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.
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)**
NEW!
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 Sparklets
- 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.
Our Graduates with That Something Xtra

“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.
DIPLOMA IN
EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

- 22-week student internship and two practicum attachments
- Recipients of the ECDA Training Award will get full-course sponsorship, professional development funding and a one-off grant for study-related expenses
- Get opportunities to upgrade your career through post-diploma programmes
- Deepen your knowledge and skills in Early Intervention in early childhood settings
- 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)
WHAT THE COURSE IS ABOUT

If you have a natural love for children and a strong interest in early childhood education, then why not play an active role in shaping a child’s growth with our Diploma in Early Childhood Development & Education (ECDE)?

This course is conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus. The qualification is recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) for graduates to register and practise as a preschool teacher in Singapore. It offers a well-developed curriculum and many exciting learning opportunities, to enable you to embark on a fulfilling journey to a promising career.

From the first year of study, you will go on weekly attachments at childcare centres, which means you get the chance to apply and hone your skills alongside experienced teachers. You will also get to build your knowledge with foundational modules such as Child Development and Child Safety, Health & Socio-emotional Well-Being.

In the second year, you will continue your field practicum while learning about the holistic development of a child, and curriculum planning and design. You will also learn how to encourage children to be curious learners and problem solvers.

In the final year, you will deepen your knowledge in your area of interest with a suite of electives such as Music & Dance for Young Children and Drama for Preschool Education or take up modules in the Early Intervention track. Put your skills and knowledge into practice when you go on a six-month internship at an early childhood centre.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

YEAR 1
– Child Development 1 & 2
– Child Safety, Health & Socio-emotional Well-Being
– Motor Skills Development
– Practicum 1
– Language & Literacy
– The Professional & Reflective Practitioner
– Principles & Practices in Early Education
– Academic Writing & Presentation
– IT Applications
– Professional Communication 1
– Career & Professional Preparation 1
– Health & Wellness

YEAR 2
– Working with the Exceptional Child
– Social Emotional Learning
– Early Numeracy
– Discovery of the World
– Curriculum Planning & Implementation
– Effective Learning Environment for Young Children
– Practicum 2
– Professional Communication 2
– World Issues: A Singapore Perspective

YEAR 3
– Family & Community Partnership
– Student Internship Programme
– Professional Communication 3
– Project ID: Connecting the Dots

Choose any two electives from the following, or be part of the Early Intervention (EI) track by taking three EI electives:
– Assessment & Differentiated Instructions
– Assessment of Young Children
– Capstone Project
– Childhood Disorders & Disabilities
– Children’s Literature
– Early Intervention & Teaching Approaches
– Drama for Preschool Education
– Issues & Trends in Early Intervention
– Music & Dance for Young Children
– Teaching Literacy to Diverse Learners

# All electives are subject to availability
^ 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 /

With an increasing emphasis on raising the quality of early childhood education in Singapore, there are good career prospects and an abundance of training opportunities. You will be able to land a job as an early childhood educator or as a trained professional in the various agencies that offer services for children and families. With further studies and training, a wide variety of options are available in the following areas:

- Child Support and Family Services
- Special Needs Education
- Curriculum Development
- Play Therapy
- Teacher Education

/ FURTHER STUDIES /

For ECDE graduates with work experience, you can undertake NIEC’s Post-Diploma Certificate, Specialist Diploma or Advanced Diploma training in early childhood related areas. These courses will better equip you to take on roles as a Mentor Teacher or Senior Educarer, or deepen your knowledge in Learning Support. With sufficient relevant experience and additional training through the Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching & Learning and the Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Leadership, you can also take on roles as a Lead Teacher and Centre Leader. As an ECDE graduate, you may enjoy up to one year’s worth of credits exemption for the full-time Bachelor of Early Childhood Education with Minor in the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS).

You may also gain direct entry into the Bachelor of Education (Special Education) programme at Flinders University, Australia. This programme is offered in partnership with the Social Service Institute, Singapore.

/ 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.


* 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.

* Students with a D7 in Mathematics may apply for the course provided they have GCE ‘O’ Level passes (1-6) in 5 subjects (including English).

** 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 Early Childhood Development & Education, log on to www.np.edu.sg/ecde

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