About The Faculty of Pharmacy Cairo University

Overview Of The Faculty

General Information:

The Faculty of Pharmacy is one of the faculties of the Medical Sector in Egypt. The faculty espouses and implements the policies and legislations of Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Supreme Council of Universities (SCU), Pharmacy Sector Committee (PSC) and Cairo University.

The faculty is situated outside the Cairo University Campus, in Kasr El-Aini Street. It consists of six big buildings, two to eight floors each. They include both academic and administrative departments.

The faculty possesses eight academic departments, namely, Pharmaceutics, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Microbiology and Immunology, Analytical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

Historical Note:

The first educational institution for Pharmacy in Egypt was founded in Abou-Zaabal in 1824 as the School of Medicine and Pharmacy. The institution has then been transferred to the Citadel area, then to Kasr El-Aini Street, its current situation, in 1837.

The first graduated pharmacists from this School were 25 students, in the year 1832, and they studied for five educational years.

Later, in 1925, the School was affiliated together with the School of Medicine to Fouad I University and became known as the Faculty of Medicine. In 1941, the higher degrees for Master and Diploma were introduced, to be followed in 1951 by the introduction of the Ph.D. degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

In 1955, a governmental decree was issued to establish a Faculty of Pharmacy as an independent entity in its own right, after having been detached from its affiliation with the Faculty of Medicine. By that time, Fouad I University had then become known as Cairo University.

The duration of study was five years, at the very beginning, then only four years, but was again extended to five, the first year of which was a
preliminary one, designated as the Preliminary Natural Sciences (PNS) year, where the student was taught basic sciences at the Faculty of Science before being admitted to the Faculty of Pharmacy.

The statutes and curricula of the Faculty of Pharmacy witnessed many changes over the years that followed. The ultimate statutory and curricular change was enforced in the academic year 2003-2004, whereby the studies in the PNS year were merged with the proper pharmacy studies and integrated into a 5-year study programme to be attended from day one at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University.
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Goals of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University

Aiming at accomplishing its three-dimensional mission (education - Research - service), the Faculty of Pharmacy is committed to the following:
1 - Establishing the concept of pharmaceutical care is the essence of the vocation of pharmacy upon which the vocational courses of the faculty are founded. Those courses must be flexible to adapt to global changes.
2 – Excellent teaching, and continued development of vocational courses. Staff members, their assistants and students cooperate with each other to accomplish the faculty’s mission. Students are responsible for self-development at the academic and vocational levels.
3 - Training students and practitioners of vocation in order to gain the ethics of vocation, abundance of scientific information and vocational competence to stimulate lifelong learning and dedication to win the trust of the community through emphasizing safety, effectiveness and efficiency of pharmaceutical products and health care.
4 - To encourage the discovery and spread of modern information and motivate staff members to engage in creative activities and research collaborations with a positive impact on the health status in society to provide resources and training programs necessary for developing skills and increasing efficiency.
5 – Making sure that the output of the educational process is the ownership, responsibility and the outcome of the mutual cooperation between decision makers, and internal and external supporters as well as assuring their knowledge of vocational courses and research programs.
6 - Emphasizing the faculty's responsibility of developing the pharmacy vocation through vocational consultancy, public participation and cooperating with institutions, pharmaceutical, health, and global commissions.
7 – Inserting structures and systems that are able to manage and support the continuous global changes.
8 - Welcoming the vocation peers through national and international commissions to assess the quality of performance in the faculty which will lead to development and improvement. Concerning its strategic vision and practicing its strategic mission, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Cairo University, aims at achieving the following strategic goals during the next five years:
a. Establishing and preserving competitive and global advantages in terms of quality, cost, time, information and providing access to reach the scientific status of the faculty through an arrangement between regionally and globally prestigious faculties of Pharmacy.
b. Improve motivation, productivity and quality of the performance of all human
resources at the faculty such as staff members, administrators, employers and technicians through designing and implementing effective systems of stimulation, development and evaluation, especially the systems of improved access and linking it to the targeted performance, developing and maintenance of the physical environment of the faculty.

c. Development and management of institutional system of governance to achieve total transparency, fairness and accountability through activating the mechanisms of development and selection of leadership and management of university boards and management information systems, scientific and effective control systems.

d. Strengthening the economic performance of the faculty's sectors through providing educational programs for labor market and research communication, industry, funding research locally, globally, as well as community service activities of high value added.

e. Achieving a good mental picture for the faculty's Brand Equity through a balanced achievement of priorities for all Stakeholders benefiting from the faculty, particularly students, employing bodies, research funding bodies, quality assurance and accreditation bodies, parents, the State, legislative bodies, media, organizations and the surrounding community members.
History of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University

• In 1824 and in the era of Muhammad Ali, the French physician Clot established a hospital in Abu Zaabal annexes physicians, pharmacists, foreigners and medicinal plants garden.
• In 1827, the Pharmacy School and the Medicine School were founded in Abu Zaabal under the supervision of Clot who selected their professors from Europe. The Pharmacy School comprised 25 students and the duration of the study was 5 years.
• In 1837, the school moved to El-Kasr El-Ainy.
• In 197, at the presence of the late President Anwar Sadat's wife, the anniversary of establishing the faculty 150 years ago was celebrated.
• In June 2006 the following were inaugurated:
  1) The experimental factory for tablets and capsules (semi-industrial).
  2) A unit of implanting plants tissues (the first in the Faculty of Pharmacy).
  3) Computer lab (2) for students accommodating 45 computers.
  4) The scientific seminars hall (2) on the third floor of the new building.
  5) The center of developing the abilities of staff members and leaderships of Cairo University.
In the academic year 2007/2008, the class no. 180 of pharmacists was graduated.
Mission The Faculty of Pharmacy Cairo University

The mission of Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University is to provide a high quality undergraduate and postgraduate academic environment to foster pharmacists attaining a successful career and provide skilled and ethical pharmaceutical care. As an institution with a long and distinguished history of specialization in pharmacy education, the faculty offers continually developing programmes to cope with the advances in the pharmacy profession. The faculty also supports research, promotes life-long learning and engages in various community serving activities. Our highly skillful faculty and staff members are a powerful driving force for achieving our mission.
Vision the Faculty of Pharmacy Cairo University

The vision of Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University is to achieve excellence and quality in education, research and community related services. The faculty strives to be among the best pharmacy schools nationally, regionally as well as internationally through seeking continual improvement and getting accreditation.
Word of Faculty of Pharmacy

We all know that you are the elite of those who have passed the exams of pre-university stage. This requires that you continue success and distinction that needs further perseverance and effort. This is not difficult to be achieved as you are surrounded with elite of professors that estimate science and knowledge. Moreover, the faculty's administration is insisting on working through a new strategy that meets your ambitions and is working on creating graduates with high competitive abilities, able to face challenges in labor market either locally or globally. We work on qualifying you to become professional pharmacists beneficial to our dear motherland Egypt.