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# UHS NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES LAHORE



March 2026



## UHS inaugurates daycare centre for working mothers

*Govt aims to expand daycare facilities across Punjab, says Parliamentary Secretary*

March 31: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) inaugurated a state-of-the-art daycare centre aimed at facilitating working women, particularly mothers, by providing a safe and supportive environment for their children.

Parliamentary Secretary for Women Development Salma Saadia Temur and Parliamentary Secretary for Specialised Healthcare Rushda Lodhi attended the inauguration as chief guests. UHS Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Nadia Naseem, Registrar Kiran Fatima, along with a large number of female faculty and staff, were also present.

The facility has been established with funding from the Women Development Department

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# UHS BoG approves five-year contract extension for 106 employees

March 12: The 64th meeting of the Board of Governors of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) was held with Ms Farkhanda Waseem Afzal in the chair, where the board approved extension in service contracts of 106 employees for a further period of five years.

The meeting reviewed administrative and service matters related to the university and granted approval for extension of contracts under the UHS Service Statutes, allowing the employees to continue their services for the next five years.

The meeting was attended by Capt (R) Zahid Saeed, Prof Saeed Shafqat, Ms Shahnaz Sardar, Vice Chancellor UHS Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore, and Registrar Kiran Fatima, while representatives of the Punjab Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Department and the Finance Department joined the session online.

The board also discussed routine administrative affairs of the university and took necessary decisions in accordance with the rules.



## UHS conducts training on PITB lab software

Mar 30: University of Health Sciences held a hands-on training session on laboratory software developed by Punjab Information Technology Board to improve efficiency, transparency and quality in diagnostic services.

Heads of departments, PhD faculty, pathologists and molecular biologists participated in the interactive session chaired by Prof Nadia Naseem. The programme covered quality assurance, system optimisation and real-time problem solving.

PITB officials, including Moeen Akhtar, Muhammad Bilal and Muhammad Waqas, provided technical guidance.



# UHS launches its first-ever annual magazine, invites submissions

Mar 15: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has announced the launch of its first-ever annual magazine, UHS Chronicle, aimed at providing a dedicated platform for academic, literary and creative expression within the university community.

The inaugural edition will be published by the Directorate of Media and Publications, with a formal call for submissions issued for contributors across UHS and its affiliated institutions in Punjab.

According to the announcement, students, faculty, alumni and colleges affiliated with UHS have been invited to submit original work for inclusion in the magazine. The publication will feature a wide range of categories including research articles, health and medicine features, opinion pieces, student essays, short stories, poetry in English and Urdu, photography, artwork, campus life highlights and farewell messages.

A special Urdu section titled اقراء (IQRA) will also be part of the magazine, accommodating submissions in نثر، شاعری، مضامین and شاعری.

Vice Chancellor UHS, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore, said the initiative reflects the university's commitment to nurturing intellectual and creative engagement alongside academic excellence.

"This magazine will serve as a collective voice of the UHS community. It is not just a publication but a platform where ideas, research, creativity and experiences come together," he said.

He added that the university aims to encourage students and faculty to express themselves beyond classrooms and laboratories. "We want to promote a culture where scientific thought coexists with literary and artistic expression. UHS Chronicle will document not only academic achievements but also the human side of medical education," Prof Rathore noted.

## UHS Chronicle 2026

An Annual Magazine of University of Health Sciences Lahore

Inside UHS leadership:  
A conversation with the  
Vice Chancellor

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The Directorate of Media and Publications, which will oversee editing and production, has outlined detailed submission guidelines. Contributors are required to submit original, unpublished work, with strict adherence to academic integrity and no tolerance for plagiarism. Submissions must be made in MS Word format, accompanied by a short author bio and declaration.

Word limits vary by category. Creative submissions such as poetry and short stories also have defined limits, while visual content must meet specified resolution standards. Selected contributors will be recognised through awards including Best Article, Best Photograph and Best Creative Piece, while all published authors will receive certificates. Submissions can be sent via email at [uhschronicle@uhs.edu.pk](mailto:uhschronicle@uhs.edu.pk) with April 30, 2026 set as the deadline.

