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Nazareth Academic School of Nursing will expand to accommodate 40% more students

To address a nationwide shortage of qualified nurses, Israeli Ministry of Health estimates a need for 4,000 additional nursing graduates.

In response to this need, Nazareth Academic School of Nursing plans to add two floors to its current training facility to increase the student body by 130

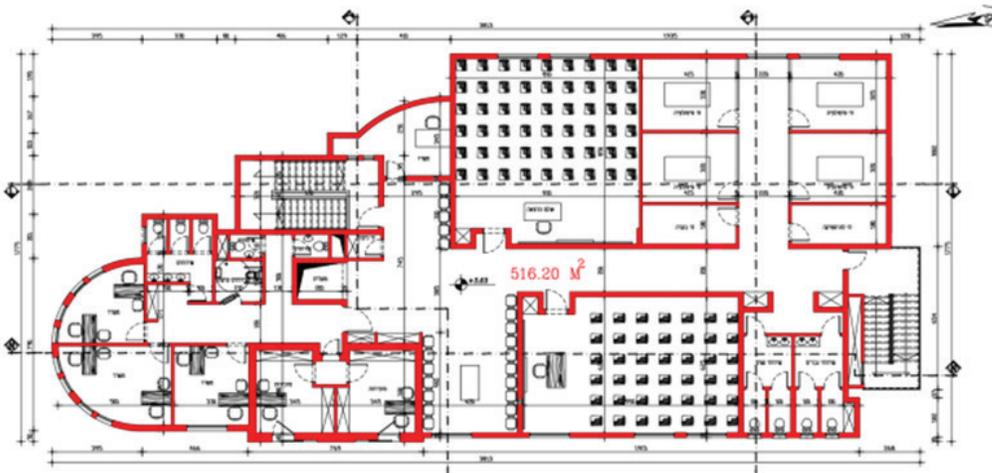


A 2019 simulation class led by Professors Fared Dawahri and Fouad Dalashy with second year students.

students – a 40% bump to its current student body of 320. The additional space will include two new classrooms and four simulation rooms – see the diagram below.

The expansion will also include space available for students' study and activities and additional office space.

The expansion project received a major boost with a \$850,000 pledge from the Israeli Ministry of Health. The pledge covers 50% of the costs of the project; however, it requires a match from other donors. Your contribution to this project will help the School achieve the match.



In 2024, the Nazareth School of Nursing will celebrate its 100-year anniversary. From small beginnings, the School has grown academically and in influence. The pledge from the Israeli Ministry of Health indicates strong confidence in the quality of the School. ▶

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It is the preferred school of nursing for Arab Israelis. School staff speak Hebrew, Arabic and English.

The School provides important career opportunities for young Arab Israeli men and women. A career in nursing provides good income and family stability.

Currently, the School offers two specialized educational programs in nursing:

The Joint Nursing Studies Bachelor Degree Program:

This 4-year program is operated in partnership with Emek College and confers a license upon graduation and after passing the government exam.

The Bachelor Nursing Degree (Conversion) Program:

This program allows students to transfer from a B.A. in general studies to a course for becoming a registered nurse. The students receive a diploma and a license upon graduation and after passing the government exam. This is a program supervised by the Ministry of Health to increase the number of nursing graduates.

Recent highlights from the Nazareth Academic School of Nursing:

- In 2017, a bachelor degree program (B.A) in collaboration with the Emek Israel College was approved by the Council for Higher Education.
- The School of Nursing was awarded the Certificate of Excellence by the Israeli Ministry of Health and ranked as the second-best nursing school in the country.
- During the past two years, 100% of graduates passed the national nursing exam.

School of Nursing at a Glance:



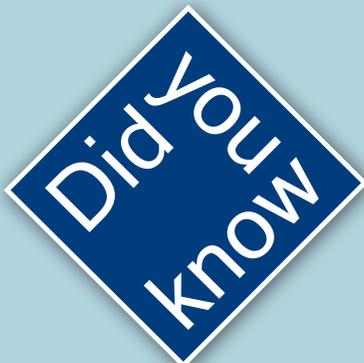
The Nazareth Academic School of Nursing (small circle) is adjacent to Nazareth Hospital (large circle) on the western side of Nazareth.

