

Higher Diploma in Nursing (an Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Conversion Programme) Course No. HS 34-137-00 / HS066A 護理高級文憑課程

Aim

This programme aims to prepare Enrolled Nurses with advanced nursing knowledge and evidence based clinical skills in nursing to competently provide high quality nursing care to patients and their significant others in a variety of health care settings.

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.

Higher Diploma in Nursing	\Rightarrow	Bachelor in Nursing
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Certificate / Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice		

Objectives

Upon completion of the programme, students will be able to:

- 1. Assess nursing situations to make accurate judgments and plan nursing care appropriate to the client's personal, social and cultural context;
- 2. Implement effective and safe nursing interventions in a manner that reflects sensitivity to and concern for patient's feelings, age, social, or cultural status;
- 3. Recognize and promote the individuality and dignity of individuals, families, groups and communities in pursuit of their optimal health and well-being;
- 4. Work effectively as an individual, and collaboratively within the multidisciplinary team while maintaining legal and ethical standards of practice;
- 5. Encourage the community to recognize and take responsibility for their own health and aspects of their health care during illness and where necessary, to facilitate this by functioning as client advocate;
- 6. Appreciate the changing health care needs which demand continuous

improvement in the provision of health service on the part of care providers; and

7. Develop an awareness of the key issues and trends in the ongoing development of nursing in the ever-changing pluralistic and multicultural society.

Course Duration

Students will complete the programme in 3 years. The theoretical component will be conducted on a part-time basis and the clinical component (1496 hrs) will be completed in full-time mode.

Subjects

1. <u>Basic and Applied Sciences</u>

Human Biology

Fundamentals of Pharmacology

Clinical Microbiology and Communicable Diseases

2. Behavioral and Social Sciences

Applied Psychology

Sociology of Health

3. Nursing Art and Science

Health Assessment and the Nursing Process

Fundamental Nursing

Primary Health Care and Health Education

Evidence Based Nursing Research

Leadership Roles and Management Functions in Nursing

Ethical and Legal Aspects in Health Care

Supportive Nursing

Child, Adolescence and Family Health

Maternal and Infant Nursing

Maintenance of Oxygenation

Nutrition and Metabolism

Elimination and Sexuality

Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing

Mobility, Rest and Rehabilitation

Sensation and Perception

Cellular Aberration

Public Health and Community Health Nursing

Gerontological Nursing

Modern Chinese Medicine Nursing and Complementary Alternative Medicine

4. Clinical Practicum

Medical Nursing

Surgical Nursing

Paediatric and Adolescent Nursing

Gerontological Nursing

Mental Health Nursing

Obstetric Nursing

Community Nursing Services

Primary Health Care

Accident and Emergency Care

Operating Theatre

Eligibility for Clinical Exemption

Students with not less than 3 consecutive years of experience in acute Medical / Surgical specialty 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.

Programme Coordinator

Dr Gemma Law, Assistant Professor/Senior Programme Director, HKU SPACE

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction will be English. All written assignments and examinations will be in English.

Mode of Delivery

Lecture; seminar; tutorial; skills laboratory; self-directed learning; E-learning; visits; supervised clinical practice.

Assessment

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

Entry Requirements

Applicants should:

- 1. Be Enrolled Nurses registered with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong with at least three years' post-enrolment clinical experience; **OR**
- 2. Have a minimum of <u>one year</u> post enrolment clinical experience and have a minimum of **5** subjects in the HKCEE / HKDSE as specified in the following: *Applicable to applicants with HKCEE results*:
 - Grade C in at least one subject and Grade E in at least three other subjects in which one of them must be a science subject <u>AND</u> Grade D in English Language (Syllabus B) or English Language at Grade B (Syllabus A) or Level 3 in English Language;

Applicable to applicants with HKDSE results:

English Language and Chinese Language at Level 3 or above <u>AND</u> Mathematics, Liberal Studies and one other subject (preferably in science) at Level 2 or above; **OR**

3. Have a minimum of <u>six months</u>' post enrolment clinical experience and have already obtained the following:

Applicable to applicants with HKALE results:

Grade E or above in two subjects at Advanced Level; <u>OR</u> Grade E or above in one subject at Advanced Level and Grade E or above in two subjects at Advanced Supplementary Level (except Use of English and Chinese Language & Culture);

AND

Grade E or above in Use of English AND Chinese Language & Culture at Advanced Supplementary Level.

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

Award

- 1. On successful completion of all the required assessments, the student will be awarded the "Higher Diploma in Nursing" 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.

Commencement Date Oct 2019

Evening class 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm / 6pm - 10pm, twice a week

Fee For 2019/20 intake (Cohort 13)

Year 1: HK\$58,500 Year 2: HK\$53,000 Year 3: HK\$54,000

Clinical Placement fee: HK\$18,000

(Course fees are subject to change without prior notice)

Note: Students may purchase professional indemnity

insurance on their own.

Application Fee HK\$200 (Non-refundable)

Enquiries 2975 5688 / 2975 5687 / 2587 3253

Enrolment

The completed application form must be attached with photocopies of the below documents and academic reference by one referee:

- (1) A Copy of Hong Kong Identity Card
- (2) Nursing Graduation Certificate
- (3) Certificate of Enrolment (Issued by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong)
- (4) Practising Certificate (Issued by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong)
- (5) HKCEE / HKDSE / HKALE Certificate
- (6) Proof of Work

The application form should be accompanied by a cheque with application fee of HK\$200 (non-refundable). The cheque should be crossed and made payable to HKU SPACE and return to Nursing Studies and Health Care, HKU SPACE, 13/F, Fortress Tower, 250 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong.