

**Student Support Unit
Faculty of Medicine
King Abdul-Aziz University**

Vision:

Enabling our students to achieve supreme success, have self-fulfillment and become pioneers in their professions.

Mission:

Helping students to achieve their academic goals and overcome their personal problems through the development of their skills and supporting them on both emotional and educational aspects.

Goals:

The aim of Student Support Unit is to support students who have special or emergency situations, especially those with special needs, academic defaulters, or talented students, so they can face their challenges and varying educational potentials, by enabling them to understand their own personalities, discover their capabilities and solve their own problems in order to achieve psychological and social coherence with their educational and professional advancement.

Tasks:

- To guide students in all ethical, psychological, social, educational and professional aspects, so they become good members of the community, and can live a peaceful and satisfying life. Guidance to discuss the problems faced by students while studying, whether personal, social or educational or other, and work to find appropriate solutions that guarantee them proper progress in their studies.
- To make a list of academic defaulters of each semester and meet them to find out the different causes of their failure.
- To work on the discovery of talents, capabilities and tendencies of the students and direct and invest them for the benefit of students in particular and society in general.
- To assist the cases that need financial support through employment, fund aid or advances.
- To guide and encourage the students to participate in the activities to benefit from their leisure time.
- Contribute and participate in the extra-curricular activities.

Assistive Methods to achieve the goals of the unit:

- To cooperate with the entire sectors of the university.
- Coordinate with the other departments and the Administration of Academic Affairs.
- Cooperate with civil and community institutions outside the kingdom.
- Issue introductory booklets, guidance pamphlets and educational brochures in order serve the goals of the unit.
- To host lectures and related conferences and participate in the various events.
- To study the behavior and negative phenomena of the students that might affect their progress of study or improve their performance and find out the appropriate solutions.

Heads of the student support unit:

In charge of financial support: Ms.Eman Al-Dugs

In charge of Social support: Dr. Suad Shakir

Head of Academic Advise division: Dr. Reem Al-Affari

Career Guidance: Dr. Lana Al-Shawa

Psychological guidance: Dr. Doaa Khalifa - Dr. Abeer Al-Khayyat

Aid Point: Ms. Deema Haneef