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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.
6 DIPLOMAS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You don’t need to wear a cape to be a hero – the six diplomas by HMS aim to help you make a difference by opening doors to diverse disciplines in humanities and social sciences. There’s also a Service-Learning component in every diploma to make learning more engaging and purposeful – you’ll discover that what you’ve learnt can make an impact on society!

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.
N95 DIPLOMA IN TAMIL STUDIES WITH EARLY EDUCATION

- First and only such diploma course in Singapore, with a curriculum that is taught in Tamil and English
- Get fully immersed in the local Indian community through Service Learning and learn about the Tamil culture, language and history
- Attractive training awards by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) and the Ministry of Education (MOE)
- 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)
Has it always been your dream to be a teacher? Do you have a love for the rich Tamil language and culture? You can now realise your dream by taking up the Diploma in Tamil Studies with Early Education (TSE)!

Through this unique diploma, you get to share your passion for the Tamil language and culture by teaching young children. With an increasing emphasis on the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) in schools, you will become a highly sought-after Tamil Language preschool educator.

In the first year, you will hone your language proficiency in Tamil and English while gaining exposure to the rich Tamil history, literature and culture.

In the second and final years, you will continue your cultural journey through modules such as Introduction to Tamil Film & Performing Arts and Tamil Arts & the Contemporary Society. You will also learn about child development to design and deliver language and literacy programmes for young children.

In addition, you get to apply what you have learnt in a three-month internship with a preschool where you will teach Tamil MTL and literacy to young children. Throughout your three years, you will also be exposed to career and professional preparation modules that prepare you for the 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.
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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Candidates would need to be certified medically fit for study by a certified medical doctor, and to work with children according to ECDA’s medical requirements for preschool teachers.

You must also have sat for Mathematics (Elementary/ Additional) and fulfil the aggregate computation requirements for the ELR2B2-A aggregate type listed at www.np.edu.sg/admissions/Documents/ELR2B2.pdf

* To be granted teacher certification status by ECDA to also teach English up to Kindergarten levels, applicants must have a minimum of a B4 for GCE ‘O’ level English Language (EL).

* All applicants with a C5 or C6 in EL in the GCE ‘O’ Level examination are given two years from the point of teacher registration to obtain at least a B4 in ‘O’ Level English (English as a First Language) or English Language Acceptable Alternatives.

** The main medium of instruction for these subjects must be in English, except for a language subject.

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 Tamil Studies with Early Education, log on to www.np.edu.sg/tse

For more information about NIEC and its courses, visit www.niec.edu.sg

/ FURTHER STUDIES /

As a TSE graduate, you may apply for further studies with specialisations at the following local universities:

– National Institute of Education / Nanyang Technological University
  - Diploma in Education (Tamil Language) (Primary)
  - Bachelor of Arts (Education) – only for candidates selected for MOE Tamil Language Teacher Training Scheme
  - Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics & Multilingual Studies
– National University of Singapore
  - Bachelor of Arts in South East Asian Studies (Tamil Studies)
– Singapore University of Social Sciences
  - Bachelor of Early Childhood Education with Tamil Language
  - Bachelor of Arts in Tamil Language and Literature

/ CAREER /

Upon graduation, you are certified as a Tamil Language preschool educator. You may also apply to MOE to be a primary school Tamil Language teacher if you meet MOE’s criteria.

These 3Cs embody the TSE experience where aspiring Tamil preschool educators are given rich and hands-on learning experiences. Programmes like Camp Inspire and Project Involve, and collaborations with preschools and community organisations like the National Library Board (NLB) and the Tamil Council create opportunities for students to find out more about Tamil culture and the local Indian community. Students also participate in national events such as Sorsilamabam, a Tamil debate competition in which the team from TSE was part of the top three in 2019!