The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Medicine
The Nethersole School of Nursing

PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE (PDANP)

高級護理實務專業文憑課程

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 (2027/28)

Management and Leadership

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

Programme Structure

The programme consists of six courses:

TERM 1
SEP 2027 - DEC 2027

PANP51011: An Introduction to Specialty Nursing Practice

To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of nursing specialization and the healthcare system.

PANP51012: Specialization 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.

TERM 2
JAN 2028 - APR 2028

PANP51013: Specialization in Advanced Nursing Practice/Management II

A continuation of Specialization 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.

PANP51014: Practice Innovations and Change Management

To develop students' ability in designing innovative and scientifically-based interventions in nursing practice or healthcare management at an advanced level.

TERM 3
MAY 2028 - JUN 2028

PANP51015: Clinical Leadership and Contemporary Roles of Specialty Nursing

To equip students with the knowledge and skills for taking up clinical leadership and contemporary roles in the designated nursing specialty.

TERM 1-3
SEP 2027 - JUN 2028

PANP51016: Professional Skill Competency in Specialty Nursing

- To build up students' professional skill competency in specialty nursing or healthcare management.
- To enrich students' professional clinical experience under supervision.

Advantages of Studying at The Nethersole School of Nursing

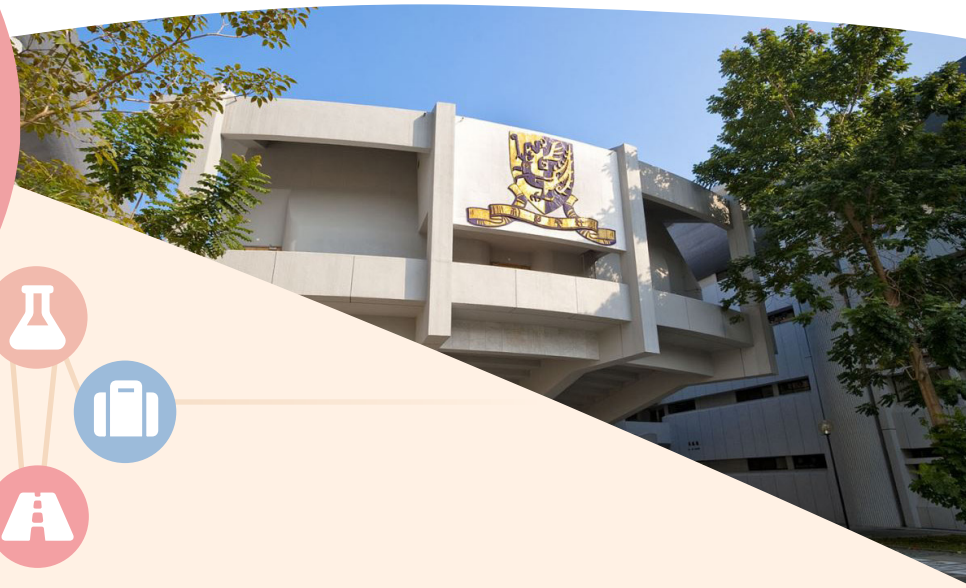
Obtaining a professional diploma in nursing from an internationally renowned university;

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.



Class Arrangement

Classes are usually held on two weekday evenings 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.

Career Prospects and Further Studies

- 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.

INFORMATION WEBINARS:

1. 7 November 2026 (Saturday)
   10:00 am - 11:00 am
2. 9 January 2027 (Saturday)
   10:00 am - 11:00 am
3. 6 March 2027 (Saturday)
   10:00 am - 11:00 am
4. 3 April 2027 (Saturday)
   10:00 am - 11:00 am
5. 8 May 2027 (Saturday)
   10:00 am - 11:00 am

Registration:
https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=13743335

Mode of Study

1-year part-time

Tuition Fee

HK$39,600 (For 2027-28 intake)

Application Period

5 October 2026 – 30 June 2027

Application Fee

HK$500 (Non-refundable)

Online Application

http://www.nur.cuhk.edu.hk/pdanp-adm/

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