

Higher Diploma in Nursing (An Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Conversion Programme)

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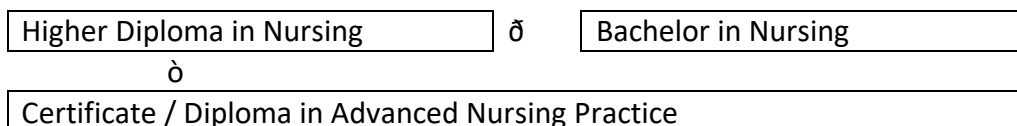
護理學高級文憑（登記護士轉註冊護士課程）

Aim

The Programme aims to equip enrolled nurses with essential competencies for safe, effective and ethical practice so as to achieve the requirement of the Core-Competencies for Registered Nurses (General) of the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK). Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the NCHK as Registered Nurses (General) [RN(G)] in Hong Kong.

Academic Progression

Higher Diploma is the intermediate award of a degree programme. It is envisaged that graduates of Higher Diploma in Nursing will be admitted to a top-up degree programme in nursing locally (e.g. HKU) or internationally (e.g. Middlesex University). The graduates can also enroll in the Certificate / Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice programmes offered by HKU SPACE.



Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the subjects such as biological and medical sciences, communication, social and behavioural sciences as well as legal and ethical aspects in nursing practices;
2. Apply nursing theories and evidence-based nursing knowledge integrated with problem solving skills, cognitive skills and psycho-motor skills and therapeutic techniques to practice safely, legally, ethically and effectively;
3. Work efficiently in partnership with different individuals in society and apply knowledge and skills of education, communication and problem solving to practice;
4. Use management and leadership skills in practice by applying knowledge of management, leadership theories and health care;
5. Apply knowledge and skills in appraising research and utilizing research findings to improve nursing and health care practices;
6. Practice professional development by applying knowledge and skills for personal effectiveness and professional development into practice.

Subjects

1. Sociology and Nursing
2. Applied Psychology and Communication
3. Fundamental Pharmacology
4. Microbiology
5. Evidence Based Practice and Research
6. Dermatology and Communicable Disease Nursing
7. Respiratory Nursing
8. Cardiovascular Nursing and Lymphatic System
9. Genito-urinary Nursing
10. Alimentary Nursing
11. Endocrine Nursing
12. Neurology Nursing
13. Musculoskeletal and Rehabilitation Nursing
14. Haematology, Oncology, Palliative, Peri-operative and Anaesthetic Nursing
15. Reproductive System and Obstetrics Nursing
16. Paediatric and Adolescent Nursing
17. Gerontological Nursing
18. Mental Health Nursing
19. Public Health and Community Nursing
20. Ophthalmic and Oto-rhino-laryngeal Nursing
21. Chinese Medicine Nursing and Complementary Alternative Medicine
22. Health Promotion and Education
23. Legal and Ethical Nursing
24. Management and Leadership
25. Clinical Placement
 - Medical Nursing, Surgical Nursing, Operating Theatre and Recovery Room, Paediatric and Adolescent Nursing, Obstetric Nursing, Gerontological Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Community Nursing Services, Primary Health Care, Accident and Emergency Care

Eligibility for Clinical Exemption

Students with not less than 3 consecutive years of experience in acute Medical / Surgical specialty who provide bedside nursing care may apply for clinical exemption at the beginning of the programme. The maximum clinical hours for exemption will be 200 hours. All applications must be submitted in Year 1.

