

OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY

Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), formerly known as the University of Ife, is a federal university located in Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria. It was established in 1962 by the regional government of Western Nigeria under the leadership of Samuel Ladoke Akintola, and classes commenced in October 1962. The institution was renamed in 1987 after Obafemi Awolowo, the first premier of the Western Region of Nigeria, who had originally conceived the idea of creating the university. Today, OAU is recognized as one of Nigeria's foremost higher education institutions, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs to over 35,000 students across a wide range of disciplines.

Pharmacy education in Nigeria began at the Department of Pharmacy in the Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Ibadan Branch, in 1957. When the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, OAU) was established in 1962, the Department of Pharmacy was placed under the Faculty of Science. During this period, it awarded the Diploma in Pharmacy until June 1965, while simultaneously initiating the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) program in September 1963. The Senate of the University, recognizing the need for a more robust structure, upgraded the Department into a full Faculty of Pharmacy with effect from October 7, 1969. At its inception, the Faculty had four major departments: Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology, Pharmacognosy, and Pharmaceutics. The Faculty continued to grow at the Ibadan Campus until its relocation to the permanent site in Ile-Ife in September 1972.

During its developmental years, the Faculty incorporated three important units: the Drug Research Unit, the Pilot Drug Production Unit, and the Drug Quality Control Unit. These were initially housed within the Departments of Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutics, and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, respectively. In the 1978/79 academic session, however, they were consolidated into the Drug Research and Production Unit (DRPU), to centralize and strengthen research and development efforts in the Faculty. By 1983, the Senate approved the DRPU as an autonomous department. Another milestone occurred in November 1996, when the Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Administration was formally established after years of functioning within the Dean's Office. Since then, it has played a central role in advancing clinical practice and pharmacy management education at OAU.

The Faculty of Pharmacy has steadily expanded its academic reach, offering postgraduate programs in all departments while maintaining a strong staff development program that ensures a continuous supply of qualified teaching and research personnel. Its philosophy emphasizes the training of graduates with broad scientific, professional, and managerial competence, capable of adapting to evolving healthcare needs. The objectives of the Faculty are to equip graduates with the knowledge and skills required to deliver pharmaceutical services across industry, community, and health institutions, and to provide advanced training for postgraduate students in pharmacy.



ACTIVITIES

ROTATION ACTIVITIES

During their rotations, students will participate in a structured clinical pharmacy clerkship that integrates both community-based externships and hospital-based clinical practice. The program is designed to provide broad exposure while reinforcing the knowledge and skills needed for effective, patient-centered pharmacy practice. Students will:

- Engage directly in patient care by participating in ward rounds, conducting medication therapy management, and providing counselling to patients and caregivers.
- Strengthen clinical decision-making through active involvement in drug information services, collaborating with preceptors to address clinical queries, conduct medication reviews, and recommend evidence-based pharmacotherapy.
- Experience public health pharmacy in action by contributing to outreach programs, health education campaigns, and supply chain management of essential medicines, reflecting the department's strength in pharmacy management, education, and health informatics.
- Develop research and leadership skills by collaborating with faculty on quality improvement projects or case studies that emphasize pharmacoeconomics, rational drug use, and systems-based pharmaceutical care.

This immersive program not only sharpens clinical reasoning and patient-care competencies but also deepens students' understanding of pharmacy's vital role within multidisciplinary healthcare teams.



ABOUT ILE-IFE /TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Ilé-Ife is an ancient city located in Osun State, Nigeria, and is widely celebrated as the "Cradle of Yoruba Civilization." Renowned for its deep cultural heritage, it is one of the oldest and most historically significant towns of the Yoruba people, with a vibrant population of over 500,000. The city is steeped in history, mythology, and tradition, making it a fascinating destination for both scholars and visitors seeking to experience authentic Yoruba culture.

Beyond its academic and cultural significance, Ilé-Ife offers visitors an opportunity to explore and enjoy several remarkable sites. Guests are encouraged to visit the Ooni's Palace, a symbol of Yoruba royalty and tradition, and the National Museum of Ife, which houses world-famous bronze and terracotta artworks that showcase the city's artistic legacy. Nature lovers can experience the Olumirin Waterfalls (Erin-Ijesha), located nearby, or unwind at Opa Oranmiyan, a historic monument tied to Yoruba mythology. The bustling local markets also provide a lively atmosphere where traditional crafts, fabrics, and cuisine can be enjoyed.

Spending time in Ilé-Ife is not only about academics or history - it is also about immersing oneself in the warmth of its people, the richness of its traditions, and the beauty of its surroundings. Visitors are encouraged to make the most of their stay by exploring, learning, and enjoying the city's unique blend of culture and hospitality.

MOREMI AJASORO STATUE



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