The university has encouraged all eligible participants to take part in what it described as a milestone initiative, inviting them to "write, create and contribute" to the inaugural edition of UHS Chronicle.



## UHS Paediatric Council reviews clinical ethics, proposes increase in MBBS paediatrics marks

March 4: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) held the second session of the Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) for Paediatric Medicine where faculty members proposed increasing the weightage of paediatrics in the final year MBBS examination, a suggestion that received a positive response from the UHS Vice Chancellor.

The meeting, academically hosted by SIMS/Services Hospital Lahore, focused on professionalism, ethics and communication in paediatric clinical practice. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Nadia Naseem and Prof Dr Muhammad Asif Naveed welcomed the participants and briefed them about the objectives of the council. Faculty members and postgraduate residents from the Department of Paediatrics at SIMS/Services Hospital attended the session.

Prof Dr Muhammad Rafique, head of the department of paediatrics at SIMS/Services Hospital, delivered a presentation titled "Professionalism in Paediatric Practice: Ethics, Empathy and Accountability." He underlined the importance of ethical conduct, compassionate care and professional responsibility, noting that empathy strengthens doctor-patient relationships and improves outcomes for children.

Prof Dr Muhammad Khalid Masood, head of Paediatrics Unit-II, spoke about maintaining

professional standards and collaborative practice within paediatric departments. He highlighted the role of World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines in obtaining informed consent from parents or authorised guardians of children involved in research. He also discussed the importance of assent and the right of children to object to participation in research. The council also agreed to revise the informed consent proforma for MD Paediatrics synopses in line with the latest WHO guidelines concerning children and adolescents as research participants. Dr Fatima Tahira, associate professor at Paediatrics Unit-I, spoke on communication skills among healthcare professionals and ethical principles governing research involving children. She discussed effective communication with children and parents, confidentiality, informed consent and the ethical dilemmas often faced during clinical studies involving minors.

During the concluding discussion, faculty members emphasised the need to give greater academic weight to paediatrics in undergraduate medical training.

Responding to the proposal, UHS VC Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore agreed to increase the marks allocated to paediatrics in the final year MBBS examination from 200 to 300.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion where participants shared practical concerns and experiences related to paediatric ethics, communication and research practices.



## UHS tightens oversight of online classes in Punjab's health institutions

March 11: The University of Health Sciences has enforced a comprehensive monitoring system for online teaching across all affiliated medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and allied health sciences institutions in Punjab to ensure uninterrupted academic activity during the government-mandated shift to virtual learning.

The decision was taken at a meeting of principals chaired by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Nadia Naseem, in line with directions of Vice-Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore. The meeting was attended by senior officials and heads of affiliated institutes from across the province.

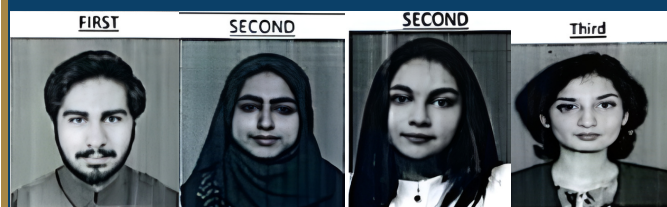
Participants were informed that all non-clinical and semester-based programmes will continue online, with institutions required to strictly follow approved timetables and maintain complete digital attendance of faculty and students.

UHS outlined a structured framework under which institutes must record detailed information of each session, including module coverage, duration, attendance and digital platforms used, while ensuring appropriate virtual arrangements for practical and laboratory teaching.

Colleges have been directed to submit daily reports to the university by 11am, covering teaching activities and technical issues. Compliance will be reviewed centrally, with weekly assessments by UHS leadership to ensure quality, discipline and continuity of academic delivery.

## Second professional MBBS result declared

March 12: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has announced the result of the Second Professional MBBS modular annual examination, with Muhammad Hamza Masood of Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, securing first position. According to the result notification, a total of 5,867 candidates from 44 medical colleges across Punjab appeared in the examination. Out of them, 4,821



candidates were declared successful while 1,038 failed, making the overall pass percentage 82.28.

