

Advanced Diploma in Nursing (Community Health)

The focus of community health nursing is to optimise the health of individuals, families and the community. Students of the Advanced Diploma in Nursing (Community Health) will be equipped with specialised knowledge and clinical skills to provide nursing leadership in the delivery of comprehensive healthcare for the community.

Synopsis of Modules

Common Modules

HS8014 Leadership and Healthcare Management (30 Hrs)

This module provides students an understanding of the impact that economic, political and social issues have on the Singapore Health Care system. In addition, the students will explore and develop strategies in the management of these issues within the health care setting.

HS8015 Professional Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice (30 hrs)

This module focuses on issues that significantly influence professional nursing practice and outcomes. Learners will analyze the various approaches and undertake exercises and activities that will further assist them in their interpersonal and professional relationships for the advancement of nursing as a profession. In addition, learners will discuss the legal and ethical issues that impact nursing practice.

Specialist Modules – Community Health

HS8774 Advanced Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Community Health Nursing (60 hrs)

This module provides an in-depth study of general and systemic pathophysiology followed by further knowledge of pathophysiology processes related to Community Health in nursing. Learners should be able to integrate the pathophysiological knowledge gained with the various clinical presentations and complications of disease states. In addition, learners will study key concepts in advanced

pharmacology which will form the foundation to understanding the rationale for pharmacological management of patients with complex health problems. The advanced knowledge from this module will provide a sound basis for advanced nursing practice.

HS8775 Psychosocial Perspectives of Community Health Nursing (30 hrs)

This module provides learners with an increased awareness and understanding of psychosocial issues pertaining to community health nursing practice. It will assist learners to recognize the needs and problems of patients as well as their significant others at different phases of the illness and treatment to develop effective intervention strategies. It includes basic theory and skills of counseling to prepare advanced practice nurses to manage challenging situations in practice.

HS8773 Health Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making (45 hrs)

The module provides learners with an in-depth knowledge and skills of health assessment to develop their abilities to perform systematic assessment for clinical decisions and interventions.

HS8776 Advanced Practice in Community Health Nursing (60 hrs)

Concern currently exists that the environment's effects on health and social conditions are causing an increase in the rate of infectious diseases, community health nurses are concerned with prevention, control, surveillance, case-finding, reporting, and maintenance strategies as they relate to communicable and infectious diseases, to chronic disease processes, and to environment-related problems in the community. This module is designed to provide the student with information about how to use conceptual models, epidemiology, principles of health education and promotion, and evidence to organize population-centered nursing practice to meet the core function of the public health.

HS8765 Nursing the Elderly and Family in the Community (105 hrs)

This module aims to give the students a better understanding on how to assess and plan for the care of individuals who make up the populations. It enables the students to gain the relevant knowledge and skills in the care of families, children, adult and

the elderly in the community. It equips the students with essential knowledge and skills in step-down nursing care.

HS8766 Research and Evidence-Based Practice (60 hrs)

The module aims to develop a critical and evaluative approach to research utilising a range of different approaches and methods. It seeks to foster and develop in learners the ability to critically appraise studies as well as to plan a specific piece of research. The module places equal emphasis on qualitative and quantitative research traditions.

HS8777 Advanced Community Health Nursing Clinical Practice (420 hrs)

This module provides learners with learning opportunities to develop and apply skills appropriate to the roles and functions of the community health nurse specialist. The learners will utilize the problem-solving approach in the assessment, planning and delivery of nursing care to the perioperative patients, as well as develop analytical and critical thinking through reflective practice.

Duration

32 weeks on a full-time basis.

Entry Requirements

- A Diploma in Nursing from a local Polytechnic or an equivalent qualification;
- Registered with the Singapore Nursing Board;
- 1 year post registration experience with 6 months in the discipline of study;
- Regional candidates must have an IELTS grade of 6 and above.

Application

Details of the course will be announced as and when the course is offered. Typically two intakes per year, in April and October. The course will be conducted based on sufficient number of applicants.

Applicants are to submit their application online at www.nyp.edu.sg/pdc

Please submit your supporting documents (photocopy of NRIC, educational transcripts, degree, etc.) to the following address by the closing date:

Student Recruitment & Admission Office,
Nanyang Polytechnic,
Campus Centre (Blk A), Level 2,
180 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 8,
Singapore 569830

NB: (1) An incomplete submission may not be considered.

Organisations sponsoring their staff for the programme are required to submit the Company-Sponsorship Form to the above address by the closing date. This can be obtained from the Course Calendar at www.nyp.edu.sg/pdc

Enquiries

Enquiries related to the course application, please contact: Professional Development Centre (PDC)

TEL: 6550 0555

Enquiries related to the course, please contact: School of Health Sciences,

TEL: 6550 1300

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