



NU 1st International Higher
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**Theme: Fostering Excellence in HPE through
Collaboration, Innovation, and Skill-building for
Improved Healthcare Outcomes**

CONFERENCE BROCHURE



February 3 to 5, 2026.



Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre
Muscat, Sultanate of Oman



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About the Conference

The National University of Science and Technology (NU), Oman proudly presents the First International Higher Education Conference on Health Professions Education (NU-ICHPE-2026). Organised by the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Sohar, the conference is scheduled for 3rd to 5th February, 2026, at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. The conference will unite educators, academics, researchers, clinicians, and allied healthcare professionals to discuss advancements and foster collaboration in health professions education (HPE). The conference aims to provide a platform for advancing HPE in the region by fostering the exploration and dissemination of best practices in contemporary assessment and pedagogy for enhancing teaching and learning quality.

NU-ICHPE-2026 advocates for interprofessional collaboration across medicine and allied specialties to optimize healthcare delivery and patient outcomes. The event will serve as a catalyst for academic convergence, strategically designed to cultivate knowledge exchange, transformative innovation, and robust partnership across the intersections of HPE. NU-ICHPE-2026 promises to be a transformative event aimed to bridge the dynamic interplay between technology, sustainability, and human well-being. Through this conference, NU reaffirms its dedication to promoting excellence in education, service and research that will contribute to the advancement of HPE and enhancing healthcare outcomes.

Conference Theme

Fostering Excellence in HPE through Collaboration, Innovation, and Skill-building for Improved Healthcare Outcomes

Key Objectives

- To explore and disseminate best practices, evidence-informed strategies, and innovative models that advance the quality and impact of teaching, learning, and assessment in HPE across diverse contexts.
- To discuss pedagogical and assessment strategies that promote ethics, empathy, and reflective practice through the integration of health humanities.
- To address strategies for promoting learner resilience, psychological safety, and cultural sensitivity in educational settings in diverse environments.
- To align HPE with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), global health priorities, and planetary health principles, emphasizing the role of education in achieving equitable health outcomes.
- To support continuous professional development for educators and health professionals through workshops and skill-building opportunities.
- To cultivate long-term networks of collaboration and scholarship that support mutual growth, mentorship, and innovation within and across institutions, locally and globally.

Welcome Message



Prof Mohammed Al Shafaee
Conference Chair & Dean
College of Medicine & Health Sciences
National University of Science & Technology

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 1st NU International Higher Education Conference on Health Professions Education—a landmark gathering committed to shaping the future of healthcare education through transformative innovation.

Hosted by the College of Medicine & Health Sciences at the National University of Science & Technology, this inaugural conference serves as a dynamic platform for educators, researchers, policymakers, and thought leaders from around the world. Together, we will explore cutting-edge approaches to health professions education, with a focus on technology integration, competency-based learning, advanced simulation, and interprofessional collaboration.

We are especially proud to feature contributions from renowned international speakers, whose insights and experiences will enrich our discussions and inspire new directions in teaching, learning, and professional development in the health sciences. This event is more than a conference—it is a call to action for progressive, evidence-informed change in how we educate and train the next generation of health professionals. We are honored by your participation and look forward to the rich exchange of ideas, inspiring dialogue, and meaningful connections that will shape a more innovative and inclusive future for healthcare education. Welcome, and thank you for joining us on this exciting journey.

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Event Code: OMSB/CPD/C1/5766/2026

Participant:		Speakers	
Day 1	1	Credit Hours	5
Day 2	4.5	Moderator	
Day 3	5	Credit Hours	10
Total	10.5	Main Organizer	
		Credit Hours	10.5
		Organizer	
		Credit Hours	10

Workshops and Plenaries by International Experts in HPE

The workshops and plenary sessions in NU-ICHPE-2026 will be delivered by a group of distinguished speakers who are recognized experts in the field of health professions education. These thought leaders bring extensive experience in advancing educational practices, curriculum innovation, and research within medical and health sciences. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the latest trends, best practices, and transformative approaches shaping the future of health professions education. The program is designed to foster knowledge exchange and professional growth, ensuring a high-impact learning experience for all participants.



Trailblazer and Leader in Global Accreditation

Dr. Ricardo León-Bórquez
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Global Expert in Curriculum Design and CPD

Prof. Janet Grant
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Social Accountability Innovator and Leadership Trainer

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Digital Education & Online Learning Consultant

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Global Leader in Pharmacy Education and IPE

Dr. Alla El Awaisi
Pharmacy Educator and Advisor to the VP for Health and Medical Sciences, Qatar University

Pre-Conference Workshops

Date: 03 February 2026

Expand your conference experience by joining our expert-led Pre-Conference Workshops, delivered by global leaders in health professions education. Participants may select one morning and one afternoon session from the workshops listed below. If attending remotely, hybrid options allow seamless participation from any location.

Registration for the main conference is required to attend any pre-conference workshop—onsite or online. Separate registration and fees apply to pre-conference workshops.

Seats for onsite workshops are limited due to their interactive nature; selection operates on a first-come, first-served basis and status will be updated on the website. If your preferred workshop is unavailable, alternative recommendations will be provided.

