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First Aid Training Course

Based on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing) of the United Nations, the Nursing Department of the Faculty of Nursing at Tishk International University is delighted to announce the successful completion of “A six-day First Aid Training Course 24-hours” from 16th to 26th of September 2024, which performed as the first training session which was instructed by a distinguished professional and certified American Heart Association, Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Provider

Raising community and public awareness of emergency management was the goal of this training course. It addressed the vital role of first aid skills and procedures for managing common injuries like choking, cardiac arrest, burns, poisoning, fractures, and bleeding.

The training course which took place from September 16th to September 26th began with an opening ceremony and welcome speeches by Dr. Hiwa Banna the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing followed by distinguished guests and organizers.

The first session discussed the vital role of first aid providers by Assist Prof. Dr. Dara Al-Banna the head of the Nursing Department. On the same day, the second session was done by RA. Ismail Khalid focused on airway opening, choking, and drowning in emergency situations. The second day featured CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) by RA. Shaimaa Shahab with the latest techniques and protocols in cardiovascular life support. The third day focused on (Bleeding and Shock Management) by RA (Hilal Farouq) while the fourth day covered strain, sprain, and fracture by RA. (Muhammed Hareem), also the fifth day focused on (Burn and wound care) by RA. (Hanan Azad), and the last day focused on biting and inhalation) by RA. (Asmaa Yaseen).

In the end, this comprehensive training is particularly beneficial for individuals with atrial fibrillation, heart failure, and other cardiovascular disease, as it enhances their ability to respond effectively in emergencies. Participants learned first-aid techniques and practiced them, refining their skills and improving response times in emergency scenarios. Attendees enjoyed a first day filled with cake-cutting and activities also Daily coffee breaks were provided for attendees to network, share experiences, and discuss the latest advancements in emergency medical services.

The closing ceremony on September 26th marked the completion of the training, where the trainers and participants were awarded certificates of completion. The training course emphasized the importance of advanced training in emergency procedures and the success of this training has set a precedent for future training programs, with organizers planning to further advance the capabilities of healthcare providers in the community.

Keywords: Learning, Training, Course, Health, University, Medical Education, Higher Education, Sustainable Development Goal

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Infant Nutrition Workshop Held at Tishk International University- Faculty of Nursing

The Faculty of Nursing at Tishk International University (TIU) recently organized a successful national workshop titled “Overview of Infant Nutrition” held on November 6th. This national workshop, attended by healthcare professionals, staff and students, was initiated with an inspiring welcome speech by Research Assistant Shaimaa Shahab, followed by a ceremonial rendition of the national anthem.

Prof. Dr. Sultan Abu-Orabi, the president of the Tishk International University, gave the welcome speech, and Dr. Hiwa Banna, the dean of the nursing faculty, gave the welcome speech as well to create a colorful, supportive environment. The workshop aimed to foster a better understanding of the critical nutritional needs of infants to support their optimal growth and development. It focused on breastfeeding and formula feeding, highlighting their roles as vital sources of early nutrition. The workshop also gave an introduction on complementary foods, understanding the appropriate timing and methods to introduce solid foods. Feeding challenges were also discussed, providing information for cases where specialized nutritional support is needed.

The workshop featured in-depth presentations by three experienced speakers, starting by Dr. Norhan Zaki Shaker, who delivered a session on “Infant Nutritional Requirements” providing an extensive overview of essential nutrients for infants. Her presentation detailed key nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, and macronutrients, emphasizing their impact on growth and cognitive development.

Then, Dr. Media Abdullah presented on “Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition,” focusing on infants who require nutrition through alternative methods when oral feeding is not possible. The presentation also explained the clinical indications, benefits, and procedures involved in enteral and parenteral nutrition, providing attendees with practical insights for cases requiring advanced nutritional support. Finally, Parez Shahab, concluded the workshop with a presentation on the “Infant Nasogastric Tube Placement Procedure”, where shared valuable insights into nasogastric feeding techniques, covering the procedural steps, safety measures, and potential complications.

The workshop was attended by 35 staff and students from Faculty of Nursing at TIU. The workshop received high appreciation from attendees, noting the value of learning about diverse aspects of infant nutrition. The engaging and informative presentations by the speakers made a significant impact, providing healthcare providers with critical insights into infant nutrition and care practices.

Keywords: Medical Education, Education, Higher Education, Students, Teachers, University



Link:

<https://nursing.tiu.edu.iq/nursing/overview-of-infant-nutrition-workshop>



Child Safety and Environmental Health Community University Partnership Project

Environmental Health and Safety Community University Partnership Project

Under the name “Environmental Health and Safety Community University Partnership Project,” the Nursing Department of the Faculty of Nursing at Tishk International University (TIU) organized a community service project in partnership with Ishik Kindergarten. Ms. Hanan Azad supervised the project, which took place over two days on November 19 and 26, 2024.

