

Joint Collaborative Academic Program for Gaza Medical Students at Rawalpindi Medical University

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Background:

The ongoing conflict in Gaza disrupted the education of Al-Azhar University medical students, necessitating an academic collaboration between Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU) and Al-Azhar University to ensure their continued medical training. RMU provided a structured one-year academic integration program to facilitate their adaptation and academic progress. Medical examination psychological examination and previous academic assessment was carried out upon integration into RMU. One-week foundation module of basics sciences was conducted after initial assessments of basic sciences

Program objectives

Enhanced academic skills	•Ensure seamless transition of Al Azhar University students into RMU's academic and clinical system
Skill development	•Foster the development of clinical,academic and professional competencies
Psychological support	•Address the psychological and emotional needs of Al Azhar University students

Program Structure:

- The program includes lectures, clinical clerkships, research sessions, and mentorship to ensure a smooth transition.
- They have Internal Medicine and Surgery as major need and Cardiology, Orthopedics, urology Medical imaging, Dermatology, Community Medicine, ENT, Health Economics, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Vascular and Cardiothoracic Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Endocrinology and Metabolic Disorders, Forensic Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
- Holy Family Hospital Rawalpindi is declared as hospital for clinical rotations in clinical sciences

Student Demographics: Initially there were 44 students whose names arrived for RMU. They were issued RMU registration numbers. However, 34 students actually joined RMU. There are currently under academic training

Category	Details
Total Students	38
Gender distribution	Male 17 Female 19
Age range	21-27 years
Year of study	4 th year
RMU registration numbers	Issued

Committees & Faculty Involvement:

Patron-in-Chief	Professor Dr Muhammad Umar Vice Chancellor RMU
Guidance	Professor Jahngair Sarwar Khan Principal RMU
Academic oversight Professor in charge	Professor Dr Nasir Khan Dean Diagnostics
Coordinator	Dr Mehwish Riaz Assistant Professor Community Medicine
DME coordinator	Dr Omaina Asif

Summary plan for Al Azhar -RMU students

Academic year	Total weeks	Teaching weeks	Preparatory leave weeks	Examination leaves	End-of-year leaves	Dates of year 4 (including examination and prep leaves)
4th year	41	31 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	2 weeks	11/11/2024 to 13/9/2025
5th year	42	33 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	2 weeks	15/9/2025 to 12/7/2026
6th year	27	20 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks		13/7/2026 to 24/1/2027

4th-year Academic Calendar

Courses		Start date	End date	Weeks per subject	Assessments	Total weeks
Community Medicine ENT		11/11/24	7/12/24	2 2	End-of-course End-of-year	4
Medicine		9/12/24	15/2/25	10	End-of-course End-of-year	8
Medicine & Allied	Cardiology	17/2/25	28/2/25	1	End-of-course End-of-year	5
	Radiology	3/3/25	15/3/25	2		
	Dermatology	17/3/25	21/3/2025	2		
Ramadan and Eid ul Fitar Holidays		24/3/25	2/4/25			
Surgery		3/4/25	31/5/25	8	End-of-course End-of-year	8
Surgery & Allied	Orthopedics	3/6/25	14/6/25	2	End-of-course End-of-year	4
	Urology Eid Ul Adha Break (6/6/25 to 9/6/25)	17/6/25	29/6/25	2		

Summer Course Health Economics Family Medicine	30/6/25	12/7/25	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Exam Preparation	14/7/25	2/8/25	4	----	4
Annual Professional Assessment	4/8/25	30/8/25	4	Written (to be conducted by Al Azhar University) OSCE (static & Dynamic to be conducted by RMU)	4
End of year break	31/8/2025	16 /9/2025	2		
Total weeks					41

5th year Academic Calendar

Courses	Start date	End date	Weeks per subject	Assessments	Total weeks
Gynae/Obstetrics	15/9/25	24/10/25	6	End-of-course End-of-year	6
Pediatrics	27/10/25	5/12/25	6	End-of-course End-of-year	6
Psychiatry & Behavior Disorders	8/12/25	2/1/26	4	End-of-course End-of-year	4
Neurology	5/1/26	23/1/26	3	End-of-course End-of-year	3
Neurosurgery	26/1/26	6/2/25	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Forensic Medicine & Toxicology	9/2/26	20/2/26	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Plastic surgery	23/3/26	6/3/26	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Vascular & Cardiothoracic Surgery	9/3/26	20/3/26	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Hematology & Oncology	23/2/26	3/4/26	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Endocrinology & Metabolic Disorders	6/4/26	17/4/26	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Ophthalmology	20/4/26	1/5/26	2	End-of-year End-of-course	2
Exam Preparation Time	4/5/26	29/5/26	4	--	3
Annual Professional Exam	1/6/26	26/6/26	4	Written (to be conducted by Al Azhar University) OSCE (static & Dynamic to be conducted by RMU)	4
End of year leaves	29/6/25	12/7/26	2		
Total weeks					40

6th year Academic Calendar

Courses	Start date	End date	Weeks per subject	Assessments	Total weeks
Internal Medicine	13/7/26	7/8/26	4	End-of- course End-of-year	4
General Surgery	10/8/26	4/9/26	4	End-of-course End-of-year	4
Gynae/Obstetrics	7/9/26	2/10/26	4	End-of-course End-of-year	4
Pediatrics	5/10/26	30/10/26	4	End-of-course End-of-year	4
Anesthesia	2/11/26	13/11/26	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Emergency	16/11/26	27/11/26	2	End-of-course End-of-year	2
Exam Preparation	30/11/26	25/12/26	4	----	2
Annual Professional Assessment	26/12/26	24/1/27	4	Written (to be conducted by Al Azhar University) OSCE (static & Dynamic to be conducted by RMU)	4
Total weeks					26


Extracurricular activities

The extracurricular activities are arranged for Al Azhar University students joining Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU) every Saturday to support their overall well-being, offering a break from their academic responsibilities while encouraging physical health and teamwork. Joint extracurricular activities are planned for students from Gaza who have joined PIMS, FUSH, and STMU. The objectives of these activities are

- Physical Fitness: Encourage students to engage in regular physical exercise.
- Team Building: Foster teamwork and collaboration through group sports.
- Stress Relief: Provide an opportunity for students to unwind and reduce academic stress.
- Cultural Exchange: Encourage interaction among students from different backgrounds, fostering a sense of community.

