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BNurs



# BACHELOR OF NURSING

From Simulation Learning to Life Enrichment



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# BNurs (JS6468)

Cultivating highly-trained nurses with compassionate care skills is the focus of our BNurs curriculum. Students will be receiving a broad spectrum of clinical and simulation training, as well as inter-professional and problem-based learning in a supportive environment. Meanwhile, their global vision will be developed through life enrichment learning programmes beyond Hong Kong.



## Programme Aims and Objectives

The Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs) is a five-year full-time programme leading to an honours degree. The objective of our BNurs programme is to provide comprehensive and holistic nursing education, through which, generic nurses are nurtured to become competent practitioners in various healthcare settings.

Well-scoped with multidisciplinary, our credit-based curriculum is designed to introduce the bio-psychosocial aspects of health and nursing care. It strikes a good balance between the broad areas of nursing, biological, behavioural and social sciences, enabling students to obtain knowledge through the study of different disciplines. The desired learning outcomes would be the production of nursing professionals with inquisitive mindsets, strong interpersonal skills, and high awareness of the socio-cultural context in Hong Kong where nursing is practised.

Our BNurs programme emphasises the integration of theory and practice. Students are exposed to a variety of clinical environments throughout the study, while comprehensive learning of clinical skills is delivered under the supervision of experienced teaching staff. The process of teaching and learning is directed by nursing academics from a wide range of expertise, with the support of excellent facilities in various departments of the Medical Faculty and clinical settings.





## Programme Structure

The 5-year BNurs curriculum requires students to undertake various courses per year so that they can gradually develop their nursing capabilities in different settings. Key areas of the study include Nursing Core Courses, Nursing of Specialised Populations, Theoretical Foundations for Nursing Practice, Foundations in Nursing Research, Nursing Electives, Nursing Practica, Life Sciences, Clinical Pharmacology and Behavioural Sciences. This curriculum is carefully structured to allow maximum longitudinal and lateral correlations between courses.

There are a total of **44 courses** running throughout five years. Among these courses, **26 of them are Core Courses** while **7 are Practicum Courses**. The combination of these courses will empower students to become competent practitioners. This programme also includes **1 Life Enrichment Learning Course**, **1 Nursing Elective Course**, **3 Language Courses** and **6 Common Core Courses**. Altogether they constitute **303 credits** in the entire curriculum.



**Mr Benney Wong**

Lecturer, School of Nursing

As a competent nurse, to heal up a patient's wound is not only done by your skillful hands but also by your empathetic heart.

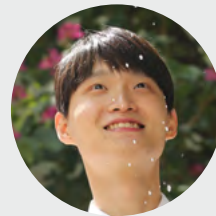
## Modes of Learning

The BNurs programme incorporates various teaching and learning strategies, such as problem-based learning; inter-professional team-based learning; audiovisual education; e-learning; active learning activities; demonstrations; field trips and educational visits to clinical agencies and community settings, not limited to traditional classroom approaches like lectures, seminars and tutorials. Clinical education is achieved through laboratory teaching, innovative simulation activities and clinical practicum.

Nursing skills are acquired through demonstrations, simulation, video playback, e-learning and practice. For Life Sciences and Clinical Pharmacology courses, students gain laboratory experiences relating to demonstrations of specific areas in anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, microbiology and pharmacology.



Field of Study	Allocation of Credits				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Basic / Medical and Surgical Nursing	24	18	-	-	-
Behavioural Sciences	-	12	-	-	-
Life Sciences and Clinical Pharmacology	6	12	12	-	-
Ethics, Law and Professional Issues	-	-	9	-	-
Specialty Nursing	-	-	6	18	12
Chinese Medicine and Nursing	-	-	-	6	-
Community and Global Health Nursing	-	-	-	6	-
Clinical Reasoning in Practice	-	-	-	-	6
Management and Informatics	-	-	-	-	6
Life Enrichment Learning	-	-	6	-	-
Nursing Elective	-	-	-	-	6
Nursing Research / Statistics	-	-	-	12	-
Clinical Practicum	-	6	18	18	30
Chinese Language	6	-	-	-	-
English Language	6	6	-	-	-
Common Core Curriculum	24	12	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>



**Mr Since Kong**

BNurs 2010

Manager (Nursing), Nursing Service Department,  
Hospital Authority Head Office

HKU Nursing has been nurturing seeds of caring hearts. Not only professional knowledge and skills are imparted, but also positive values and precious networks. All as a whole make them blossom into the flowers of tomorrow. I am very grateful to be one of the seeds grown in this beautiful garden.

## Clinical Practicum

This programme emphasises clinical practice in all aspects of nursing. Under the instruction and supervision of experienced teachers, students have the opportunity to learn and practise basic to advanced level of complex care in both local communities and comprehensive teaching hospitals, such as Queen Mary Hospital. Clinical practicum is organised in blocks of practice to allow students to consolidate what they have learned from the nursing themes and skills. Clinical placements are arranged in:

- Community centres;
- Aged care centres;
- Outpatient clinics; and
- Specialties in hospitals, including Medical and Surgical Units, Paediatrics Unit, Obstetrics Unit, Accident & Emergency Unit, Operation Theatre, and many more.