The first day, children were given a thorough general wellness assessment by nursing students, who evaluated their general health and highlighted any possible issues. Following the assessment, the students gave the kids and their teachers thorough guidance on how to make the kids’ lives better. These guidelines, which emphasized the need of preventative care and good lifestyle choices, included advice on appropriate eating, exercise, sleep hygiene, and mental health support. In order to guarantee that the child’s physical and developmental needs were satisfied for the best possible growth and happiness, the students also provided guidance on maintaining a balanced routine and encouraging emotional well-being.

The second day, children gathered in the seminar hall, where nursing students gave an educational session on promoting health and wellbeing. Important subjects including appropriate handwashing methods, emotional control, keeping a positive attitude, and the value of a balanced diet were all emphasized in the seminar. The nursing students encouraged children to actively participate in the hands-on demonstrations to make sure they understood these ideas completely. Children discussed good eating practices, learned how to express and control their emotions, and practiced handwashing skills.

A thorough overview and in-depth explanations of every important subject were given to the children. In the meantime, they received gifts as well, which maintained the lively and interesting mood.

The success of the occasion was largely due to the exceptional contributions made by our second-grade students. The Faculty of Nursing hopes that this initiative will encourage future students to engage in community service projects and expresses its profound gratitude to all those participating.

Keywords: Education, Partnerships, Collaboration, Medical Students, Medical Education



Link:

<https://nursing.tiu.edu.iq/nursing/child-safety-and-environmental-health-community-university-partnership-project>

ANTI-TOBACCO AWARENESS WORKSHOP

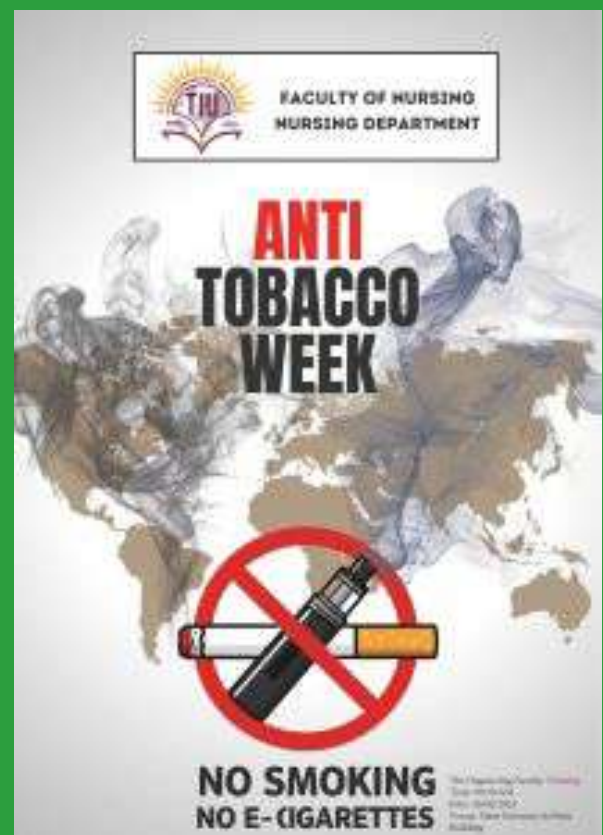
Tobacco continues to be one of the leading causes of preventable illness and death worldwide. Through this event, TIU aims to amplify global efforts in reducing tobacco consumption by offering a platform for education, dialogue, and support. The program will feature expert-led presentations, personal testimonies from individuals who have faced and overcome smoking addiction, and practical advice on how to quit.

Interactive exhibits, including a poster exhibition and advisory tables, also provided engaging learning experiences and access to important cessation resources.

This awareness campaign serves not only as a preventive health initiative but also as a commitment to cultivating a healthier university environment. We invite all members of the TIU community to attend, participate, and join us in advocating for a smoke-free future.

Link:

<https://nursing.tiu.edu.iq/nursing/anti-tobacco-awareness-workshop/>



Safety and Infection Control in School-Age Children: A Community-University Partnership Project

In a meaningful effort to enhance early childhood education and development, Nursing department at Tishk International University successfully implemented a school development and wellness project in partnership with Ishik Brayaty School, under the supervision of Ms. Hanan Azad. The project took place over two days: November 19 and 26, 2024.

The project was set up to highlight how important schools are to fostering young students' overall development. The objective of this project was to improve students' mental, emotional, physical, and academic well-being while preparing them for long-term success through the collaborative efforts of university staff and students. They participated in a range of interesting activities designed to foster curiosity, confidence, and communication on the first day. In a secure and encouraging setting, nursing students worked closely with the pupils to help them develop critical social and intellectual skills. Students were encouraged to express themselves confidently and to develop a positive sense of self.

Training sessions centered on healthy behaviors, classroom cooperation, and emotional well-being were conducted on the second day. In addition to supporting learning objectives, the sessions were developed to encourage positive behaviors including resilience, teamwork, and emotional control. Students were able to understand important ideas through engaging and exciting presentations that kept the atmosphere lively and pleasurable. This experiment demonstrated the significant influence that a supportive school environment has on how a student grows. Through the integration of health and wellness education with academic learning, the project demonstrated a comprehensive approach to school age development. Additionally, it gave university students invaluable practical experience that helped them comprehend the significance of their future jobs as carers and educators.

