## 3.3.7 Mental health support for staff

Just the case with students, mental health for university affiliates; including faculty members are often multifaceted, including family challenges, financial difficulties, feelings of isolation, social pressures, anxiety, and academic stress. Isra University is deeply committed to supporting the well-being of employees of the university, which can contribute to improved academic performance and services offered to students. Employees who experience a stronger sense of well-being and belonging often exhibit higher motivation, greater self-confidence, and increased engagement and achievement.

Each year, the clinic presents a comprehensive report detailing the number of cases and types of assistance provided to staff, a similar form is used for students (see attached). Special forms for counselling and intervention are also available. The clinic established in July 2020, is led by a professor from the department of psychology who specialises in mental health (see attached). This group continues to offer essential support to students and staff experiencing mental health challenges.



Further, the university provided medical insurance to staff that included mental health.

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	إجراء إلغاء الاشتراك في التأمين الصمحي لأعضاء الهيئتين التدريسية والإدارية.	SS-02-005			

The university has also organized various activities to support mental health. Below are highlights of two major events: On November 27, 2019, a free training course titled

Psychological First Aid was held by the Deanship of Student Affairs and the Office of Career Guidance and Graduate Follow-up, in cooperation with international trainer Khaled Al-Othman. The course aimed to equip students and staff with psychological intervention skills for situations involving children, disasters, and domestic violence. It also sought to enhance psychological awareness and promote high-quality primary psychological assistance within the community.

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Here are a few examples of recent publications in the field of mental health by faculty members of the Pharmacy Department, demonstrating their commitment to conducting cutting-edge research in this challenging area.

- 1. Adherence to thyroid therapy and depressive status among patients with hypothyroidism in the northern of Jordan: A cross-sectional study <u>View article</u>
- 2. Global, regional, and national burden of disorders affecting the nervous system, 1990–2021: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021. The Lancet Neurology, 2024 View article
- 3. The effect of cumulative night shift duties on insomnia, fatigue, and mental health in intensive care unit View article
- 4. Mediating effect of depression and acute stress between exposure to Israel-Gaza war media coverage and insomnia: a multinational study from five arab countries <u>view article</u>
- 5. Prevalence, factors associated and management of needle phobia among the general population in Saudi Arabia and Egypt view article
- **6.** Mediating effect of depression and acute stress between exposure to Israel-Gaza war media coverage and insomnia: a multinational study from five arab countries view article