FOUNDED:
1924

DEGREE PROGRAMS:
BA in nursing
BA (conversion)

GRADUATES TO DATE:
2,700

YEAR	STUDENTS ENROLLED
1998	68
2000	109
2005	145
2020	320
After expansion	450



✓ The current teaching facility was built in 2005 with three floors and an area of 10,700 square feet.

✓ Dr. Nancy Martin and colleagues developed an RN program during the 1980s and registered it with the government.

✓ 79% of graduates are working in hospitals and clinics, 12% in rehabilitation centers and 9% in retirement homes.

✓ 60% of students are female; 40% are male.

✓ The current student body is 78% Muslim, 20% Christian and 2% Jewish.

NPI celebrates 30 years! Lacy and Bassous families support NPI for decades



Mark and Marlene Lacy meet a friend in Nazareth

Dr. Mark and Marlene Bassous Lacy have been connected to the Nazareth Project since 1995. They have demonstrated their belief in NPI's mission through faithful financial contributions and volunteer support. Marlene studied microbiology and has worked as a medical technologist in various hospitals. Mark is an infectious diseases specialist and a professor at the University of New Mexico. Earlier he taught at Texas Tech University.

Marlene and her family immigrated to the US from Lebanon in 1956. Mark first visited the Holy Land with his father in 1977. In 1987, a few years into their marriage, while living in West Virginia, the Lacys met Bob and Nancy Martin and learned lots more about Nazareth Hospital and the Nazareth School of Nursing.

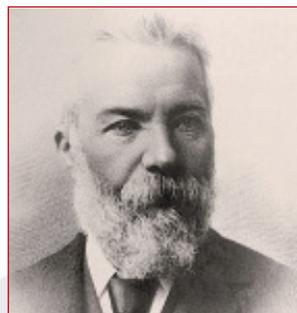
Mark served on the NPI Board during NPI's first three years, 1991 - 1994. He returned to Israel in 2013 as a guest lecturer at Nazareth Hospital presenting on "Infectious Disease

Considerations in the Renal Transplant Patient." Marlene is currently a member of NPI's "Arab American Reference Group." Earlier, Marlene was an NPI Board member during 2010-2014. Marlene's mother and two

brothers also support NPI. She and her family have given over 80 contributions over the years.

Marlene describes her support: "Nazareth Hospital and Nazareth School of Nursing are important institutions for local Christians in Nazareth. They serve everyone and are a Christian witness in Jesus' hometown."

Mark adds: "The gospel witness that has emanated from the Nazareth Hospital and Nursing School is so unique and has persisted against all odds, making its presence a miracle!"



Kaloost Vartan



Mary Anne Vartan



Pakradooni Kaloost Vartan was born in Constantinople.

As a young man, he worked as an interpreter for the British Army during the Crimean war. After experiencing the atrocious state of battlefield medical facilities, he decided to pursue a career in medicine.

After the war, Dr. Vartan traveled to the UK, receiving medical training through Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society. In 1861 he moved to Nazareth setting up a four-bed clinic: the first one in Ottoman Galilee. That small clinic eventually became the Nazareth Hospital, today the main trauma center in Nazareth.

In 1867 Dr. Vartan married Mary Anne Stewart in the UK. They departed the same day to Nazareth to continue the work that Dr. Vartan had started -- with Mary Anne working alongside her husband as a nurse.

Dr. Fahed Hakim, Medical Director of Nazareth Hospital, admires the sacrifices made by the Vartans. "Five of his 10 children died in infancy and lie today in the Anglican graveyard beside our hospital... Despite such a personal tragedy, he continued with his calling. He was involved in purchasing the land where the hospital now stands

but sadly died before the construction work could begin. **Our founder Vartan and his wife, Mary Anne, will always remain an inspiration for their vision, dedication, and legacy they have left the people of Nazareth."**



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Highlights AND Special Opportunities

- 1** School of Nursing to expand by 40% to meet a shortage of nurses.
- 2** A year of anniversaries:
 - ✓ Nazareth Hospital is 160 year-old! Begun by Dr. Vartan the Hospital has a bright future ahead.
 - ✓ NPI celebrates 30 years and recognizes long-term supporters.
- 3** Special opportunities for you:

<p>On November 19 give NPI an extraordinary boost through an on-line contribution via ExtraGive. Credit card fees will be covered by sponsors and NPI is eligible for extra “stretch” funding. Go to EXTRAGIVE.ORG</p>	<p>Your contributions between now and December 1 will be matched by pledges of \$29,000 from two corporate donors.</p>
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