Nursing department extends its sincere appreciation to the participating school and all students involved. This project serves as a model for how educational institutions can work together to foster healthy, confident, and capable future generations.

Link:

<https://nursing.tiu.edu.iq/nursing/safety-and-infection-control-a-community-project/>



Medical Procedures - Training course

The Medical Procedures Training Course held on 27/10 - 31/10 - 2024, Essential materials were provided by Mr.Hilal Farouq, an ACLS provider authorised by the American Heart Association, which focused on developing essential skills in cannulation, injections, and phlebotomy for healthcare professionals. Combining theoretical knowledge with hands-on practice, the course emphasized infection control, anatomical landmarks, and troubleshooting complications. Participants were enhanced their confidence and competence in performing venous access procedures, ultimately improving patient care.

The following goals were demonstrated by the participants at the end of the course.

1. Describe the principles and techniques of cannulation, injections, and phlebotomy.
2. Demonstrate proper aseptic technique and perform each procedure safely.
3. Identify and manage complications associated with these procedures.
4. Apply best practices for patient safety and comfort.
5. Complete practical assessments to demonstrate competency in each skill.

Link:
<https://nursing.tiu.edu.iq/nursing/medical-procedures-training-course>



9th Annual Clean & Love Kurdistan Campaign

On May 31 and June 1, 2025, the Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics (FASE) at Tishk International University proudly organized the 9th Annual Clean & Love Kurdistan Campaign. The campaign continued its long-standing commitment to promoting environmental awareness and civic responsibility.

This year's campaign was made possible through the collaboration of our generous sponsors: Alen Factory Company, BZ Group, and the Ministry of Municipality.

The event brought together more than 100 students, faculty members, and community volunteers. Participants actively engaged in a community cleanup drive, collecting a substantial amount of waste from the area near Erbil's Martyrs' Monument. Their dedication and teamwork were clearly visible as dozens of bags of litter were removed.

In addition, the campaign featured a tree planting activity. Students and faculty planted more than 100 young trees, sponsored by Alen Factory Company, at Laya School in Kawergosk. This activity fostered a stronger connection with nature and raised awareness about environmental stewardship.

Beyond physical activities, the campaign served as a platform to inspire lasting behavioral change. By witnessing the impact of littering and actively participating in its cleanup, students developed a deeper sense of environmental responsibility.

An appreciation ceremony was held at the conclusion of the campaign to recognize the efforts of all participants. Certificates of participation were distributed, reinforcing the university's gratitude for their contributions.

Acknowledgments The Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics extends its heartfelt thanks to:

Alen Factory Company

BZ Group

Ministry of Municipality

As the Clean & Love Kurdistan Campaign continues to grow, we remain committed to fostering environmental awareness, promoting volunteerism, and inspiring positive change throughout our region.

Together, we can build a brighter, cleaner, and more sustainable Kurdistan.

Keywords: Environment, Clean-up, Community, Volunteers, Students, Tree Planting, Kurdistan

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<https://business.tiu.edu.iq/9th-annual-clean-love-kurdistan-campaign/>



Tishk International University's Faculty of Dentistry Extends Aid to Families in Need

On November 26th, 2024, the Dean of Students' Office at the Faculty of Dentistry, Tishk International University (TIU), organized a significant visit to support four underprivileged families in the Bnaslawa region of Erbil.

This initiative is a continuation of an ongoing charity project that commenced last year during the month of Ramadan. The families, initially identified and visited in 2023, were re-engaged through a dedicated local facilitator who has been instrumental in coordinating these efforts for both this year and the previous one. Over a two-month period, donations were diligently collected to address the pressing needs of these families. A detailed plan was developed to ensure the assistance would be impactful, focusing on covering rental fees, settling rental debts, providing essential food baskets, and offering pocket money for daily necessities. A total donation of 2,700,000 Iraqi Dinars (IQD) was successfully collected and distributed among these families.

In preparation for the visit, the Dean of Students' Office actively involved students in the project to enhance their understanding of community challenges. Students participated in the visit to gain firsthand insights into the families' situations, fostering empathy and heightened social awareness.

All four families visited face severe hardships, including orphaned children and caregivers struggling with debilitating illnesses. During the visit, students and staff members compassionately inquired about the families' needs and meticulously documented their observations to inform future charity initiatives. The project, which began its current phase in early September, successfully concluded on November 26th, 2024, unequivocally demonstrating the Faculty of Dentistry's steadfast commitment to social responsibility and sustained community support.

Keywords: Community Service, Humanitarian Aid, Student Engagement, Social Responsibility, University Outreach, Philanthropy, Erbil, Tishk International University, Charity



Link:

<https://dentistry.tiu.edu.iq/tishk-international-u/niversity-brings-hope-to-families-in-need>

Faculty of Dentistry Carries Out Food Fundraising for Nanakali Hospital

The annual Food Fundraising project, organized by the Deanery of Students at Tishk International University (TIU), was dedicated this year to supporting patients in need of treatment at Nanakali Hospital. The project's main aim was to raise awareness and provide financial assistance.

