Attachments and nursing research projects with major healthcare institutions

State-of-the-art facilities that simulate medical scenarios

First in Asia with instant access to medical information via PDAs for students

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Do you have a passion to improve the lives of others? Do you want to make a difference in their lives? A career in the healthcare industry is personally satisfying and professionally rewarding. "Passion to Touch Lives" is the vision of the School of Health Sciences (HS). Our students are trained to be competent and thinking healthcare professionals. Our training extends beyond the traditional boundaries of nursing and healthcare education to include life sciences and psychology.

**High-Tech Learning Environment**

The School is the first in Asia to use Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) in the course programme. Students are able to instantly access the Internet and medical information. The PDA has databases of drugs, diseases and health assessment as well as a mobile translator, learning journals and even course lecture notes! This digital tool is set to revolutionise the way you learn and provide quality care for your patients during your work attachment. Lugging heavy textbooks is now a thing of the past!

The School has the latest, state-of-the-art facilities like the Patient Simulation Centre, intensive care units, nursing wards and an operating theatre. You will have considerable opportunities to hone your skills, getting hands-on experience at these facilities where many kinds of emergency scenarios may be simulated.

**Best Practices in the Industry**

You stand to benefit from the School’s close links with SingHealth and National Healthcare Group, community hospitals and nursing homes. You will be engaged in nursing research projects through our collaboration with these partners. You will go on attachments at Singapore General Hospital, National University Hospital or Alexandra Hospital – one of the many healthcare institutions where you may develop a career with upon graduation.

**Beyond the Curriculum**

The School’s vision "Passion to Touch Lives" reaches beyond the curriculum as our students contribute to their local and regional communities.

The Health Sciences Society, run by our students, arranges many voluntary activities for freshmen each year. You will have opportunities for overseas trips, industrial excursions, fund-raising events and outreach programmes.

Our unique learning environment will nurture the compassionate nature within you – an asset critical to a successful and enjoyable career in healthcare.

For more information, log on to www.np.edu.sg/hs
Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing)

- 45 weeks of clinical attachment at major healthcare establishments
- Curriculum includes life sciences leading to broader career options
- Accreditation by Singapore Nursing Board as a Singapore Registered Nurse
- Nursing experience with overseas attachment programmes
- Accredited for entry into medicine, nursing or dentistry courses at NUS
- Opportunities to obtain sponsorship from hospitals which provide a monthly allowance
About the Diploma

Gripped by the drama in episodes of Grey’s Anatomy where doctors and nurses struggle to save lives? If you care enough to help others in life, look no further. The Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing) prepares you for a fulfilling career as a healthcare professional. It is accredited by the Singapore Nursing Board and graduates may practise as a Registered Nurse in Singapore.

More Than Nursing

Nursing, as a globally respected profession, has expanded beyond its traditional scope of work. In addition to regular nursing modules, you will learn about life sciences and the latest developments in biomedical sciences such as cell and molecular biology, clinical trials and drug discovery.

You will also gain knowledge in the fields of biological and behavioural sciences, further equipping you to help patients recover.

Learning Differently

You will have many opportunities for hands-on training at major healthcare institutions such as government, restructured and private hospitals. You will also be attached to polyclinics, community hospitals, rehabilitation centres and nursing homes. Such close industry collaboration will put you right at the heart of modern healthcare practice in Singapore.

You will undergo a total of 45 weeks of clinical attachment throughout your three-year course. You may obtain a hospital sponsorship and enjoy a monthly allowance of between $850 and $950. Get paid to study!

Global Exposure

If you are keen on experiencing a different culture and work environment, the Overseas Academic Exchange Programme is for you. It will cultivate your adaptability while exposing you to the regional healthcare systems. Our School has strong ties with tertiary institutions, both regionally and globally, such as the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Assumption University in Thailand, University of Sydney, Griffith University (Australia) and Fudan University (China).

At Ngee Ann Polytechnic, every student has the opportunity to go overseas at least once during their three years here. You can take part in community projects as well as go on study visits or adventure camps in countries like China, India, Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia. Past community projects include health-screening, health education and setting up health assessment centres in these countries.
“I was a patient at this hospital recently, and was privileged to have experienced the attentive care and generous friendship these students have showered upon me, in addition to the kind attention I received from the regular medical staff. The youthful and cheerful disposition of these young adults also brought some cheer to the other patients in this ward. These internships are very relevant to their training curriculum.”

- Patient
Tan Tock Seng Hospital
What can you achieve in your career?

The Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing) is more than a gateway to the nursing profession - it leads you to a large number of employment opportunities. There is increasing demand for healthcare professionals, not only in primary healthcare but in a whole lot of other related industries.

Besides being employed as a Registered Nurse, you can also work in pharmaceutical, biomedical and research institutions, as well as the life sciences industry engaged in drug discovery and clinical research.

Further Studies

For further clinical specialisation and career development, you may choose to take up post-registration clinical courses. With your diploma, you will be able to pursue degrees such as Bachelors, Masters or PhD, locally at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU) or accredited overseas universities. The Exceptional Individual Scheme offers graduates accreditation to Medicine and Dentistry courses at NUS.

Entry Requirements

To be eligible for consideration, candidates must have the following GCE ‘O’ Level examinations (or equivalent) results:

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The aggregate computation for selection is based on grades obtained for English, Mathematics, Science (including Food & Nutrition, Human & Social Biology and General Science) and two other subjects.

** Candidates with English as a second language (EL2) must have attained a minimum grade of 6.

Due to the special requirements of the healthcare profession, all candidates have to pass a medical examination and be free from physical handicap to ensure suitability.
Join Us

If you took the 2007 GCE 'O' Level examinations as a school candidate, you may apply on-line through the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE). Details will be available in the JAE information booklet which you will receive when collecting your results.

Applicants who are not eligible to apply under the JAE and holders of other qualifications may refer to our website at http://www.np.edu.sg/aa/info.html for application details.

Fees
S$2,100 per academic year (for local students)