Muhammad Hamza Masood of Allama Iqbal Medical College obtained first position by securing 973 marks out of 1050. The second position was shared by Asmaa Khalid of Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, and Eisha Ali of Fatima Memorial Hospital Medical College, Lahore, securing 946 marks each. Eman Ali Khan of Shalamar Medical and Dental College, Lahore, obtained third position with 942 marks.

The university announced the result on the third day after completion of the practical examinations. The detailed result has been uploaded on the official website of the university.

# Inauguration of UHS Daycare Centre



### Centre for Faculty Excellence (Completed)



### Elevator (Under Construction)



### Day Care Centre (Completed)



## Sample Collection Centre (Under Construction)



## UHS Auditorium (Under Construction)



# Vice Chancellor's Visit to Histopathology Lab



# Admissions

## 10-SEMESTER PROGRAMS

- i. Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
- ii. Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

## 08-SEMESTER PROGRAMS

- i. B.S. Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT)
- ii. B.S. Speech and Language Pathology
- iii. B.S. Human Genetics & Molecular Biology
- iv. B.S. Transfusion Medicine & Blood Bank Technology
- v. B.S. Human Nutrition & Dietetics
- vi. B.S. Biomedical Sciences
- vii. B.S. Public Health
- viii. BS Medical Imaging Technology
- ix. BS Optometry and Orthoptics
- x. BS Operation Theater Technology
- xi. BS Emergency and Intensive Care
- xii. BS Cardiac Perfusion
- xiii. BS Respiratory Therapy
- xiv. BS Anesthesia Technology
- xv. BS Audiology
- xvi. BS Dental Technology
- xvii. BS Occupational Therapy
- xviii. BS Orthotic and Prosthetics

**Last date to apply:  
08 April 2026**



# UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES LAHORE

## ADMISSIONS

### On-Campus Undergraduate Programs Spring 2026

The University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, invites online applications from eligible candidates for admission to the following semester-based undergraduate programs, Spring 2026, to be offered at the UHS Jinnah Campus, Kala Shah Kaku:

10-SEMESTER PROGRAMS		
Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)	Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	
08-SEMESTER PROGRAMS		
B.S. Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT)	B.S. Public Health	BS Respiratory Therapy
B.S. Speech and Language Pathology	BS Medical Imaging Technology	BS Anesthesia Technology
B.S. Human Genetics & Molecular Biology	BS Optometry and Orthoptics	BS Audiology
B.S. Transfusion Medicine & Blood Bank Technology	BS Operation Theater Technology	BS Dental Technology
B.S. Human Nutrition & Dietetics	BS Emergency and Intensive Care	BS Occupational Therapy
B.S. Biomedical Sciences	BS Cardiac Perfusion	BS Orthotic and Prosthetics

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- i. Candidate must have passed HSSC (Pre-Medical) or equivalent examination with at-least 60% marks in aggregate.
- ii. Candidate has passed UHS Undergraduate Admission Test (UGAT)-2026 (Spring) with minimum 50% marks.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Applicants shall submit their applications online through <http://portals.uhs.edu.pk/ug-admission> by creating a verified account using a valid email. The application form shall be duly completed with correct particulars, academic details, required documents, and selected programs. Each program selected shall constitute a separate application and attract a non-refundable processing fee of **Rs. 1000/-**, in addition to a UGAT fee of **Rs. 3000/-**. A system-generated challan shall be deposited through designated modes within the prescribed deadline, and proof of payment shall be uploaded to the portal. Any modification after fee submission shall require fresh payment of the processing fee. Applicants shall be responsible for verifying all entries and documents prior to final submission. No changes shall be permissible thereafter, and confirmation shall be communicated via email.
2. Candidates who had applied earlier in response to the advertisement published on **04 March 2026** (SPL#226) may edit their previously submitted applications for the purpose of inclusion of programs. The fee challan shall be generated accordingly in respect of any program(s) newly added by the candidate.

#### UHS-UGAT 2026 (SPRING)

The test shall comprise a single paper of 100 MCQs, with 25 each from English, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Duration shall be two hours, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** and concluding at **12:00 noon** on **Sunday, April 12, 2026**.

