate the team from Busitema University that led us through our first session that was hosted both physically at the Department of Midwifery and Online on zoom. We had an attendance of 20 participants and hasn't gone below this in the subsequent sessions.

From this session, we agreed to host a journal club session monthly targeting both students and faculty with an aim to build research competencies for both.



A photo of presenters during the second journal club session

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

In part of student training, the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery is seeking to start a one on one student mentorship program. This program will have us pair a student (mentee) with a faculty (mentor) to provide clinical, research guidance. In preparation for the mentorship program, we held a 2-day workshop where we were able to come up with a mentorship guide which will be used to guide all activities of the mentorship program.



The team of faculty during the workshop to develop the mentorship guide



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE CONFERENCE AND CELEBRATION

From 2nd to 5th May 2023 students and faculty from the department of Midwifery participated in IDM confrence in Soroti District. They disseminated their scientific research work and various Seed Global Health-Lira University partnership milestones.



Team of students and faculty that participated in the International Day of the Midwife celebrations in Soroti District

33rd INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF MIDWIVES TRIENNIAL CONGRESS

With support from Seed Global health, a team of two faculty members (Ms. Felister Apili and Mr Samson Udho) represented Lira University at the 33rd ICM triennial congress. They used this platform to disseminate the Bachelor of Midwifery science and Master of Midwifery science Program offered at Lira University.



On the left, Head of Department Midwifery, Ms. Felister Apili makes her presentation During the ICM Triennial congress. To the right Samson Udho, Felister Apili and Julie pose for a photo during the ICM



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

THE NURSE'S AND MIDWIVES' QUIZ: A STUDENT'S SHARED EXPERIENCE

The Uganda Nurses and Midwives Challenge serves as a transformative platform for empowering Nursing and Midwifery students in Uganda. One of the participants, Katugume Brenda, a 23-year-old midwifery student at Lira University, experienced the profound impact of this quiz. She says that the challenge, held at Muni University in Arua district, provided her and her peers with an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills in midwifery.

Furthermore, she mentioned that she was able to engage with and make social networks with colleagues from other universities at the event. Despite ranking 5th, Brenda expressed gratitude for the mentorship and insights gained from the experienced healthcare professionals at the quiz. In her conclusion, Brenda emphasized the need to have such engagements more frequent as she believes they are crucial in shaping competent and compassionate healthcare professionals for Uganda and the world at large.



Bachelor of Midwifery Science students during the Nurses' and Midwives' Quiz

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