Outcome & Conclusion:

The RMU-Al Azhar collaboration successfully ensured academic continuity for displaced Gaza students, integrating them into RMU's curriculum while providing essential psychological and social support. The initiative demonstrates the power of global academic solidarity in times of crisis and sets a model for future educational collaborations.



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OFFICE NOTE

As per direction of PMDC the following GAZA Students have been provisionally nominated in 4th year MBBS class session 2023-2024. Their Roll No are as under

Roll No.	Registration No.	Name	Gender	Class Year	Passport Number
G-1	GA-1-RMU-2024	Arwa R. M. Bolbol	female	4 th	5135033
G-2	GA-2-RMU-2024	AHMED M. K. ALASHQAR	male	4 th	5412101
G-3	GA-3-RMU-2024	Marah Akram Hassan Nijim	female	4 th	5935660
G-4	GA-4-RMU-2024	MOHAMMED A. H. ISMAIL	male	4 th	5050736
G-5	GA-5-RMU-2024	MOMIN A. F. RADWAN	male	4 th	6043870
G-6	GA-6-RMU-2024	IBRAHIM F. A. MUHAISEN	male	4 th	6036056
G-7	GA-7-RMU-2024	Karim K. M. Altawashi	male	4 th	6073195
G-8	GA-8-RMU-2024	Haya M.S. Alkahlout	female	4 th	5050854
G-9	GA-9-RMU-2024	MAHMOUD M. M. SHAMIA	male	4 th	5049791
G-10	GA-10-RMU-2024	Heba M M Mourtaga	female	4 th	5468756
G-11	GA-11-RMU-2024	NASER R. N. ABUSHAMMALA	male	4 th	5051655
G-12	GA-12-RMU-2024	Hamza B H Abushammala	male	4 th	5173262
G-13	GA-13-RMU-2024	Mohammed S. S. Jaber	male	4 th	5050787
G-14	GA-14-RMU-2024	JAMILA M. M. IDREES	female	4 th	5882835
G-15	GA-15-RMU-2024	KARIM N. H. ALJURF	male	4 th	5928949
G-16	GA-16-RMU-2024	MOHAMMED A. M. ALMEGHARI	male	4 th	4690739
G-17	GA-17-RMU-2024	Mohammed A. J. Iamad 5066161	male	4 th	5066161
G-18	GA-18-RMU-2024	ALAA A. M. SOBOH	female	4 th	5057535
G-19	GA-19-RMU-2024	Abdallah W. A. Muhaisen	male	4 th	5707601
G-20	GA-20-RMU-2024	OMAR J. S. ALDADAH	male	4 th	6194878
G-21	GA-21-RMU-2024	DIMA N. A. ALDALS	female	4 th	5918105
G-22	GA-22-RMU-2024	EMAN H. H. KUHEIL	female	4 th	6025386
G-23	GA-23-RMU-2024	Tagreed M.M.Masoud	female	4 th	6071745
G-24	GA-24-RMU-2024	Mohamed R M Tahtawi	male	4 th	5050274
G-25	GA-25-RMU-2024	YARA A. H. ALSAYEDSALIM	female	4 th	5139381
G-26	GA-26-RMU-2024	LAMIS A. A. ALFARRA	female	4 th	5823391
G-27	GA-27-RMU-2024	MONTHER B. A. KARAJA	male	4 th	5414344
G-28	GA-28-RMU-2024	HAYA M. A. ALFARRA	female	4 th	5823680
G-29	GA-29-RMU-2024	BASEL H.M. ABUSAQER	male	4 th	6194859



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G-30	GA-30-RMU-2024	MOHAMMED K S ZREID	male	4 th	5952480
G-31	GA-31-RMU-2024	BISAN M S SAED	female	4 th	6179294
G-32	GA-32-RMU-2024	HADEEL I.R.HAMADA	female	4 th	5054760
G-33	GA-33-RMU-2024	Hanan m.s.aldanaf	female	4 th	4898703
G-34	GA-34-RMU-2024	OSAMA Y.A ALDERDESAWY	male	4 th	5926968
G-35	GA-35-RMU-2024	Hammam M S Helassa	male	4 th	5051858
G-36	GA-36-RMU-2024	Asmaa Zakria Ahmad Alnajjar	female	4 th	5926618
G-37	GA-37-RMU-2024	NOUR T. M. DIAB	female	4 th	5952888
G-38	GA-38-RMU-2024	ABDULLA W A DAOUD	male	4 th	5057769
G-39	GA-39-RMU-2024	TAREQ J. Y. ELEYAN	male	4 th	4684297
G-40	GA-40-RMU-2024	Ghaith	male	4 th	5864694
G-41	GA-41-RMU-2024	RAZAN A. F. ELULA	female	4 th	5921676
G-42	GA-42-RMU-2024	Ahmed M. S. Abukhatro	male	4 th	6078658
G-43	GA-43-RMU-2024	Alaa Omar AbedAlaqalek Alajjouri	female	4 th	6173136
G-44	GA-44-RMU-2024	ROBA A E SALEMDAWOD	female	4 th	5942662

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