#### MERIT CALCULATION

Merit shall be based on the following weightage: SSC/Equivalent 10%, HSSC (Pre-Medical Part-I / Equivalent) 40%, and UHS-UGAT 2026 (Spring) score 50%.

#### PROGRAM SELECTION AND ADMISSION FINALITY CLAUSE

1. A candidate may apply for admission to one or more Programs. Consequently, his/her name may appear in the merit lists of multiple Programs. It shall be the sole discretion of the candidate to secure admission by depositing the prescribed fee for any one of the Programs of choice within the stipulated deadline. Failure to deposit the fee within the due date for any Program in which the candidate's name appears in a merit list shall result in forfeiture of the right to admission in that Program, and no claim in this regard shall be entertained thereafter.
2. If a candidate secures admission in a Program by timely payment of the prescribed fee, and subsequently his/her name appears in the merit list of another Program, he/she may opt to transfer to the latter Program by submitting a written request to the University for transfer of fee within the notified deadline and by depositing any balance amount due, if applicable.
3. Under no circumstances shall the candidate be permitted to revert to the previously allotted Program once the transfer has been affected.

#### ADMISSIONS SCHEDULE

Start of admission process	17.03.2026
Last Date for Submission of Application	08.04.2026
<b>Undergraduate Admission Test (UGAT)-2026 (Spring)</b>	<b>12.04.2026</b>
Display of First Merit List	17.04.2026
Second Merit List	24.04.2026
<b>Commencement of Classes</b>	<b>28.04.2026</b>

#### IMPORTANT

1. Incomplete or improperly submitted applications shall be rejected.
2. Mandatory uploads: CNIC/B-Form, father's CNIC, recent passport-size photograph, SSC certificate/result card, HSSC result card, domicile, and IBCC equivalence (if applicable).
3. Each document shall be in prescribed format, not exceeding 1 MB, and must be clear and legible.
4. Hard copy submission of application is not required.
5. Admission shall be granted strictly on open merit.
6. Merit lists shall be displayed on the UHS website ([www.uhs.edu.pk](http://www.uhs.edu.pk)).
7. Syllabi and fee structures are available on the UHS website.
8. The clinical training sites for these programs will be attached teaching and affiliated hospitals.

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## UHS orders online classes in 200 institutions amid energy emergency

### *VC directs development of a centralised monitoring system*

MARCH 10 – The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has ordered an immediate transition to online teaching across all campuses and more than 200 affiliated and constituent colleges, following a provincial directive issued amid an ongoing energy crisis linked to regional tensions between Iran and Israel.

In compliance with instructions from the Government of the Punjab, UHS has suspended physical classes from March 10 to March 31, 2026. A formal notification has been issued, directing institutions to ensure uninterrupted academic activities through virtual platforms.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore, while chairing a meeting at the Jinnah Campus, emphasised that online teaching must uphold the

same academic standards as in-person classes. He clarified that the shift is not a holiday but a change in the mode of instruction, requiring full faculty engagement and student participation. The university has also ordered the establishment of a centralised monitoring system to track online teaching activities in real time across all institutions. Heads of departments and academic coordinators have been assigned responsibility for ensuring compliance, monitoring attendance, and submitting regular reports, with non-compliance to be treated as a serious breach.

The directive applies to all theoretical teaching, including basic sciences, pre-clinical and para-clinical subjects, and non-clinical components of clinical disciplines across programmes such as MBBS, BDS, Nursing, DPT, Pharmacy, and AHS. However, clinical training, ward duties, and patient care activities remain exempt and will continue under institutional arrangements.

Classes will be conducted through platforms including Microsoft Teams, Zoom, and Moodle, with attendance recorded electronically.





## Khatam-e-Quran held at UHS Jamia Mosque on 27th Ramzan

Mar 16: A spiritually uplifting Khatam-e-Quran was held at the Jamia Mosque of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) on the night of 27th Ramzan, drawing a large gathering of faculty members, officers, staff and general public.

