

Master of Science (Nursing) and Doctor of Philosophy Programmes

The Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies (NUS Nursing) is pleased to offer to nurses and those in healthcare-related disciplines in Singapore, as well as from other countries, the **Master of Science (MSc) (Nursing)** and the **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**. Both programmes are designed for research training. The Master qualification can be taken as a stand alone qualification or, if the student demonstrates the ability, can be converted to a Doctor of Philosophy qualification. These milestone Singapore based qualifications enable students to take their study in a full-time or part-time mode.

OBJECTIVES:

The MSc (Nursing) and PhD programmes aim to develop graduates characterised by their:

- ability to identify, formulate, and address problems through research;
- drive for evidence based nursing research and practice;
- creative and strategic approach to lead the nursing and healthcare-related profession nationally and internationally; and
- entrepreneurial spirit to lead innovation which will impact on the profession and the healthcare industry.

OUTCOMES:

The programmes will ensure all graduates have:

- the ability to carry out independent primary and secondary research;
- a sound grounding in translation of evidence to clinical practice;
- developed critical analytical and writing skills; and
- the leadership skills to further nursing and healthcare-related research both nationally and internationally.

CANDIDATURE:

All candidates must fulfil a minimum period of residence in Singapore. In addition, all candidates must be resident during the semester in which they submit their thesis for examination.

Type of Programme	Minimum Residency @	Maximum Candidature
MSc (Nursing)	6 months	Full-time: 36 months Part-time: 36 months
PhD	18 months	Full-time: 60 months Part-time: 60 months

@ Residency requires payment of fees and satisfying all curricular requirements of the programme of study.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE [with effect from Academic Year (AY) 2017/2018]:

In addition to the primary research project thesis, students are also required to undertake course work. Course work modules include core research skills, as well as research development modules.

Core Modules:

- Statistics for Health Research
- Graduate Research Seminar
- Research Methods

Elective Modules offered by the ALCNS:

- Independent Study
- Grant Writing and Writing for Publications
- Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
- Measurement Theory and Instrument Validation
- Intervention Research in Nursing and Health Sciences
- Research Leadership and Professional Development

Students are also encouraged to complete elective modules offered by the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and other faculties.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

MSc (Nursing):

- Has a minimum of one year work experience at the point of entry into the course.
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing or healthcare-related subjects with at least a Second Honours Class or its equivalent; or
- Coursework Master's degree in Nursing or healthcare-related subjects with a CAP of 3.5 or above; or
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing or healthcare-related subjects and evidence of outcomes from a research project equivalent to 25% of one year's full-time study.

PhD:

For direct admission to the PhD programme:

- Has a minimum of one year nursing experience at the point of entry into the course.
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing or healthcare-related subjects with at least a Second Upper Honours class or its equivalent; or
- Coursework Master's degree in Nursing or healthcare-related subjects with a CAP of 3.5 or above.
- Developed critical analytical and writing skills.
- Candidates are also expected to have the ability to pursue research in their proposed field of advanced study.

Other Requirements:

- Applicants whose native tongue AND medium of university instruction is not English:
TOEFL: Minimum score 580/237/85 for the paper-based, computer-based and internet-based tests respectively or
IELTS: Minimum score of 6
- All applicants (except NUS/NTU/SMU graduates):
GRE: Minimum total score of 320 for the Verbal & Quantitative sections and 3.5 for the Analytical section.

All shortlisted local and foreign candidates will be required to attend an interview. The selection of students for the MSc (Nursing) and PhD programmes will be based upon commitment to higher degree studies, area of research interest and academic merit.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

The MSc (Nursing) programme is comprised of 20 modular credits (three core modules and one elective module) and a 40,000 word thesis.

The PhD programme is comprised of 28 modular credits (three core modules and three elective modules) and an 80,000 word thesis.

TUITION FEES:

Information on the annual tuition fees is available at the Registrar's Office website at

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/edu/gd-fees.html>.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Financial support in the form of research scholarships is available for qualified candidates for full-time study. These range from S\$1,500 to S\$3,200 per month depending on the type of degrees. Additional support for projects is also available.

To be eligible for the research scholarship, applicants must possess at least a Bachelor's degree with Second Upper Honours class.

APPLICATIONS:

Applications must be submitted on-line at <https://inetapps.nus.edu.sg/GDA2/Home.aspx>

There are two intakes per academic year, one in August and the other in January. All applications must reach the Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies by 15 November (of the previous year) for the August intake, and by 15 May (of the previous year) for the January intake.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/nursing/education/graduate-overview.html>