

Press Release:

Abu Dhabi University Partners with NMC Healthcare to Drive Innovation in Health Sciences in the UAE



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[Abu Dhabi University \(ADU\)](#) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NMC Healthcare (NMC), one of the UAE's largest private healthcare providers, to foster innovation and research in medical education. This partnership aligns with Abu Dhabi's key

initiatives in healthcare education and further supports the UAE's long-term strategy to ensure a highly skilled and agile healthcare workforce.

Additionally, the collaboration also aligns with ADU's commitment to delivering high-quality educational experiences to its students and prepare them to lead across several sectors in the UAE. Through the partnership, NMC will offer ADU students from the College of Health Sciences access to NMC's state-of-the-art medical diagnostic labs and educational resources, while providing them with the opportunity to engage with experts to provide them with practical life insights and boost their knowledge in the field of health sciences. The collaboration will also extend to consultancy, academic support, institutional assistance and human and administrative development to enhance the academic offering of the institute. ADU's medical students will also be provided with internship and career opportunities at NMC.

[Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University \(ADU\)](#), said: "We are delighted to collaborate with our esteemed partner, NMC Healthcare, and look forward to further strengthening our medical program through practical hands-on field experience and world-class career opportunities. Through fostering innovation and research among our students and faculty, we aim to contribute to the UAE's goal of nurturing a knowledge-based economy and sustainable



scientific community. At ADU, we continuously seek partnerships with leading national and international industry partners to equip our students with high-quality programs and real-world experiences that will help them excel in their future careers.”

NMC Healthcare CEO, David Hadley, said: “This partnership marks a significant step forward in advancing healthcare education and research in the UAE. By combining the strengths of ADU and NMC, and by creating stronger connections between healthcare academia and its practical applications, we are proudly supporting ADU’s efforts in cultivating a new generation of healthcare professionals who are equipped to meet the evolving needs of our community.”

The MoU was signed by Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University, and Mr. David Hadley, Chief Executive Officer of NMC Healthcare. The signing was in the presence of Dr. Zaka ullah Khan, Chief Clinical Officer at NMC, Mr. Frank Delisi, NMC Vice President of Operations, and Mr. Sharif Shahine, General Manager of NMC, as well as Ms. Zainab Abdulameer, NMC Vice President for Emiratization, and Dr. Samira Alobeidli, Director Neurodevelopmental and Disabilities at NMC.

In an effort to advance the UAE’s healthcare innovation and research landscape, both entities will work closely to host conferences, workshops, seminars, and training programs focused on the latest developments and best practices in the field of health science. These programs and workshops will focus on various fields of study, including public health, occupational and environmental health and safety, diagnostic medicine, laboratory medicine, molecular and medical genetics, human nutrition, and dietetics. They will also collaborate in developing joint programs and awareness campaigns.

Moreover, ADU faculty members will provide the NMC workforce with academic insights on best practices in human resource development and leadership.

