For Diploma in Banking and Finance

NYP's Diploma in Banking & Finance is for you if you are passionate in helping others develop financial capabilities, improve their financial management and allocations to align with their personal goals, and help manage their wealth. Learners can choose to learn skills from among three key growth areas in the financial services sector – wealth management, fund administration and financial technology (FinTech). It will be intellectually challenging, covering a wide spectrum of topics from sustainable development to analytics and portfolio management, to prepare you for a career in the fast changing and impactful financial services sector.

Ideal Applicant:

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Interest in business. Ideally, they are able to demonstrate hands-on experience or involvement either in school environment (e.g. CCA, community service projects, etc.) or in real-life setting (e.g. own business / start-ups / digital business or portfolios, assist parents' business, competitions);
- Ability to describe current affairs, business trends, and developments in business, the macroeconomic environment and financial services sector and discuss its implications;
- Critical thinking, analytical skills, and problem-solving abilities to deliver holistic solutions to mitigate real-world problems; and
- Ability to communicate ideas clearly and logically. If need be, defend their ideas with sound evidence

Shortlisted applicants will be assessed as follows:

1. **Aptitude Test**
   Shortlisted applicants are required to take an online aptitude test. The aptitude test will identify applicants' strengths and qualities (even hidden ones) so as to match talent and potential to business courses they are most suited for. The test discovers key business traits like critical thinking, innovativeness, communication and personal effectiveness which are key for future business careers. The aptitude test includes both scenario-based multiple-choice questions and structured short questions.

2. **Interview**
   If you are shortlisted, you will be invited for an interview, which is mostly group based, to share your interests and passion for the course with a panel of interviewers. You will be assessed on your interest, aptitude, as well as communication and presentation skills. The duration of the interview will be between 25 to 40 minutes.
   Some of the questions which you may be asked during the interview include:
   - Tell me what kind of service do you think a banker performs for their client? Follow up question: How do you think they add value to the clients?
   - Can you share what modules or aspect of this programme attracted you to apply for it?
   - Where do you think the economy is in its business cycle right now and why?
   - Why is the financial industry a key player in helping the world reach its sustainability goals?
   - How have you become better? Follow up question: And grow towards a career in banking and finance.
   - Tell me about a project conflict you were involved in, either with your peers or someone else. How did you manage that conflict, and were you able to resolve it?

3. <u>Portfolio (Optional)</u>

You should include in your portfolio any evidence and/or activities (e.g. online business) that showcase your character and involvement relevant to business management (such as leadership skills and entrepreneurial spirit).

Examples of what to include in your portfolio:

- Testimonials
- Certificates (e.g., academic, achievement and/or personal development)
- Awards