The fundraising event took place on April 29th, 2025. The Faculty of Dentistry participated with four tables laden with food, sweets, and pastries, which were either brought or handmade by students and supervised by members of the Dean of Students' committee. The project saw a great contribution from first-grade students as part of their Interpersonal Dynamics and Character Building course (IDCB), supervised by their lecturer, Miss Zainab Hasan.

The first-grade students worked hard and successfully raised a total of nearly 1,155,000 IQD. On May 11th, 2025, ten students, accompanied by their supervisor Miss Zainab Hassan, personally delivered the donations to Nanakali Hospital.

The project's objective was to provide financial aid and show empathy toward the patients' situation, fostering a sense of service and sympathy for humanity among the students. It highlighted the importance of giving and putting others before oneself.

In conclusion, the successful implementation of this project was a testament to the powerful spirits and hard work of the entire team. The university expressed sincere gratitude to all the students and staff who participated in this important humanitarian project and looks forward to continuing such work in the future.

Link:

<https://dentistry.tiu.edu.iq/food-fundraising-carried-out-by-faculty-of-dentistry-in-the-8th-spring-festival-of-2024-2025>



Faculty of Dentistry Conducts School Dental Education Project

On November 19th, 2024, the Dean of Students' Office at the Faculty of Dentistry, Tishk International University (TIU), visited Ishik Ronaky Kindergarten and Primary School to conduct a comprehensive dental education and check-up initiative. This event, organized at the specific request of the school, aimed to raise awareness about oral health and provide initial dental assessments for their students.

The school had previously visited Tishk International University and specifically requested this outreach program to benefit their student body. The visiting team comprised 13 fourth- and fifth-grade dental students, accompanied by six senior supervisors from the Diagnosis, Pedodontics, Conservative, and Prosthetic departments.

During the visit, dental check-ups were performed for students in grades 1, 2, and 3, reaching a total of 210 children. Each child received a detailed case sheet outlining any identified dental issues, along with a proposed treatment plan. To make the experience engaging and educational, the team conducted interactive dental education sessions, utilizing mannequins and songs to effectively teach the children proper brushing techniques. The event concluded with a gesture of gratitude, as the school manager presented certificates to the participating students and supervisors in recognition of their dedicated efforts and valuable contributions to community oral health.

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Faculty of Dentistry Conducts Dental Awareness and Checkup Visit at Happy Nest Daycare

On January 27th, the Dean of Students' Office at the Faculty of Dentistry, Tishk International University (TIU), organized a meaningful visit to Happy Nest Daycare, a facility dedicated to the care of orphaned children. The visit was part of a community outreach and awareness initiative aimed at promoting oral health among young children. This impactful project was generously sponsored by Dr. Wan Mand, a distinguished PhD holder and faculty member at the Faculty of Dentistry. Her support ensured the success of the initiative and reinforced the university's commitment to serving the community through education and healthcare.

During the visit, 38 children underwent dental checkups conducted by four senior dentists from various departments of the faculty. Each child's dental condition was documented through individualized case sheets, which were then sent to their parents, identifying specific concerns that may require further attention. In addition to the checkups, the senior dentists provided engaging oral health awareness sessions, educating the children on proper brushing techniques and the importance of maintaining good dental hygiene.

To make the experience engaging and enjoyable, a cartoon video demonstrating proper brushing techniques was screened, encouraging the children to develop healthy oral care habits. Furthermore, gifts were distributed, including coloring pens, pencils, notebooks, and toothbrushes specifically designed for male and female children aged 4 to 5 years.

The Faculty of Dentistry extends its heartfelt appreciation to the senior doctors who contributed their expertise and time to make this project a success. Their dedication to public health and community service reflects the university's mission to foster academic excellence while making a positive social impact.

Tishk International University remains committed to organizing similar initiatives in the future, reinforcing its vital role in promoting health awareness and supporting vulnerable communities.



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TIU Pharmacy Organized World Pharmacist Day Workshop on Meeting Global Health Needs

On September 25, 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University (TIU) held its 8th National Pharmacy Workshop in observance of World Pharmacist Day, with the theme of “Global Health Needs.”

The event commenced with a welcoming address by Prof. Dr. Sultan Abu Orabi, President of Tishk International University, followed by remarks from Dr. Abdulsamad, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Dr. Abdulsamad highlighted the significant achievement of the pharmacy program’s recent accreditation by the European agency AHPGS.

The workshop featured a series of presentations by distinguished speakers:

Dr. Shajwan Salar led the first session on “Comprehensive discussion on global health, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the critical issue of antimicrobial resistance.”

Dr. Alan Ryadh provided an overview of the pharmacy profession with a focus on clinical pharmacy practice.

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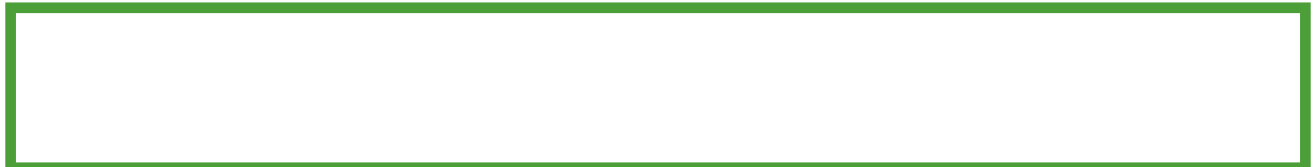
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This workshop contributed to multiple SDGs by focusing on good health and quality education.

