

Breaking the cycle of poverty

Bangladesh is unlikely to meet the MDG's for maternal and child health in spite of having made considerable progress especially in infant and neonatal mortality

"Incredibly in Bangladesh the same number of qualified nurses serves a population of 150 million as there are in Scotland serving 5 million. As our first GCCN students move towards graduation they are increasingly recognized as 'Grameen Nurses' providing quality care and already being offered quality jobs."

Professor Barbara Parfitt

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Director, GCU Global Health and Founding Principal, GCCN

Our aim:

- Contribute towards an improvement in the capacity and capability in human resources for health through the education of nurses increasing the ratio of doctors to nurses from an estimated 2:1 to an international ratio of 1:3
- Equip Grameen Nurses to become change agents and nurse leaders of the future
- Target young rural women in order to
 - break the cycle of early marriage, pregnancy and poverty
 - reduce high maternal and child mortality rates

Unique integrated health model:

Grameen Kalyan and GCCN are collaborating to create a new model of education, training for primary health care using 50 rural and peri-urban clinics and a new world class nursing school.

Grameen Caledonian
College of Nursing



A collaboration between Glasgow Caledonian University and Grameen Healthcare Trust

Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing (GCCN)

Opened in 2010 GCCN was visited by HRH The Princess Royal in early 2011 in order to cap the first cohort of students. It now has 128 students and aims to grow to 500 students over the next five years.



Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) is working in partnership with Professor Muhammad Yunus (Nobel Laureate) and has established a College of Nursing/ Midwifery for young women from the Grameen borrower families. Giving them the opportunity to enter Higher Education and become empowered as nurses and change agents.

The partnership is three fold with Professor Yunus providing the vision and the supporting infrastructure. NIKE Foundation contributing the start up funds for the establishment of the College as a sustainable social business and GCU seconding the former Dean of Nursing and Midwifery at GCU to act as the founding Principal and establish the college.

Towards UN's Millennium development goals:

The college seeks to increase:

- Educational attainment
 - BSc and post graduate programmes will be developed in the future

The impact of GCCN will last for generations and help to change an entire culture. We are challenging the cycle of early marriage, early childbearing and early health problems that prevail for most women in rural Bangladesh.

GCCN an unmatched nursing education opportunity in Bangladesh:

- **International expertise:** from GCCN's collaboration with international partners, the college has recruited senior nurse teachers and clinicians of different specialties from around the world
- **Innovative teaching:** State-of-the art clinical laboratories and media technology to support classroom teaching along with simulations and case studies
- **Practical learning:** through partnerships with Bangladesh hospitals students are exposed to the real thing with support and teaching from experienced nurses in the clinical setting
- **Guaranteed quality jobs:** all graduates are provided access to jobs in a network of Grameen Health Clinics and are also already sought after by other quality healthcare employers
- **International standards of learning utilised:**
 - evidence based practice as basis of learning
 - encouragement to develop decision making, leadership skills and applications of critical thinking.'
 - development of competencies
 - curriculum conducted in English
 - computer and research skills are developed integral to the course.

Grameen Nurses take a pride in their profession and unlike their peers who are looked down upon in Bangladesh, are known for providing high quality care to their patients and will receive a wage on a par with Doctors. Private hospitals have already offered the first cohort jobs.

A Visionary future:

The College has made its mark in a very short time with exciting plans for the future including:

- A growing research and clinical practice outreach programme being added to the core teaching
- A Post graduate certificate in education for
- Engagement and exchange of people and ideas between our main campus in Glasgow and the GCCN campus in Dhaka.
- Plans are being developed for a new and permanent campus

Your support is needed:

Help is urgently required to build a sustainable and growing programme that will make a lasting difference to generations in Bangladesh. Please help us to fund:

- academic leadership
- Scholarships to encourage progression to BSc and Masters studies
- exchange of staff and students
- 'teaching the teachers'
- building a permanent campus.

“We like your students coming here very much because your students are the best student nurses we have had they really care for the patients and work hard carrying out all their nursing responsibilities.” xxxxxxxx??



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