



Pacific Heads of Health Meeting.
15th April 2024
Apia. SAMOA

National University of Samoa

Faculty of Health Science (FOHS)

Policy Context

PDS Vision:
Fostering social harmony, safety and freedom for all

Health Sector Vision:
A Healthy Samoa

Vision:
A trained and professional workforce that meet the needs of the population.

NUS Vision:
A University of Excellence in Research, Samoan Studies, Quality Education and training in response to national and regional development needs.

Education Sector Vision:
All people in Samoa are educated and productively engaged.



National University of Samoa

- Established in 1984
 - 1 program (Foundation Program)
 - 45 Students
 - Less than 30 staff
 - Budget – \$SAT 5.00
- 2024 – 40th Anniversary
 - 6 Faculties
 - 2 Centres
 - 1 School
 - More than 3000 students
 - More than 300 staff
 - Budget - \$SAT20+millions

Faculty of Health Science

- ❑ Established in 2017
- ❑ School of Medicine
- ❑ School of Nursing

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

- ❑ Established in the NUS in 2015 (Faculty of Medicine)
- ❑ Government Plan / Supported by the Cabinet
- ❑ Programs available – MBBS, Master of Public Health. (Master of Surgery in Orthopedics.)
- ❑ Health Research and Service to Community

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❑ Enrolment– Average of 50 students /year (2021-2024)
- ❑ Graduates– Average of 8 students/year (2020-2023)
- ❑ Regional Students - Solomon Islands
- ❑ Staff – Local and overseas visiting lecturers
- ❑ MBBS program accreditation 2021

CHALLENGES:

- ❑ Resources

School of Nursing

SCHOOL OF NURING

- ❑ Established in the NUS in 1994
- ❑ Supported by the Government
- ❑ Programs available – Preliminary Certificate in Nursing, Foundation Certificate in Nursing, Diploma in Nursing, Bachelor in Nursing, Post Graduate Diploma in Midwifery
- ❑ Research and Service to Community

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❑ Enrolment - Average of 250students/year (2021- 2024)
- ❑ Graduates – Average of 50students graduated/year (2020 – 2023)
- ❑ Regional Students - Tuvalu and Tokelau
- ❑ Qualified Teaching Staff – Local and Overseas
- ❑ Reviewed Curriculum Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery - aligns with International Confederation of Midwifery and Samoa standards and competencies for midwifery practices in collaboration with the Burnette Institute.

CHALLENGES

- ❑ Resources – Clinical Teaching.

Bachelor of Health Science program

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❑ Established as a Collaborative (NUS, MOH and NZMFAT) project.
- ❑ Aim to develop the Allied Health Professional workforce
- ❑ Four specialties:
 - ❖ Medical Laboratory Science
 - ❖ Environmental Health
 - ❖ Health Promotion
 - ❖ Nutrition
- ❑ Commenced Semester 1 2024.
- ❑ Staffing – locals

CHALLENGES:

- ❑ Resources

Way Forward



- ❑ Accreditation of programs
- ❑ Development of new postgraduate programs in Both schools (Specialization)
- ❑ Addition specialties for the Bachelor of Health Science
- ❑ Health Research



Thank you