Keywords: Medical Education, Education, Higher Education, Sustainability, University, Global Cooperation, Sustainable Development Goals





A Project Focused on Inclusivity and Care

The alumni spearheaded the initiative by collecting donations and providing assistance to the children at the institute. This program coincided with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, aiming to bring joy to the children and emphasize inclusivity and care for differently-abled individuals.

This thoughtful gesture highlighted the dedication of our graduates and the department's commitment to fostering meaningful social impact within the community.

Keywords: Community Service, Social Responsibility, Alumni Engagement, Inclusive Education, Philanthropy



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“Mental Health: The Hidden Key to Success and Well-being” Seminar

On October 14, 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University (TIU) hosted a seminar in recognition of World Mental Health Day. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of mental health, particularly among younger people. The seminar also aligned with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), directly promoting SDG 3 by focusing on mental health as a crucial component of overall well-being. Additionally, it emphasized the role of education in mental health awareness, contributing to SDG 4.

Dr. Abdulsamad Salahaddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, began the seminar with a welcoming speech. He addressed the mental health challenges faced by the younger generation, stressing how essential mental well-being is for both personal and academic success.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Nasraw Mustafa, a psychiatrist and college lecturer, delivered a talk titled “Mental Health: The Hidden Key to Success and Well-being.” He explained how stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues can impact academic and professional performance. Dr. Nasraw provided practical advice on recognizing signs of mental distress, managing stress, and seeking appropriate help. He also encouraged open conversations about mental health and emphasized the importance of supporting those who may be struggling. The event concluded with a coffee break, offering participants an opportunity to discuss the seminar’s topics and share their thoughts in a relaxed setting.

Keywords: Stress, Mental Health, Sustainability, Higher Education, Education, Well-being



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<https://pharmacy.tiu.edu.iq/mental-health-the-hidden-key-to-success-and-well-being-seminar/>

TIU Pharmacy Organized 9th National Pharmacy Workshop on Diabetes

The Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University, in collaboration with Shar Hospital and Getz Pharma, hosted a National Pharmacy Workshop on Diabetes entitled “Better Patient Care Through Physician and Pharmacist Collaboration” on November 17, 2024. The workshop aimed to enhance diabetes management through teamwork among healthcare professionals, focusing on improving health outcomes, raising awareness about early diagnosis, and effective management strategies.

The event was introduced by Asst. Lecturer, Dr. Shajwan Salar, who highlighted the global burden of diabetes with recent statistics. Asst. Prof Dr. Idris Hadi, Head of the Board of Trustees, gave a welcoming speech. Asst. Prof. Dr. Sultan Abu Orabi, President of TIU, highlighted the importance of health awareness and diet for the management of diabetes. Asst. Prof. Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, The Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, gave an overview of diabetes and its challenges, stressing the importance of ongoing education.

In the first session, Dr. Karzan M. Abdullah, a clinical cardiologist, presented “Type 2 Diabetes Management Is More Than Just HbA1c Control,” followed by Dr. Haider Sabir, a specialist general surgeon, who introduced the basics of diabetes and the significance of early diagnosis. Dr. Dawan, Manager of Getz Pharma, discussed essential information about the company and the importance of collaboration between educational institutions and pharmaceutical industries.

Free blood glucose monitoring tests were provided, and students organized interactive activities and games, creating a lively atmosphere that added a dynamic and engaging element to the day. The workshop concluded with discussions on strengthening teamwork in healthcare, leaving attendees inspired and better equipped to address diabetes care challenges through knowledge sharing, practical collaboration, and innovation.

Keywords: Diabetes, Healthcare, Pharmacy, Workshop, Collaboration, Students, University

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<https://pharmacy.tiu.edu.iq/faculty-of-pharmacy-tiu-organized-9th-national-pharmacy-workshop-on-diabetes/>



TIU-Faculty of Pharmacy Educational Visits to Bio Laboratories.

The Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University organized educational visits to Bio Labs, Erbil, an advanced biomedical laboratory. The visits took place over six weeks on October 30, November 6 & 27, and December 4, 11 & 17, 2024.

These visits aimed to provide pharmacy students with practical exposure to laboratory equipment and techniques essential for modern diagnostics. Guided by Dr. Dania Awni Kamal, students were introduced to devices such as spectrophotometers, hematology analyzers, and centrifuge machines. The laboratory staff demonstrated how diagnostic tests are performed and explained the function and importance of each device. Students also gained insights into equipment calibration, accuracy, and maintenance.

This initiative successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications, helping students understand the role of biomedical technology in healthcare. The visit was facilitated by Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, and Dr. Mohammad Javed Naim, Head of the Pharmacy Department.

