
General Information

Foundation of the Faculty

The Faculty of Medicine of Mutah University was founded in 2001 in accordance with the vision of **His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein**, the Fourth **King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** as to the need of the Kingdom to have more doctors and to have a medical school in the southern part of the Kingdom. The University Board of Trustees agreed in its meeting dated 26/4/2001 on the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine by the decision number 69.

Accreditation of Medical Schools

Accreditation is a voluntary, independent review of educational programs to determine that the education provided is of uniform and sound quality. Accreditation is the process of quality assurance indicating that an institution meets established standards for function, structure, and performance. When accreditation is awarded, this ensures that a faculty has been evaluated and that it met certain standards of quality determined by the accrediting organization granting the accreditation. To ensure good quality of graduated physicians, medical schools should cooperate closely with teaching hospitals to develop a good educational program. Basically, a medical school should have basic medical sciences departments, clinical sciences departments and sub-specialty teaching and research branches.

Training and continued medical education programs for physicians, and to other faculties related to medical sciences should also exist. A faculty or university's accreditation is maintained by continued adherence to the set guidelines or criteria.

Accreditation is important for medical schools. It ensures good quality and adherence to academic standards. Proper accreditation is also important for the acceptance and transfers of college credit, and is a prerequisite for many postgraduate programs.

Accreditation of Medical Schools in Jordan

Accreditation award is a self-regulatory process by which governmental, non-governmental, voluntary associations or other statutory bodies grant formal recognition to educational programs or institutions. In Jordan the Higher Education Accreditation Commission (HEAC) has been established in 2007 with the aim of ensuring high and good quality of the Higher Education programs and Universities in the Kingdom. The HEAC has adopted nine Accreditation Criteria for Medical Schools and their thirty-nine subareas (HEAC Accreditation Guidelines, 2010). These were put forward to ensure good quality of the educational program of Medical School and to improve Medical Education & health care. The World Federation of Medical Education (WFME) has 9 WFME global standards and 36 subareas (WFME global standards).

Accreditation of Medical Schools is a priority that has been discussed and emphasized upon during the three annual conferences of Deans of Arab Faculties of Medicine held 2004 - 2006. These meeting concluded and recommended that Arab Faculties of Medicine should reform their medical education programs to enhance the accreditation process. WHO/EMRO (Eastern Med Mediterranean Region Office) encouraged and supported these recommendations.