A pioneer in health and social care, we harness the synergies of our different courses, and train our students to work in multidisciplinary settings with different specialist professionals, so that they can meet the challenges of today’s fast-paced health and social care environment.
School of health & social sciences

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why choose shss?

Get the best learning support possible from our team of dedicated and nurturing academic and clinical staff so you can achieve your greatest potential.

Look forward to...

LEARNING IN THE BEST FACILITIES
Hospital and specialist laboratories bring practical learning experiences.

BEING PART OF A GREAT ALUMNI
Join our pool of successful graduates practising in diverse healthcare and social service agencies.

EXPERIENCING OVERSEAS LEARNING
Undertake clinical attachment programmes at renowned universities and institutions.

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS
Fulfil your dream of pursuing a career in the health and social service sector with these opportunities.

Industry partners

Learn from the following renowned companies:

- AMKFSC Community Services
- Ang Mo Kio Community Hospital
- Care Corner Singapore
- Home Nursing Foundation
- Montfort Care
- Mount Alvernia Hospital
- National Dental Centre Singapore
- National Healthcare Group
- National University Health System
- Peacehaven Nursing Home
- Raffles Hospital
- Renci Community Hospital
- Singapore Health Services
- SingHealth Polyclinics
- St Luke's Community Hospital

Scan for more information on the diploma courses offered at the School of Health & Social Sciences
Diploma in Nursing
The Diploma in Nursing is for you if you want to help people achieve their best possible quality of life.

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of others? The Diploma in Nursing is Singapore’s most established nursing programme, providing students with a comprehensive learning experience that prepares them for a career in this noble profession. Apart from learning to manage medical conditions affecting people — from infants to the elderly — you will also be trained to make critical decisions that can impact lives.

This diploma lets you...

- Acquire the knowledge you need to excel as a Registered Nurse, and build a strong foundation as a future leader in different sectors of healthcare practice, research and teaching.
- Study in state-of-the-art facilities and fully-equipped specialist laboratories. Get leadership development opportunities through overseas programmes and educational visits.
- Look forward to attractive career opportunities in diverse healthcare settings. Or, pursue further studies at reputable local or overseas universities.

Career Paths

- Community Health Nurse
- Health Promotion Programme Coordinator
- Nurse Clinician
- Nurse Educator/Clinical Instructor
- Nurse Researcher
- Staff Nurse/Senior Staff Nurse
- Ward Manager

YEAR 1

Core Modules
- Clinical Practice
- Communication and Safety in Healthcare
- Family and Community Health
- Fundamentals of Nursing and Critical Thinking
- Health Assessment
- Human Bioscience
- Nursing Laboratory
- Psychosocial Perspectives
- Research Methods
- Women and Children Health

YEAR 2

Core Modules
- Adult Nursing
- Clinical Practice
- Human Bioscience
- Mental Health Nursing
- Nursing Laboratory
- Pharmacology
- Professional Nursing Practice and Health Education
- Psychosocial Perspectives
- Research Methods
- Statistics and Evidence Based Practice

YEAR 3

Core Modules
- Adult Nursing
- Clinical Practice
- Eldercare and Care Transition
- Management and Leadership
- Nursing Laboratory
- Nursing Project
Diploma in Oral Health Therapy
This diploma lets you...

- Gain real-life learning experiences providing dental services to people in the community.
- Look forward to a dynamic career as an oral health therapist in Singapore and abroad. You may also pursue the Bachelor of Oral Health in reputable universities in Australia and New Zealand.

**Career Paths**

- Assistant Manager/Senior Manager
- Assistant Principal/Dental Therapist
- Clinical Supervisor
- Dental Therapist
- Higher Dental Therapist
- Principal Dental Therapist
- Senior Dental Therapist

**The Diploma in Oral Health Therapy** is for you if you are a caring, patient and meticulous person who seeks to help people maintain good oral health and quality of life.

Offered with support from the Health Promotion Board, the National University Centre for Oral Health, the Singapore Dental Association and government polyclinics, this course teaches core skills in operative and preventive dentistry, dental hygiene, oral-health promotion and clinic management. Learn to perform procedures like polishing, scaling, root planing, fillings and extraction of milk teeth. Plus, gain hands-on experience in specialised simulation laboratories and during clinical attachments.

**Candidates will have to take and pass a manual dexterity test (MDT) as the MDT is required under industry standards to assess the candidate’s motor skills, which are crucial for handling specialised instruments for effective and safe delivery of dental treatment.**
Diploma in Social Sciences (Social Work)
### Year 1

**Core Modules**
- Basic Counselling Skills
- Case Management and Report Writing
- Contemporary Social Issues
- Dynamics of Interpersonal Effectiveness
- Ethical and Legal Issues in Social Services
- Group Dynamics and Facilitation
- Human Development Over the Lifespan
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Social Work
- Introduction to Sociology
- Self-Awareness
- Working with Children and Youth
- Working with Families

### Year 2

**Core Modules**
- Community Engagement
- Crisis Intervention
- Field Placement I
- Programme Planning, Organising and Evaluation
- Research and Statistics
- Working in Correctional Settings
- Working in Healthcare Settings
- Working with Minority Groups
- Working with Older Adults
- Working with Persons with Disabilities

### Year 3

**Core Modules**
- Field Placement II
- Final Year Project
- Organisational Behaviour
- Volunteer Management

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### This Diploma Lets You...