Keywords: Pharmacy, University, Students, Laboratory, Education, Biomedical, Diagnostics, Learning, Erbil



Link:

<https://pharmacy.tiu.edu.iq/tiu-faculty-of-pharmacy-educational-visits-to-bio-laboratories/>

TIU Faculty of Pharmacy Hosts White Coat Ceremony for First-Year Students

On February 23, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University held a White Coat Ceremony to officially welcome first-year students into the pharmacy profession.

The event began with a welcome speech by Asst. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ozdemir, Vice President for Academic Affairs at TIU, who congratulated the students on this important milestone. Dr. Muhammed Abdulghani, Dean of Students, spoke about the responsibilities that come with wearing the white coat. At the same time, Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, emphasized its symbolic meaning as a representation of professionalism and dedication to patient care. Dr. Mohammad Javed Naim, Head of the Pharmacy Department, led the oath ceremony, reinforcing the ethical values and responsibilities of the profession.

The ceremony concluded with a cake cutting and group photos, marking the students' commitment to their journey in pharmacy. The event was made possible with the support of Asst. Prof. Dr. Abdul Samad, Dean of the Pharmacy Faculty, and Dr. Mohammad Javed Naim, Head of the Pharmacy Department, along with Tishk International University.

Keywords: White Coat Ceremony, Pharmacy, Students, University, Tishk International University, Education, Professionalism, Oath



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<https://pharmacy.tiu.edu.iq/faculty-of-pharmacy-at-tiu-hosts-white-coat-ceremony-for-first-year-students>

Closing Ceremony for the 2023-2024 Community Service Project

On February 13, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University held a closing ceremony to celebrate the successful completion of the 2023-2024 Community Service Projects. The event was a time for faculty members and students to recognize the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

The ceremony began with speeches by Dr. Rozhan Arif and Dr. Zeynel Polat, the Dean of Students (DOS) representatives, who expressed appreciation for the students and faculty members who contributed to the community projects. They highlighted the importance of community service and teamwork in shaping students' professional growth.

Following their remarks, Dr. Mohammad Javed Naim, Head of the Pharmacy Department, gave a speech acknowledging the students' efforts and the faculty's guidance. He praised their dedication and emphasized how such projects help build important skills while positively impacting society.

To show appreciation for their contributions, certificates and gifts were distributed to both students and staff. The event concluded with a celebratory cake cutting, where everyone shared smiles and memories from the projects. This ceremony marked another successful year of community service, reinforcing the Faculty of Pharmacy's commitment to learning, teamwork, and social responsibility.

The faculty extended its gratitude to Dr. Abdul Samad, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, for his continuous motivation and for initiating such community service projects. They also thanked the rectorate for providing the excellent platform and support essential for the success of these initiatives.

Keywords: Community Service, Pharmacy, Students, Faculty, Community Projects, Social Responsibility, Ceremony, University, Tishk International University



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TIU Faculty of Pharmacy Organizes 7th International Pharmacy Workshop

On February 6, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University organized the 7th International Pharmacy Workshop (IPW) to mark World Cancer Day. The workshop's theme was "Recent Progress in Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer," and it was held in collaboration with Takvin and Amr Lab.

The event began with a welcome speech by Prof. Dr. Sultan Abu Orabi, President of TIU. Asst. Prof. Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, introduced the workshop's theme, emphasizing the need for continuous research.

The first session featured three speakers:

Dr. Luqman Rahman, Assistant Professor in Oncology, spoke about "From Awareness to Action: Empowering the Next Generation in the Fight Against Cancer."

Dr. Suzan Hoshyar, Director of the Breast Center and Adjunct Faculty at UKH, presented "Breast Cancer - We Can Fight It, It Is Not a Death Sentence."

Dr. Fahad Abdulwahab, a Hematopathologist, gave a talk on "Delivery of Advanced Hemato-Oncological Lab Tests to Those in Need: Creativity, Communication, Collaboration."

The second session featured two online keynote speakers:

Dr. Amin Malik from Research LTD discussed "Botanical Drugs for Cancer Therapy."

Dr. Hassan A. Rathore, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, presented "Molecular Mechanisms in Lung Adenocarcinoma."

The workshop ended with a certificate distribution ceremony to recognize the efforts of the organizers, committee members, and volunteers. This event supported better healthcare, high-quality education, scientific research, and collaboration, which are all essential for making progress in the fight against cancer. The workshop was made possible with the support of the Rectorate, Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Pharmacy Faculty, and Dr. Mohammad Javed Naim, Head of the Pharmacy Department.

Keywords: Pharmacy, Cancer, Workshop, International Pharmacy Workshop, Diagnosis, Treatment, Research, University, Tishk International University, Takvin, Amr Lab



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TIU - Faculty of Pharmacy Presented a Seminar on the Role of Pharmacists in Healthcare

On February 27, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University, Erbil, held an informative seminar at Aynda Private Kurdish High School. The seminar, titled “The Role of Pharmacist and Healthcare of Patients,” aimed to educate students on the vital role of pharmacists in healthcare.

The esteemed staff members—Hedi Othman, Sana Sirwan Salih, and Serwa Falah—presented an in-depth look at the responsibilities of pharmacists and the significance of over-the-counter (OTC) medications. They emphasized the importance of the pharmacist-patient relationship in ensuring proper medication use and patient well-being.

