

DIGITALE KUNSTAUSSTELLUNG: Wegbereiterinnen in Kasachstan und Deutschland

Gulsum Asfendarova (1880-1941)

The first female doctor, who was at the forefront of the development of medicine in the Turkestan region. Advocate and educator of medical knowledge, public figure, author of articles on maternity problems.

She was born in Tashkent. Having received a home education, in 1891 she entered the Tashkent Women's Gymnasium, then the Petersburg Women's Medical Institute.

After graduation, she worked as a doctor in Khiva. Then she took a job at the Tashkent Children's Hospital, where her assistant was a graduate of the Central Asian University, Akkagaz Doszhanova.

Gulsum Asfendiyarova initiated the opening of a private 30-bed obstetric and gynecological department in Tashkent, organized women's courses for pregnant women.

In 1918, in Kazan, Gulsum Asfendarova and Akkagaz Doszhanova were elected delegates to the All-Russian Congress of Muslim Women, and then as members of the Provisional Central Organizational Bureau of Muslim Women in Russia.