HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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SCHOOL OF NGEE ANN POLY 2020
THINK PEOPLE.

School of HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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What drives you is your sheer love for people. You’re interested in what makes people tick, and want to learn more about human society and culture.

Here at the School of Humanities & Social Sciences (HMS), you will learn to reach out to others, inspire them and enrich their lives.
THE ART OF BUSINESS
Arts Business Management (ABM)
An innovative diploma that is anchored in the creative arts while also exposing you to the business aspect of the industry. Gain real-world experience through collaborations with industry partners.

NURTURING YOUNG MINDS
Early Childhood Development & Education (ECDE)
Build a strong foundation in understanding child development, early childhood care and education for infants and young children. The diploma is conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus, and recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA).

Tamil Studies with Early Education (TSE)
A unique diploma centred around the rich Tamil language and culture that prepares you to be a qualified Tamil Mother Tongue Language preschool educator. The diploma is conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus, and recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA).

SOCIAL INNOVATION IN ACTION
Community Development (CDT)
A unique diploma that prepares you for meaningful careers in community engagement and social innovation.

EXPERTISE IN CHINESE
Chinese Media & Communication (CMC)
A bilingual media course that aims to nurture creative professionals capable of producing content for different media platforms.

Chinese Studies (CHS)
The only polytechnic diploma of its kind with three specialisations:
- Education:
  - Trains you to become a primary school Chinese Language teacher.
- Business:
  - Prepares you for careers in Chinese business communication and practice, professional translation, as well as the heritage and tourism industries.
- Early Childhood Teaching:
  - Qualifies you to become a preschool Chinese Language teacher. This specialisation is conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus, and recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA).
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Get the most out of your three years at HMS through rich internships and field projects with industry partners.

HMS students will get to work with industry partners which include:
- Singapore Press Holdings (SPH)
- Mediacorp
- Esplanade
- The Arts House
- Singapore Art Museum
- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF)
- Khoo Teck Puat Hospital
- World Vision (Singapore)
- SAP Software & Solutions (South East Asia)
- Ministry of Education (MOE) Kindergartens
- PCF Sparkletots
- NTUC First Campus
- National Library Board
- Adrenalin Group
- DBS Bank
- National Heritage Board
- Ministry of Education (MOE)
- Singapore Centre for Chinese Language

INNOVATIVE LEARNING FACILITIES

From custom-built training facilities for arts, music, dance and drama to digital language labs and a child development study centre, we have all you need to get a good foundation in your field of study.

Dialogue in the Dark (DiD)
Do your internship at DiD, an innovative learning facility cum social enterprise on campus that employs visually-impaired guides to plan and facilitate tours in complete darkness.

The Media Hub
Use our video editing suites and recording studio to produce multimedia content for companies’ websites and publications.

Educational Resource & Training Centre
Access specialised resources and the training you need to apply intervention strategies and teach children with special needs.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

Our diplomas are endorsed by government agencies such as MOE, MSF, ECDA, National Institute of Education (NIE), National Council of Social Service (NCSS), National Arts Council (NAC) and Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA).

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Together with our industry partners, we offer a wide range of scholarships and bursaries to HMS students. They include:
- MOE Teacher Training Scheme (TTS) for students from the CHS Education specialisation and TSE
- ECDA Training Awards, MOE Kindergarten Teaching Awards and NCSS Awards for students studying for diplomas in CHS (Early Childhood Teaching), ECDE and TSE
- SPH scholarships and bursaries for CMC students

DID YOU KNOW?

Students enrolled in the early childhood courses are eligible for the ECDA Training Award. It includes full course fee sponsorship and a monthly allowance of $800! Find out more at bit.ly/ECDAaward.
“Despite being a newly introduced course then, ABM provided me with the necessary exposure in understanding Singapore’s arts and culture scene. The experience continues to shape my day-to-day practices and beliefs, particularly in developing a heart for the underserved, through engaging and accessible programmes for the community.”

Mandy Lim
ABM graduate, Class of 2013
Mandy Lim is an alumna from the pioneer cohort, and is also the first poly grad to receive a National Heritage Board (NHB) scholarship. She is currently with NHB, where her role involves managing partnerships and development under HeritageCares. She also reaches out to Social Service Organisations through programmes at NHB Museums & Heritage Institutions.

“Courage is the willingness to try with no guarantee of success. Go forth and take courage to make significant differences in people’s lives. Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.”

Ernest Wong
Business & Social Enterprise (BZSE)* graduate, Class of 2018
UNESCO Singapore Youth Representative (Education for Sustainable Development) and Singapore International Foundation Top 16 Young Social Entrepreneur, 2017
Ernest is the founder of Camp Hiro, a social enterprise that seeks to empower youths in taking ownership and action in addressing community needs. During his time in Ngee Ann Polytechnic, he led a Community Service Club, and was a National Youth Council Youth Corps Leader. A Youth Executive Committee (Yew Tee) member, he received the school’s Outstanding All Rounder Community Service Award having worked on various projects that benefitted the elderly, the special needs community and low income families.

*From April 2020, PCS and BZSE will be merged to form the new Diploma in Community Development (CDT).
“On top of the soft and hard skills that I have acquired during my studies at NP, CHS and its community provided me with the ‘heart’ skills to relate to my employees, customers and stakeholders, both locally and overseas.”

Sun Jiayue, Angel  
CHS graduate, Class of 2014

Angel is the director of SGW Engineering, a construction company based in Singapore. She has recently ventured into the new media and WeChat marketing industry, and is helping local companies to reach out to the Chinese market.

