

Diploma in Nursing

The Diploma in Nursing aims to equip students with knowledge and skills to make significant contributions to health and professional nursing practice. Nanyang Polytechnic is the only polytechnic in Singapore to offer nursing courses at tertiary level.

Course Aims

The course is structured to prepare students to function competently as registered nurses in various healthcare settings. The graduate will assess, manage and prevent problems related to health and illness in individuals and their families.

The course is designed to develop nurses who are committed to excellence in the care they provide, and to their continuing professional development. Graduates will be equipped to:

- ❖ apply the knowledge gained in nursing, biological and behavioural sciences to nursing practice;
- ❖ provide safe and competent care in various healthcare settings;
- ❖ use a problem-solving approach to provide holistic and individualized nursing care;
- ❖ use communication skills to establish and maintain effective helping relationships; and
- ❖ pursue ongoing educational and professional development.

Duration

3 academic years on a full-time basis

Career Prospects

The prospects for nursing graduates are very promising. They will be eligible for registration with the Singapore Nursing Board which gives them the licence to practise as professional nurses.

Career opportunities are also numerous. Attractive opportunities await graduates in hospitals, polyclinics, specialist clinics, and organizations involved in clinical trials and research.

The diploma course provides graduates with the basis for further studies and specialisation in nursing at the School of Health Sciences and universities abroad. The School offers post registration programmes at an advanced diploma level in the disciplines of critical care, community health, emergency, gerontology, management,

medical-surgical and mental health nursing, midwifery, nephro-urology, neuroscience, ophthalmic, oncology, operating theatre, orthopaedic and paediatric nursing.