# TRAINING TOMORROW'S NURSING LEADERS

Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies

BSC (NURSING) / BSC (NURSING) (HONOURS)
ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20



# Our Commitment to You

The Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies (NUS Nursing) at the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine is committed to providing high quality nursing education. Our undergraduate courses here at NUS Nursing – Asia's leading Nursing programme – are designed to develop competent and caring nurses, as well as innovative healthcare leaders for Singapore and the region. We provide an intellectually stimulating, rigorous and nurturing environment for our students. Through our state-of-the-art simulation training centre and close partnerships with Singapore's leading hospitals, our students receive the best nursing education in Singapore.



#### Our Flagship Programmes

The NUS Bachelor of Science (Nursing) degree is a three-year, full-time modular-based undergraduate programme. Upon successful completion of the programme, graduates are eligible to register with the Singapore Nursing Board to practise as a Registered Nurse. When you achieve a minimum Cumulative Average Point (CAP) of 3.2 at the end of the programme, you can apply to proceed to the Honours programme leading to the award of the Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Honours) degree.

The focus of our Honours curriculum ranges from evidence-based nursing and applied research methods to integrated clinical practice. Students are required to complete a research project during the Honours year.

## **Curriculum and Programme Structure**

YEAR OF STUDY

One

#### Two

#### **SUBJECTS**

- Healthy Ageing and Well-being
- Fundamentals of Care
- Anatomy, Physiology and Physical Assessment
- Pathophysiology, Pharmacology and Nursing Practice
- Communication and Cultural Diversity
- Psychology for Nurses
- Clinical Practice

- Mental Health Nursing
- Pathophysiology, Pharmacology and Nursing Practice
- Women and Children Heath
- Infection and Immunology
- Medical Sociology
- Professional Nursing Practice, Ethics and Law
- Healthy Community Living
- Clinical Practice
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#### **Three**

- Leadership and Management
- Public and Community Health
- Palliative and End-of-Life Care
- Research and Evidence-based Healthcare
- Clinical Practice
- Transition to Professional Practice Experience

#### **Honours**

- Evidence-based Health Care Practice
- Applied Research Methods
- Honours Project in Nursing
- Consolidated Clinical Practice





## Career Prospects

Our undergraduate nursing programmes prepare and enable students to pursue career opportunities in clinical and community practice, education, research and management.

Our graduates are highly sought after for their excellence and professionalism in nursing. 97.4% of BSc (Nursing) graduates, and 91.8% of BSc (Nursing) (Hons) graduates, find employment within six months after completing their final exams\*. NUS Nursing graduates start off with median monthly salaries of \$\$3,500 for those with honours, and \$3,400 for those without honours. Many are working in the clinical and healthcare fields, making significant contributions to the health and well-being of people in Singapore and the region.

#### HOSPITAL

CHIEF NURSE				
Director Deputy Director Assistant Director	Director Deputy Director Assistant Director Advanced Practice Nurse	Director Deputy Director Assistant Director		
Senior Nurse Manager Nurse Manager	Advanced Practice Nurse Senior Nurse Clinician Nurse Clincian	Senior Nurse Educator Nurse Educator		
MANAGEMENT	CLINICAL	EDUCATION		
ASSISTANT NURSE CLINICIAN/ SENIOR STAFF NURSE				

#### **ACADEMIC SETTINGS**

Professor Associate Professor Assistant Professor Senior Lecturer	PhD
Lecturer	Master's Degree

#### OTHER CAREER OPTIONS

Case Manager	Clinical Trial Coordinator	Community Care Coordinator	Entrepreneur
Policymaker	Primary Healthcare Coordinator	Research Fellow	School Nurse

<sup>\*</sup>Graduate Employment Survey 2017

"My formative years as a nurse researcher began at NUS. Nursing school developed my intellectual curiosity and interest in academic research, further broadening my passion for nursing. My experience as a nurse puts me in a unique position to conduct translational research to improve standards of care and address Singapore's escalating healthcare needs."

#### **BRIGITTE WOO**

BSc (Nursing) Honours, Class of 2011 PhD student (NUS Nursing)

"The NUS Nursing curriculum nurtures critical thinkers grounded in evidence-informed practice. It prepares graduate nurses for a smooth transition to clinical practice, allowing them to provide optimal and innovative care to their patients from day one. I am proud to be a graduate of a globally renowned Nursing programme."

#### IBNU FIRDAUS BIN NOORAMAN

BSc (Nursing) (Merit), Class of 2011 Senior Staff Nurse (Tan Tock Seng Hospital)

"Community nursing shaped me into a more courageous, tenacious, and above all, compassionate human being. The goal of ensuring my patients' well-being challenges me, but at the end of the day, there is no greater joy than witnessing a patient recover well and enjoy a quality life."