An engaging video showcased the Faculty of Pharmacy’s labs and the practical application of pharmaceutical formulations, such as preparing ointments with natural ingredients like almond and lemon oil. This was followed by an interactive session where students gained hands-on experience by preparing ointments themselves under the guidance of the presenters.

The seminar was well-received by the students of Aynda High School. The visit was made more memorable by the respectful and supportive presence of the school director, Draxshan Faiq Jaff, and assistant director Fauzya, who expressed their appreciation with certificates and gratitude.

Keywords: Pharmacists, Healthcare, Seminar, Tishk International University, Aynda High School, Students, Education, Pharmaceutical

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TIU Pharmacy's 2025 Autism Awareness Community Project

For the past seven years, the Autism Awareness Community Project has been an integral part of the academic year at Tishk International University (TIU)'s Faculty of Pharmacy. As part of this ongoing commitment, a special event was held in April 2025 to commemorate World Autism Awareness Day. This event was a key component of the Autism Care and Awareness Community Service Project, which aims to enhance understanding and support for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Key Project Initiatives

The Autism Community Service Project is led by a dedicated team of students and staff who meet at the beginning of each academic year to plan activities and set goals.

On February 26, 2025, the team organized a major food fundraising event. This initiative successfully brought together students, teachers, and community members to promote autism awareness and raise essential funds. The collective efforts and collaboration within the Faculty of Pharmacy were crucial to the success of this event.

In April, a delegation from the Faculty of Pharmacy's Administrative Office visited the Erbil Autism Centre. The purpose of the visit was to observe the progress of the trained children and assess the center's needs, reaffirming the faculty's commitment to providing continuous support.

Impact and Celebration

The Faculty of Pharmacy was proud to organize a special event on April 24, 2025, at the Autism Centre to celebrate Autism Awareness Day. The funds raised were carefully utilized to purchase critical supplies and thoughtful gifts for the students at the center. This gesture was intended to provide essential tools while also demonstrating genuine care and support for their well-being and inclusion in society.

During the visit, students and teachers spent quality time with the children, participating in a variety of fun, interactive activities such as face painting, which was a popular choice. The experience was profoundly touching for everyone involved, highlighting the importance of empathy, compassion, and active community engagement.

The Faculty plans to continue these vital outreach activities in the future, with the primary goal of strengthening the bond between the university and the autistic community. This entire project was made possible through the continuous support of Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Dr. Mohammed Javed Naim, Head of the Pharmacy Department, and the wider university.

Keywords: Autism Awareness, Community Service, Pharmacy, Tishk International University, Students, Faculty, Fundraising, Social Responsibility, Erbil Autism Centre



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5th National Tishk Pharmaceutical Conference

On April 21–22, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University (TIU) organized its 5th National Tishk Pharmaceutical Conference. The two-day event focused on the theme, “The Role of Kurdish Medicinal Plants in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3): Good Health and Well-Being.” The first day took place at the Dedeman Hotel, and the second day was held at the Faculty of Pharmacy, TIU.

Day 1: Dedeman Hotel

The conference began with a welcoming speech by Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Javed, Head of the Pharmacy Department. This was followed by remarks from Prof. Dr. Muhammed Kalar, Representative of the Minister of Higher Education, who highlighted the global significance of herbal plants and their alignment with SDG 3. Asst. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Ozdemir, Vice President of TIU, expressed his appreciation for the faculty’s efforts, while Asst. Prof. Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, welcomed the audience and provided an overview of the faculty’s accomplishments, including its recent AHPGS accreditation.

The first session was chaired by Asst. Prof. Dr. Subasini Uthirapathy, and featured keynote speeches by Prof. Dr. Azeez A. Barzinjy, on “Harnessing Plant Power: A Sustainable Approach to Nanoparticle Synthesis,” and Prof. Dr. Salah Tofik Balaky, who presented “Gene Expression Profiling Using RT-PCR.” The second session was led by Dr. Ahmad Hamdy, with a seminar by Asst. Prof. Dr. Lana Yousif on “Complementary and Alternative Medicine.” The third session, chaired by Dr. Kamaran Javed, featured online talks from Prof. Fatma M. Abdel Bar and Mrs. Sawsan S. Al-Rawi, and a final presentation by Dr. Abdulwahab Jameel on “The Role of Genetic Testing...in Cancer.”

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to sponsors, speakers, organizers, and volunteers. Outstanding Grade 5 pharmacy students were also recognized for their academic achievements.

Day 2: Faculty of Pharmacy, TIU

The second day commenced with a warm welcome from Asst. Prof. Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, who summarized the first day’s events and reiterated the conference’s commitment to SDG 3. Dr. Marwan, a representative of the Iraqi Syndicate, also extended his gratitude and emphasized the historical significance of traditional herbal medicine.

The first session was chaired by Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Javed Naim, featuring presentations from Asst. Prof. Dr. Javed Ahamad on “The Role of Kurdish Medicinal Plants...” and Asst. Prof. Dr. Subasini Uthirapathy on “Pomegranate as a Natural Remedy for Gastric Ulcer Prevention.” The second session, chaired by Asst. Lecturer Dr. Shajwan Salar, included seminars by Asst. Prof. Dr. Kamaran Javed, Dr. Ahmad Hamdy, and Dr. Soma Majidi.

