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American University in Dubai partners with University of Pennsylvania to establish new School of Medicine

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Collaboration to boost healthcare education in the UAE



The American University in Dubai (AUD) has completed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to partner with the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine (Penn Medicine) in establishing the AUD School of Medicine in Dubai.

AUD aims to boost the provision of medical education in the UAE by drawing on the expertise of Penn Medicine, which is ranked #3 among the United States research intensive medical schools.

The new partnership will see Penn Medicine and AUD collaborate in developing a curriculum for a Doctor of Medicine degree programme that employs the best practices of US medical education, tailored to the needs of the region. The programme will educate and train medical students to become physicians who can deliver world-class healthcare in the UAE. Graduates of the programme will advance to be agents of change in the field, both nationally and internationally.

Set in the context of the UAE national strategy to increase capacity in the healthcare sector, the AUD- Penn Medicine partnership will contribute to the rising demand for medical professionals in the country, by training the next generation of doctors. It will reinforce the UAE Centennial strategy to prioritise education in health sciences, and support Dubai's vision to establish the city as a global hub for medical tourism. The new AUD School of Medicine will also provide a focal point for education and research to deliver improvements in health outcomes, and help to position Dubai as a regional leader in sector.