



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE (PCANP)

高級護理實務專業證書課程

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 Stream

Surgical Nursing

Who Should Apply

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

The Award

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



Transfer of Units

Graduates of this programme will be eligible to apply for unit exemption in the Master of Nursing and Doctor of Nursing programmes offered by the Nethersole School of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, CUHK, subject to the Graduate School's approval.

Recognition of the Programme

The programme is recognized under the Qualifications Framework (QF).

- QF Level: L6
- QR Registration No.: 25/001289/L6
- Registration Validity Period: 08/10/2025 to On-going

Programme Structure

The programme consists of three courses:

TERM 1

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Course 1: Specialization in Advanced Nursing Practice 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.

Selected topics:

- Management of people with complex gastrointestinal disorders
- Advanced care for people with urological disorders
- Advanced management of breast cancer
- Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome – From a Genetic Counsellor's Perspective

TERM 2

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Course 2: Specialization in Advanced Nursing Practice II

A continuation of Specialization in Advanced Nursing Practice 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.

Selected topics:

- Integrated care of people with hepatobiliary pancreatic diseases
- Managing clients undergoing abdominal and thoracic aortic aneurysm surgeries
- Advanced care of people with venous diseases
- Advanced management of head and neck cancer
- The development of nursing leadership and a road to specialization in surgical nursing

TERM 3

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Course 3: Specialization in Advanced Nursing Skills

- To build up students' professional skill competency in advanced nursing practice.
- To enrich students' professional clinical experience under supervision.

Selected topics:

- Stomal and peristomal complications, difficult stoma care
- Advanced nursing assessment and management of patients with burn injuries patients
- Life after burn and mutual support
- Simulation training

Advantages of Studying at The Nethersole School of Nursing



Obtaining a professional certificate 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.



Class Arrangement

Classes are usually held on one weekday evening and/or on Saturday each week in the CUHK campus.

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.

Expected Programme Learning Outcomes

- Advancing nursing knowledge and skills in your 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.



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; and
- be currently practising in a specialty area related to the study stream.



Mode of Study

1-year part-time

Tuition Fee

HK\$19,800 (For 2026-27 intake)

Application Period

Until 31 July 2026

Application Fee

HK\$300 (Non-refundable)

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