Entry Requirements

Applicants must:

1. A) have passed a minimum of 5 subjects in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination, or equivalent, which include:-
 - (i) English Language (Syllabus B) at Grade D or above, or English Language (Syllabus A) at Grade B, or English Language at Level 3;
 - (ii) Any one science subject from the following at Grade E or above;
Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Mathematics, Physics
 - (iii) Any two other subjects at Grade E (or Level 2 for Chinese Language) or above;
Accommodation and Catering Services, Additional Mathematics, Biology, Buddhist Studies, Chemistry, Chinese History, Chinese Language, Chinese Literature, Commerce, Computer and Information Technology, Design and Technology, Design and Technology (Alternative Syllabus), Economics, Economics & Public Affairs, Electronics and Electricity, English Literature, French, Geography, Government and Public Affairs, Graphical Communication, History, Home Economics (Food, Home and Family), Human Biology, Integrated Humanities, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Principles of Accounts, Putonghua, Religious Studies, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Word Processing and Business Communication (English)
 - (iv) Any one other subject at Grade E or above.Any one of the subjects listed in (A)(i) to (A)(iii) must be at Grade C (or Level 3 for English Language or Chinese Language) or above.

Or

- B) have passed a minimum of 5 subjects in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent. The 5 compulsory subjects required are:-
 - (i) 4 Core Subjects, with English Language and Chinese Language at Level 3 or above, and Mathematics and Liberal Studies at Level 2 or above; and
 - (ii) 1 Elective Subject from Category A – New Senior Secondary Subjects at Level 2 or above.

Applicants do not fulfil the above English Language requirement are required to have International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Band Score 6.0 or above.

And

2. have valid enrolment as Enrolled Nurse (General) in the Nursing Council of Hong Kong;

And

3. have valid practising certificate to practice as Enrolled Nurse (General) in the Nursing Council of Hong Kong;

And

4. have more than a year of post-enrolment experience of direct nursing care in health care organisations;

And

5. currently practice direct nursing care in health care organisations.

Shortlisted applicants are required to attend a face-to-face interview.

Medium of Instruction

English, except for module of Chinese Medicine Nursing and Complementary Alternative Medicine, which is taught in Chinese.

Duration

3 years

Students will complete the programme in 3 years. The theoretical component will be conducted on a part-time basis throughout the 3 years. Meanwhile, the clinical component will be completed in full-time mode in the final year.

Date/Time: 2 evening classes per week OR one evening class with one full day class during weekend

Venue

Fortress Tower Learning Centre / Kowloon East Campus

Mode of Delivery

Lecture; tutorial; skills laboratory; self-directed learning; supervised clinical practice; simulation training.

Assessment

1. At least 80% class attendance and 100% clinical attendance.
2. Pass all assessments including presentations / assignments / tests / examinations / clinical assessments.
3. Supplementary assessments may be granted subject to the recommendation of the Board of Examiners.

Award

1. On successful completion of all the required assessments, the student will be awarded the “Higher Diploma in Nursing (An Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Conversion Programme)” within the HKU system through HKU SPACE.
2. Graduates will be eligible to register with The Nursing Council of Hong Kong for the Part I Registration (General) as Registered Nurses (General) and are licensed to practise.

Application Fee

HK\$200 (Non-refundable)

Course Fee**For 2025/26 intake (Cohort 18)**

HK\$210,000 + Clinical practicum fee (Subject to revision)

Note: Students may purchase professional indemnity insurance on their own.

Programme Coordinator

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Enrolment Method

- in person, at any HKU SPACE Enrolment Centre, application form should be submitted together with the below supporting documents and application fee.
- by post, application form should be sent together with the below supporting documents and application fee either in the form of a crossed cheque or bank draft made payable to HKU SPACE.

- (1) Copy of Hong Kong Identity Card
- (2) Copy of HKCEE/ HKDSE Certificate
- (3) Copy of Nursing Graduation Certificate
- (4) Copy of Certificate of Enrolment (Issued by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong)
- (5) Copy of Practising Certificate (Issued by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong)
- (6) Proof of clinical experience (e.g. Contract of employment and staff card / Last salary slip / Employment reference letter)

All forms should be sent to

Nursing Studies and Healthcare
HKU SPACE
13/F, Fortress Tower, 250 King's Road
North Point, Hong Kong

Please indicate "*Application for Higher Diploma in Nursing (2025 intake)*" on the cover of the envelope.

Enquiries

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