#### ONG SHU FEN

BSc (Nursing) (Honours), Class of 2012 Master of Nursing, Class of 2019 Senior Staff Nurse (Khoo Teck Puat Hospital)

"NUS Nursing taught me to never stop asking questions.
'Why are we still doing this?' 'Is there a more efficient way to do this?' 'Is this evidence-based?' We are taught to advocate for our patients even if it means challenging traditional practice and questioning physician orders, because patient care is our number one priority. We question to constantly learn, improve and create a better healthcare system."

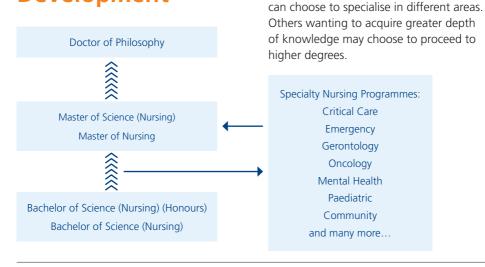
#### JASMINE TAN JIA XING

BSc (Nursing) (Honours), Class of 2011 Senior Staff Nurse (National Heart Centre Singapore)





#### Education and Professional Development



## Scholarship and Sponsorship Information

sponsorship recipients.

Students can apply for the Healthcare Merit Award/Healthcare Merit Scholarship from MOHH. Sponsorship is also available from the three regional health systems:

The University offers financial aid in the form of loans, scholarships and bursaries

to students in need. In addition, MOH Holdings (MOHH) and healthcare agencies

in Singapore offer attractive scholarships and sponsorships for suitably qualified applicants. Students may receive a monthly allowance while studying at NUS Nursing. A large proportion of our students are scholarship/

An undergraduate degree in nursing offers a myriad of exciting opportunities to further

one's horizon upon graduation. Students

who are interested in specific nursing fields

"I have been helped in many ways as a scholarship recipient. I was also introduced to peers and mentors from various healthcare disciplines so that we can be integrated into an inter-professional fraternity from the beginning."

**EUGENE WEE BENG SEON.** Year 3

National Healthcare Group
Western Region:
National University Health System
Eastern Region:
Singapore Health Services

**Central Region:** 

#### Clinical Practicum

Clinical nursing practice is an integral part of the undergraduate degree programmes at NUS Nursing. The modules are designed to equip students to consolidate the knowledge and skills acquired, and apply to patient management in various hospitals, polyclinics, hospices and community health agencies.

"The clinical practicum has always been the highlight of the semester. I get to see first-hand the challenges that lie ahead of me in my nursing career and learn how to resolve them. Every clinical practicum is an opportunity for me to review my progress so that I can identify my shortcomings in order to become the nurse I want to be."

LIM SHIN YING, Year 4





## Inter-professional Education

NUS Nursing is committed to fostering inter-professional education experiences for our undergraduate nursing students. Students have opportunities to learn and study together with peers from Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Social Work. Learning actively with counterparts from other related disciplines imparts team skills that are essential for students to work effectively as professional members of multi-disciplinary care teams in hospitals and clinics.

"Besides emphasising the importance of teamwork, understanding and communication, Inter-professional Education also gives us opportunities to work with peers from other healthcare disciplines. We learn to recognise and leverage on our respective strengths, knowledge and expertise in fulfilling our common goals."

TAY CHERYL, Year 4

#### Overseas Student Exchange Programme

There are also opportunities for students to participate in overseas exchange programmes in countries such as China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland and Taiwan. "I had the privilege of experiencing local nursing culture and practice during a Student Exchange Programme at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in July 2018. I was thrilled to meet nursing students from Hong Kong and seven other foreign Universities, from whom I acquired valuable knowledge on healthcare challenges and solutions that cross national boundaries."

**DELPHINE CHEN, Year 4** 





### Community Service

Our students organise and participate in local and overseas health screening programmes and other community services.

"Cangyuan Synergy 2018 gave me the chance to see a different healthcare landscape in another part of the world. Working with team-mates and overseas counterparts to achieve common goals was highly fulfilling. Being part of the project enabled me to reflect on my roles as a nurse, a young adult, and a fellow human being to another."

ELYSIA CHIAM, Year 4

#### **Entry Requirements**

All eligible applicants must fulfil the minimum University requirements for admission to full-time undergraduate studies. Shortlisted local and foreign candidates will be required to attend an interview and take an aptitude test.

#### GCE 'A' Level, Singapore-Cambridge:

Any two H2 passes in the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Physics and Mathematics

#### **International Baccalaureate (IB):**

Any two HL passes in the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Physics and Mathematics

#### **NUS High School:**

Major CAP of at least 2.0 in any two of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics

#### **Diploma Holders:**

Applicants presenting a Diploma from a Polytechnic in Singapore



#### Health Requirements

Please refer to http://bit.ly/NursingHealthRequirements for more details.



For further information, please visit the NUS Nursing website at http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/nursing

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