List of Workshops & Lead Faculty

Morning

- Leading and Sustaining Curricular Change in Health Professions Education – Prof. Janet Grant
- Developing Health Professions Educators Through Reflective Practice on Teaching – Dr. John Sandars
- Tips and Tools for Integrating Interprofessional Education into health professions curriculum – Dr. Alla El Awaisi
- Coaching and Mentoring in Health Professions Education – Dr. Susan Waller
- Use of AI in the Assessment of Health Professions Education (Online) - Dr. Ken Masters

Afternoon

- Workplace-Based Assessment – Prof. John J. Norcini
- Online Learning in Health Professions Education: Design to Delivery – Dr. Chris Tuffnell
- Advancing HPE Through Simulation-Based Approaches – Dr. Jacqueline Maria Dias
- Integrating Social Accountability into the Health Professions Curriculum – Dr. Mohamed Hassan Taha
- Embedding Patient Safety in the HPE Curriculum (Online) - Dr. Fatma. S.O. Al Dhabbari

For full details, session availability, and to register, please visit the conference website. We look forward to welcoming you to these dynamic workshops and a transformative conference experience

Conference Tracks

The tracks will deliberate advancements, innovations, and emerging trends in HPE related to:

- 1 Teaching, Assessment and Evaluation
- 2 Regulatory Compliance, Accreditation and Quality Improvement
- 3 Technology assisted learning and assessment
- 4 Interprofessional and Team Learning
- 5 Teaching and assessment of Ethics, Professionalism and Health Humanities
- 6 Wellbeing, Resilience and Cultural sensitivity in the learning environment
- 7 Global Health, SDGs, and Planetary Health
- 8 Lifelong Learning, Professional Growth and Faculty Development

Registrations for NU-ICHPE

Prior registration is mandatory for attending the conference and for presenting the accepted abstracts. The details related to registration are provided below:

Registration Fees

Early Bird registration

(Until 7th December 2025)

Staff/Faculty:	OMR 60 (\$160)	Staff/Faculty:	OMR 70 (\$175)
Students:	OMR 30 (\$80)	Students:	OMR 35 (\$90)

To register visit:

➢ <https://nu.edu.om/nu.ichpe-2026/>

Registrations for Pre- Conference Workshops

Prior registration is mandatory for attending Pre- Conference Workshops. The details related to registration are provided below:

Registration Fees

One Workshop

OMR 15 (\$ 40)

Two Workshops

OMR 25 (\$ 65)

To register visit:

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Paper preparation: Authors are invited to prepare their scholarly contributions using the conference's official template, accessible via conference website. The template provides detailed formatting guidelines to ensure uniformity across all conference materials. All submissions must be in English.

Review Process: Each submission will undergo a double-blind peer-review, ensuring impartial evaluation based solely on the merit and relevance of the topic/theme. Submission Procedure: Manuscripts should be uploaded through conference management system, designed for NU-ICHPE 2026 available on the website

Publication Opportunities: We are currently working on publication options of the accepted abstracts with Scopus indexed journals. Further details regarding these opportunities will be updated in due course.

Registration Requirements: A minimum of one author per accepted manuscript is required to register for presenting their work at the conference.

Ethical Compliance: All submissions must adhere to rigorous research ethics standards. This includes providing appropriate citations and maintaining the originality of work. If generative AI tools are used, this must be disclosed and human supervision ensured. AI cannot be listed as an author. Any conflicts of interest must be declared.

Click here for details on submission of Abstracts:

➤ <https://nu.edu.om/nu.ichpe-2026/>

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and win prizes

Do you have a creative teaching strategy, a unique learning experience, or an effective assessment method to share? We welcome you to submit an abstract to present in this dynamic, fast-paced format. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to prepare a full Pecha Kucha presentation for the live competition. Details are available on the conference website: <https://nu.edu.om/nu.ichpe-2026>. Prior registration for conference is mandatory to participate.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission last date	➤ Monday, 10 th November 2025
Abstract acceptance notification	➤ Saturday, 15 th November 2025
Early Bird Registration	➤ On or Before 7 th December 2025
Conference dates	➤ 3 rd to 5 th February 2026

Travel & Visa Information

Muscat is easily accessible via Muscat International Airport, which serves as Oman's main international gateway with direct flights from major cities across the world. The airport is well-connected by national and international carriers, offering convenient travel options for visitors. Most travelers require a visa to enter Oman, which can be obtained online through the official eVisa portal. Tourist visas are typically available for durations ranging from 10 to 30 days, with options for single or multiple entries. Some nationalities may be eligible for visa-free entry for short stays, while others can obtain a visa on arrival, but it is generally recommended to apply for an eVisa in advance to ensure a smooth entry process. Passports should be valid for at least six months from the date of arrival.

Details are available here:

 <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>

Discover Muscat: The Pearl of Arabia

NU-ICHPE is your golden opportunity to visit Muscat, the capital of Oman, a city where tradition and modernity blend seamlessly. With its stunning coastline, dramatic mountain backdrops, and rich cultural heritage, Muscat offers a unique experience for every visitor.



Highlights of Muscat

ARCHITECTURAL & CULTURAL LANDMARKS

Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque

A masterpiece of Islamic architecture, this mosque is open to visitors and features a magnificent prayer hall, intricate mosaics, and one of the world's largest hand-woven carpets.



Royal Opera House Muscat

A modern cultural beacon, the Opera House hosts world-class performances and is an architectural marvel in its own right.



Muttrah Corniche

A scenic waterfront promenade lined with traditional Omani architecture, offering beautiful views of the Gulf of Oman and the Al Hajar Mountains. Perfect for a stroll, people-watching, and photography.



Muttrah Souq

One of the oldest markets in the Arab world, this bustling souq is filled with the scent of frankincense and offers everything from spices to silver jewelry and handicrafts.



The National Museum of Oman

A comprehensive museum documenting Oman's history from ancient times to the present, with interactive exhibits and rare artifacts.



Places to Visit

NATURAL WONDERS

Qurum Beach

A popular spot for relaxation and water sports, with golden sands and clear waters.



Al Hajar Mountains

Towering mountains provide a dramatic backdrop to the city and offer opportunities for hiking and adventure.



Wadi Shab

A beautiful valley with turquoise pools and waterfalls, ideal for day trips and nature lovers.



If you wish to receive more information on NU-ICHPE and further assistance for attending the conference, communicate to

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