The final segment of the day was a poster session, where fifth-year pharmacy students showcased their graduation projects and engaged with professionals in the field. The conference concluded with a closing speech by Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Javed Naim, encouraging the continuation of conversations and collaborations.

Keywords: Pharmaceutical Conference, Medicinal Plants, Sustainable Development Goals, SDG 3, Herbal Medicine, University, Tishk International University, Pharmacy, Research, Education



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Autism Care and Awareness Community Service Project

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Initiated on October 6th, 2022, and accomplished on May 18th, 2023, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University (TIU) successfully implemented this year's Autism Care and Awareness Community Service Project. The project was carried out under the supervision of Dr. Rozhan Arif, the Dean of Students Representative and Coordinator of the Faculty of Pharmacy, along with Research Assistants Dr. Saya Ameer and Dr. Sarmad Jabbar, as well as other supervisors including Dr. Ibrahim Khudhair, Dr. Omar Najmaddin, and Dr. Mohammed Sultan. Numerous volunteers from different grades also participated in the project.

Each year, the organizers of this project plan a series of activities aimed at raising awareness, understanding, and acceptance of autistic individuals. These activities span over several months and involve a range of preparations, workshops, fundraising events, and visits to autism centers to enable students to engage with and witness the daily struggles of those affected.

The project began by obtaining permission from the center's director on October 6th, 2022, to commence the project and coordinate access. Organizers established a communication group with volunteers, assigning responsibilities and distributing tasks. Meetings were held with the volunteers to design brochures, assign tasks, and schedule activities including shopping.

One of the key events was a fundraising event held on February 22nd, 2023, aimed at gathering support and financial aid from TIU students, staff, and external individuals. Faculty-student volunteers worked diligently to collect funds through various activities, such as selling homemade foods and handicrafts, providing henna designs, conducting competitions, and offering blood pressure, blood sugar, and body mass index measurements. TIU Presidency, staff members, and students enthusiastically visited the stands and made significant contributions to the fundraising efforts.

On March 30th, a group of volunteer students from the faculty, accompanied by their supervisor, Dr. Saya Ameer, went shopping to purchase stationery items for autistic children at an Autism Center in Erbil. The students and supervisors packed the bags with the items, prepared sweets, and adorned the center with balloons and other decorations ahead of the ceremony held on April 2nd, which coincided with World Autism Day.

During the ceremony on April 2nd, nearly 17 volunteer students, along with supervisors and other doctors, including the Dean and Head of Department, visited the Autism Center. The event took place in the presence of the children, their families, and invited guests. Brochures containing practical advice on caring for autistic children were distributed to parents, aiming to provide them with support and guidance.

The event included various activities organized by the volunteers to engage and entertain the autistic children and their families. These activities encompassed face painting, hand printing, and other interactive experiences, allowing the children to express themselves creatively and enjoy the event. The success of the project was evident as the children and their families expressed their gratitude for the volunteers' efforts and the Faculty of Pharmacy's involvement.

Finally, on May 18th, 2023, the Pharmacy Faculty arranged a final and comprehensive visit to the center to deliver all the gifts prepared for the autistic children and their teachers. These gifts included specialized toys and exercises tailored to each child's autism and cognitive impairment level. Students also had the opportunity to engage in various activities with the autistic children throughout the day.

We hope that all the goals and objectives of this project have been achieved. The project serves as a motivation for our students to care for and raise awareness about autism within our community. Continued collaboration and contributions are essential to further develop the educational support for autistic children and meet their specific needs.



Orphanage Center Visit by Faculty of Pharmacy

As part of its ongoing commitment to social responsibility, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University (TIU) organized a visit to the Orphanage Center in Erbil on June 30, 2025. The initiative was a component of the faculty's community service project, aiming to provide support and joy to the children at the local center.

Project Initiatives

The project began with a successful fundraising campaign held on campus on February 26, 2025. The event was a collaborative effort involving the Dean of Students, faculty research assistants, and pharmacy students. Activities such as food preparation, interactive games, and the sale of handmade artwork contributed to the generous collection of funds.

Following the campaign, a meeting was held with the orphanage center's management to identify the children's specific needs. Based on this, major renovations were carried out on the garden and playground. Additionally, new seating benches and rechargeable lights were purchased and provided to the center as part of the renovation efforts.

Impact and Experience

The visit had a heartfelt impact on both the children and the participating students. The children received essential supplies and thoughtful gifts that brought them joy and a refreshing break from their daily routines. Simultaneously, the students experienced a profound lesson in empathy, compassion, and the importance of giving back to the community.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated creativity and kindness through various activities, including group games and interactive play sessions. This project was a successful example of community engagement and collaboration, reflecting the values of compassion, social equality, and collective action. It also reinforced the role of higher education in addressing social challenges while nurturing the spirit of service and unity among students and staff.

Keywords: Orphanage, Community Service, Pharmacy, Tishk International University, Students, Fundraising, Social Responsibility, Compassion

