Programme Description

The programme is designed to equip bachelor’s-prepared registered nurses with a solid foundation for advanced practice in specialty nursing or healthcare management. The emphasis is placed on the development of specialty knowledge and skills that are necessary to the provision of healthcare management or therapeutic nursing interventions at an advanced level. Students are also expected to further develop their competence in clinical or management decision-making and evidence-based evaluation in their relevant clinical specialty or healthcare management area.

Study Streams of the Programme

Students admitted in 2020-21 may choose to study in one of the following study streams:

- Cardiac Nursing (Cardiac Medical / Cardiac Perfusion)
- Management and Leadership
- Perioperative Nursing

Who Should Apply

Bachelor’s-prepared registered nurses who would like to pursue specialty nursing education at an advanced level offered by a recognised university.

Assessment Methods

Students are assessed in every course through a combination of examination, assignment, presentation, case study report, project, coursework, and/or laboratory demonstration.

Graduation Requirements

For graduation, students are required to have an overall attendance of at least 80% and pass all the courses with an overall GPA not lower than 2.0.

Admission Requirements

The applicant should:

- be a registered nurse with a valid practising certificate;
- have a bachelor’s degree in nursing or related discipline;
- have at least 2 years’ post-registration work experience in healthcare (preferable to have at least 6 years’ post-registration work experience for Management and Leadership stream); and
- be currently practising in a specialty area related to the chosen study stream.

Information Seminars

(i) Date : 15 Feb 2020 (Sat)  Time : 11:15 am
Venue: LT3, Esther Lee Building, CUHK

(ii) Date : 14 Mar 2020 (Sat)  Time : 10:30 am
Venue: LT4, Esther Lee Building, CUHK
Registration: https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=8362015

The Award

This programme leads to the award of a Professional Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice from The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).

Transfer of Units

Graduates of the programme achieving an average grade of not lower than ‘B’ may apply for unit exemption when studying the Master of Nursing Programme or Doctor of Nursing Programme offered by our School.

Recognition of the Programme

- The programme is recognised by the respective College of the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing Limited as quotable qualification.
- The programme is recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF).
  - QF Level: L6
  - QR Registration No.: 18/000237/L6
  - Registration Validity Period: 21/03/2018 to On-going

Application Period

6 Jan – 30 Apr 2020

Tuition Fee

HK$37,000
(For September 2020 intake)

Application Fee

HK$200 (Non-refundable)

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Updated on 6 January 2020
Programme Structure

The programme consists of six courses:

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<th>Term 1</th>
<th>Course 1: An Introduction to Specialty Nursing Practice</th>
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<td>Sep - Dec 2020</td>
<td>To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of nursing specialisation and the healthcare system</td>
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<th>Term 2</th>
<th>Course 2: Specialisation in Advanced Nursing Practice/Management I</th>
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<td>To prepare students for competent delivery of nursing care and services in the designated nursing specialty, or assumption of nursing management roles in the complex healthcare environment</td>
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<th>Term 3</th>
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<td>A continuation of Specialisation in Advanced Nursing Practice/Management I to prepare students for competent delivery of nursing care and services in the designated nursing specialty, or assumption of nursing management roles in the complex healthcare environment</td>
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<th>Course 4: Practice Innovations and Change Management</th>
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<td>To develop students’ ability in designing innovative and scientifically-based interventions in nursing practice or healthcare management at an advanced level</td>
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<th>Course 5: Clinical Leadership and Contemporary Roles of Specialty Nursing</th>
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<td>May - Jun 2021</td>
<td>To equip students with the knowledge and skills for taking up clinical leadership and contemporary roles in the designated nursing specialty</td>
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<th>Term 1-3</th>
<th>Course 6: Professional Skill Competency in Specialty Nursing</th>
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<td>May - Jun 2021</td>
<td>• To build up students’ professional skill competency in specialty nursing or healthcare management</td>
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<td>• To enrich students’ professional clinical and management experience under supervision</td>
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Class Arrangement

Classes are usually held on two weekday evenings or on Saturday each week in the CUHK campus.

Advantages of Studying at The Nethersole School of Nursing

- Obtaining a professional diploma in nursing from an internationally renowned university;
- Studying in an established school of nursing with national and international links;
- Teaching by a multidisciplinary team of academic staff and experts who are experienced in clinical practice, management and research;
- Studying in a friendly and stimulating environment conducive to effective learning and personal growth, with the support of helpful academic staff;
- Opportunities to attend seminars given by international scholars in nursing or other disciplines.

Teaching and Learning Strategies

- Teaching and learning strategies include lecture, tutorial, online learning activity, laboratory demonstration and practice, student-led presentation, discussion, case study, project, forum, workshop, visit, clinical mentoring and reflective learning activity, as appropriate.
- Guided and supported professional learning experience in the specialty area of practice.

Career Prospects and Further Studies

- Advancing nursing excellence in a specialty area of practice;
- Assuming leadership and management roles in wards, hospitals or other healthcare settings;
- Pursuing postgraduate studies in nursing or other health-related disciplines.

Our School

The Nethersole School of Nursing of the Faculty of Medicine, CUHK has a proud and successful history of providing undergraduate and postgraduate nursing education at par with international standards.