- Develop skills that will make you a good social work professional from the only polytechnic to offer a diploma in social work.
- Get support and learn from forward-looking social service agencies, the Ministry of Social and Family Development and the National Council of Social Service.
- Be eligible to join the Singapore Association of Social Workers as associate members upon graduation.
- Graduates can upskill to become social workers through a Work-Study Programme with SUSS or other universities.

### Career Paths

- Care Staff/Senior Care Staff
- Manager (Social Work)
- Policy Officer/Manager (Social Work)
- Programme Coordinator/Executive (Care and Programme)
- Programme Manager
- Research Associate (Social Work or Youth Work)
- Social Work Associate
- Social Worker
- Volunteer Executive
- Volunteer Manager
- Youth Work Associate
- Youth Worker

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*The Diploma in Social Sciences (Social Work) is for you if you want to make a difference, and help people find solutions to live more successfully.*

Play a major role in creating a more cohesive and caring community as a social work professional. Learn about the principles and practices of social work, and develop helping skills and intervention techniques to work with clients. You will also gain skills to handle casework, programme planning, community practice and project management through field placements and various community service projects and initiatives.
My internship taught me that the needs of my patients are of utmost importance, and that quality nursing care also means taking care of their mental and emotional needs.

Celine Lee Xiang Yi

PREPARED BY

CELINE LEE XIANG YI
DIPLOMA IN NURSING

Celine volunteered for a medical mission trip to Cambodia in secondary school and decided to become a nurse after she was touched by the selfless sacrifices made by the medical team, as well as the appreciation she witnessed from patients. She chose the Diploma in Nursing at SHSS as the school has a plethora of nursing specialist courses for further education.

During her study, she did a one-week internship in Japan, where she visited various healthcare institutions to learn more about their healthcare delivery. “I was very impressed by how healthcare is delivered in Japan. Much attention is paid to the smallest details, and everything is done with the patients’ best interest in mind,” said Celine. “This will always serve as a reminder that the needs of my patients are of utmost importance, and that quality nursing care also means taking care of their mental and emotional needs.”

Celine also completed a seven-week internship at the University of Pennsylvania, USA.
Build your confidence, grow professionally

I’ve learnt to understand my strengths and weaknesses, to be discerning in my judgment, to think independently and critically, and to communicate effectively.

Autthasri Rakchanok, Ella

AUTTHASRI RAKCHANOK, ELLA
DIPLOMA IN ORAL HEALTH THERAPY

Ella switched from a career in logistics to work as a dental assistant in a clinic. But she was not confident in her abilities — she felt unable to point out lapses or offer advice to patients who sought her opinion.

Studying at SHSS changed all that. Just six months into her studies, she noticed a significant change in herself. She grew confident in voicing her opinion and thinking independently, and noticed that patients showed greater trust in her advice.

“SHSS has helped me develop both professionally and as a person. I’ve learnt to understand my strengths and weaknesses, to be discerning in my judgment, to think independently and critically, and to communicate effectively,” said Ella.

Learn skills that make a difference in others’ lives

UMMI SHAFIAH
DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (SOCIAL WORK)

Ummi always wanted a career that could make a difference in people’s lives. She decided to take the Diploma in Social Sciences to learn about the needs of individuals across a wide spectrum.

She learnt that being caring and having the desire to help and care for others does not always equate to positive outcomes. Knowledge and skills to enhance people’s social functioning and overall well-being must also come in so that clients are cared for in a productive and meaningful way.

“SHSS offered me invaluable learning opportunities to hone a diverse and demanding range of professional, emotional and cognitive skills necessary for social work practice. I’ve found myself growing and developing not only in my professional knowledge and skills, but also as a person,” shared Ummi.
Admission procedures for diploma courses

Depending on your qualifications, you may apply through one of the following Admission Exercises:

### Qualifications

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To be eligible for admission, you must have also sat for one subject listed in Group 1 of relevant subjects and another different subject listed in Group 2.

**Group 1:** Art & Design, Business Studies, Combined Humanities, Commerce, Commercial Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Higher Art, Higher Music, Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English/Chinese/Malay/Tamil), Humanities (Social Studies, History/Geography), Introduction to Enterprise Development, Literature in English/Chinese/Malay/Tamil, Media Studies (Chinese), Media Studies (English), Music.


### Minimum Entry Requirements

#### Diploma in Nursing

- **ELMAB3** raw aggregate score (excluding CCA bonus points) ≤ 12

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#### Diploma in Oral Health Therapy

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