“During my time at CMC, I was exposed to different fields in the media industry through the comprehensive modules that were offered. These experiences helped me prepare for my further studies and gave me an edge in the real world.”

Ng Jun Xian  
CMC graduate, Class of 2012

Jun Xian is an alumnus from the pioneer cohort. As a Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) scholar, he went to Nanyang Technological University to study Public Policy and Global Affairs. Jun Xian is currently a journalist with SPH, where he covers crime and court news.

“PCS gave me an opportunity to widen my horizons about the mental health and social sector. The knowledge and skills that I have cultivated in PCS has given me an edge in working with my residents. Thanks to the guidance from my lecturers, I was able to discover my passion in working with people.”

Ambhigai Puhal D/O Seagar  
Psychology Studies (PCS)* graduate, Class of 2018

Puhal is a personal care and programme executive at Thuja Home (under Sathya Sai Social Services). As part of her responsibilities, Puhal develops programmes and activities that help to improve the cognitive levels of her residents. She also works with the residents on their rehabilitation plans.
N11 DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEW

- A unique diploma that prepares you for meaningful careers in community development
- Opportunities to co-create innovative solutions for social causes
- A broad-based curriculum covering various aspects of management, psychology and entrepreneurship, to enable graduates to be effective practitioners in the social service, non-profit and social enterprise sectors

Signature programmes such as Community Kickstarter, Changemakers’ Bootcamp and Social Innovation in Action, with opportunities to go on community mapping trips and overseas internships!
WHAT THE COURSE IS ABOUT

Passionate about understanding human behaviour? Keen to engage communities for a worthy cause? Enrol in the Diploma in Community Development (CDT), and prepare for careers that make a difference in society!

Through CDT, you will have the opportunity to interact with different segments of the community, understand their needs and motivations, and be equipped to achieve better outcomes for these communities.

You will also learn principles of design thinking and social innovation, and through collaboration, curate innovative solutions that will address community issues and needs. The broad-based curriculum will expose you to various aspects of management, psychology and entrepreneurship, to enable you to be an effective practitioner in the social service, non-profit and social enterprise sectors.

Over the three years, our signature programmes are designed to give you an extraordinary learning journey:

Year 1: Community Kickstarter
Embark on a Community Kickstarter journey to learn about the needs of the community. Get an introduction to psychology, sociology and the social services sector.

Year 2: Changemakers’ Bootcamp
Be empowered with professional skills in areas such as managing social service organisations, marketing and communication, conducting research, counselling and group facilitation techniques in social work settings. There will be more hands-on learning through a Changemakers’ Bootcamp as well as Service-Learning projects.

Year 3: Social Innovation in Action
Gain industry exposure through a practicum with key social service and non-profit industry partners; or let loose your social entrepreneurship spirit by starting a social enterprise. In addition, you will get to hone your skills through internships at local or overseas social enterprises, as well as start-ups and companies with strong corporate social responsibility, such as DBS and Adrenalin Group.

But that’s not all – you could also have the opportunity to go on an overseas community mapping trip, where you will identify and propose solutions on social issues.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

YEAR 1
- Community Development & Social Services
- Development Across the Lifespan: Embracing Diversity & Inclusivity
- Fundamentals of Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Research Methods and Statistics
- Managing Social Service Organisations
- Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Academic Writing & Presentation
- Career & Professional Preparation 1
- Professional Communication 1
- IT Applications
- Health & Wellness *

YEAR 2
- Case Management & Supervised Practicum
- Community Psychology & Advocacy
- Group Dynamics & Facilitation
- Marketing & Communication for Social Service Organisations
- Programme Development & Impact Evaluation
- Project & Event Management
- Regulatory Framework & Governance
- Research Methods for Social Sciences
- Sponsorship & Volunteer Development
- Professional Communication 2
- Technology for Community Solutioning
- World Issues: A Singapore Perspective *

YEAR 3
- 6-Month Internship
- Practicum with Integrated Project
- Professional Communication 3
- Project ID: Connecting the Dots *

* Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) modules account for up to 7 credit units of the diploma curriculum. They include modules in innovation and world issues, as well as an interdisciplinary project. By bringing students from diverse diplomas together, the interdisciplinary project fosters collaboration to explore and propose solutions for real-world problems. IS aims to develop students to be agile and self-directed learners, ready for the future workplace.

To keep our curriculum current and robust, diploma modules are subject to change over the three years. Please visit our website for latest updates.
/ CAREER /
The community development and social services sectors are growing and expanding their talent pool. Upon graduation, you will be able to work for non-profit organisations in job roles such as programme coordinator or executive, volunteer executive, youth worker or social work associate. You could also work in for-profit firms in fields such as marketing, communications, event management and operations, or even launch your own social enterprise!

/ FURTHER STUDIES /
Graduates may pursue further studies in institutions of higher learning, both locally and overseas. As CDT is a broad-based diploma, graduates have a wide array of study choices, including those in the social sciences, humanities and business.

You may also get up to one semester’s exemption when applying for relevant degree programmes at local universities.

/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS /

AGGREGATE TYPE ELR2B2-A
To be eligible for consideration, candidates must have the following GCE ‘O’ Level examination (or equivalent) results.

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For students with other qualifications, please refer to the NP website for the entry requirements and admissions exercise period.

CONTACT US
For the most up-to-date information on NP’s Diploma in Community Development, log on to [www.np.edu.sg/cdt](http://www.np.edu.sg/cdt)