A special ceremony was organised on the occasion to mark the completion of the Holy Quran recitation during the holy month. Vice Chancellor UHS, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore, attended the event as chief guest.

He distributed gifts among those who had rendered distinguished services in the recitation and arrangement of the Khatam-e-Quran in Namaz e Taraweeh, including Prof Dr Muhammad Uthman, Qari Abdul Latif Noori, Muhammad Ijaz and Hafiz Abdul Majid.

Speaking on the occasion, UHS VC highlighted the spiritual significance of Ramzan, particularly the blessings associated with the night of 27th, and appreciated the efforts of those involved in organising the Quran recitation.

Among others, Additional Registrar (Admin & Coordination) Ali Fayyaz Malik and Additional Registrar (General) Aamer Adnan Khan were also present.

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under the Chief Minister's Special Initiative Programme. The visiting dignitaries inspected the centre, cut a birthday cake with children, and were briefed on the services being offered.

The facility includes age-appropriate rooms, trained caregivers, indoor play areas, rest spaces, and a secure monitoring system, along with early childhood education support, basic healthcare, hygiene arrangements, and nutritious meals. Speaking on the occasion, Ms Salma Saadia Taimoor said daycare centres were being established across public institutions in Punjab to support working women by providing a safe and conducive environment for their children. She expressed confidence that the provincial target would be achieved soon.

Ms Rashda Lodhi highlighted the important role of women and appreciated their contributions, noting that recent government initiatives were gaining recognition.

Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore said the centre reflected the government's commitment to supporting women and would help employees balance professional and domestic responsibilities. He also highlighted UHS's "Pyari Beti" initiative and proposed joint awareness campaigns on women's health, nutrition and population issues.





## Dermatologists discuss treatment challenges in paediatric cases

March 5: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) held the second session of the Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) for Dermatology bringing together senior faculty and postgraduate residents to deliberate on emerging clinical challenges and updated treatment guidelines in dermatology. The session was hosted academically by SIMS/Services Hospital Lahore.

The academic session featured presentations on "Guidelines on Management of Pediatric Morphea" and therapeutic challenges in the use of biologic therapies in tuberculosis endemic regions. Speakers highlighted updated clinical guidelines, diagnostic considerations and treatment approaches for paediatric morphea. The discussion also focused on the complexities of prescribing biologic drugs in regions where tuberculosis remains widespread, stressing careful patient selection, monitoring and risk assessment.

Among the speakers were Prof Dr Faria Asad, Dr Hira Tariq, Dr Uzma Amin and Dr Ashba Nasir Cheema from Services Hospital Lahore, along with postgraduate residents.

UHS Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore noted that the DSFC platform promotes collaboration among institutions and helps strengthen medical education and clinical practice.

At the end of the session, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Nadia Naseem distributed shields among the speakers.





## Pakistan Day Message

### From Vice Chancellor, University of Health Sciences Lahore

Dear Youth of Pakistan,

On this historic day of 23rd March, we honor the vision, courage, and unity of our forefathers who transformed a dream into reality.

Today, as we celebrate Pakistan Day, the world around us is facing unprecedented challenges—conflicts, economic uncertainties, climate change, and growing inequalities in healthcare and education.

In such times, the role of youth becomes even more critical. As students and professionals in health sciences, your responsibility goes beyond personal success. You are entrusted with:

- Protecting human life with compassion
- Advancing knowledge through research and innovation
- Promoting equity in healthcare access
- Upholding ethical values in a complex global environment

Let this day remind us that true patriotism lies in:

- Excellence in education
- Integrity in character
- Service to humanity
- Commitment to national and global well-being

Pakistan needs a generation that is:

- Globally aware, yet nationally committed
- Scientifically skilled, yet ethically grounded
- Resilient in adversity, yet compassionate in service

At the University of Health Sciences, we are committed to nurturing such leaders—individuals who will not only strengthen Pakistan's healthcare system but also contribute meaningfully to the global community.

Let us renew our pledge:

To serve with knowledge, to lead with integrity, and to build a healthier, stronger Pakistan.

Pakistan Zindabad

**Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore**