**Ms Mandy Tong**

BNurs 2003  
Senior Nursing Officer/  
Patient Relations Officer, The Duchess of  
Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay/  
TWGHs Fung Yiu King Hospital/  
MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre

A nurse can touch one's life. Every real-life story can touch our heart and soul, inspiring me to be a better person living out a richer and more meaningful life.



## Life Enrichment Opportunities

This programme is designed to nurture nursing leaders with an international outlook. Students are provided with opportunities to participate in life enrichment programmes, including exchange programmes at top universities such as University of Pennsylvania, Case Western Reserve University, University of Toronto, Peking University, Korea University, The University of Tokyo, Kaohsiung Medical University, University of Navarra and The University of Sydney; short-term study programmes; service/humanitarian activities; research attachment and more.



# Curriculum Structure

SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
<b>YEAR 1</b>			<b>66 CREDITS</b>								
Common Core Courses (12 credits)		Exam		Common Core Courses (12 credits)		Exam					
Core University English (6 credits)				Practical Chinese for Nursing Students (6 credits)							
Getting into Nursing (6 credits)				Health Promotion and Education (6 credits)							
Foundation of Life Sciences (6 credits)				Health Assessment (6 credits)							
Clinical Skills in Practice (6 credits)											
<b>YEAR 2</b>			<b>66 CREDITS</b>								
Common Core Courses (6 credits)		Exam		Common Core Courses (6 credits)		Exam					
Academic Communication for Nursing Students (6 credits)				Life Sciences II (6 credits)							
Nursing of Adults I (9 credits)				Nursing of Adults II (9 credits)							
Life Sciences I (6 credits)				Health Sociology (6 credits)							
Health Psychology (6 credits)											
				Nursing Practicum I (6 credits)							
<b>YEAR 3</b>			<b>51 CREDITS</b>								
Ethics, Law and Professional Issues (9 credits)		Exam		Life Enrichment Learning (6 credits)		Exam					
Critical Care and Emergency Nursing (6 credits)											
Clinical Pharmacology (6 credits)											
Life Sciences III (6 credits)											
				Nursing Practicum IIa (9 credits)							
				Nursing Practicum IIb (9 credits)							
<b>YEAR 4</b>			<b>60 CREDITS</b>								
Nursing of Women and Infants (6 credits)		Exam		Essential Statistics (6 credits)		Exam					
Nursing of Children and Adolescents (6 credits)				Chinese Medicine and Nursing (6 credits)							
Research and Scholarship in Nursing (6 credits)				Community and Global Health Nursing (6 credits)							
Mental Health Nursing (6 credits)											
				Nursing Practicum IIIa (9 credits)							
				Nursing Practicum IIIb (9 credits)							
<b>YEAR 5</b>			<b>60 CREDITS</b>								
Nursing of Older Adults (6 credits)		Exam		Nursing Practicum IVa (9 credits)							
Oncology Nursing and Palliative Care (6 credits)				Nursing Practicum IVb (21 credits)							
Leadership, Management and Informatics (6 credits)											
Clinical Reasoning in Practice (6 credits)											
Nursing Elective (6 credits)											
											<b>Total no. of credits: 303</b>

Timetable arrangements may vary from year to year.



## Professional Recognition and Career Prospects

Graduates from the BNurs degree programme will be able to work and perform independently with respect to the assessment and appraisal of the healthcare needs of the community. Those who have satisfactorily completed all programme requirements will be eligible for direct registration as registered nurses with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong.



**Mr Alex Wong**

BNurs 2022

Acquiring nursing skills and knowledge is crucial, but it is more important to serve with critical thinking, global vision, and an empathetic heart.

# BNurs-ALT (JS6418)

## Bachelor of Nursing Advanced Leadership Track (BNurs-ALT)

An elite track is designed for high-calibre candidates who are high achievers and aspire to pursue an advanced and specialised nurse practice or a nurse-physician career in the healthcare sector.

This track enables highly competent students to accomplish a dynamic and vigorous study plan and to fulfil accredited professional curricula at an accelerated pace.

It is the first and only bachelor's nursing programme in Hong Kong that offers articulation to the HKU Master of Nursing (MNurs) or HKU Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS).

# Two Articulation Pathways

BNurs-ALT is the first and only nursing track in Hong Kong that offers two articulation pathways\*:

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## Articulation to Master of Nursing (MNurs)

Students shall be admitted to 1-year part-time MNurs study, upon successful completion of the 5-year BNurs-ALT, and shall be able to **OBTAIN ONE BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND ONE MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING** in a duration of 6 years.

Prospect: Advanced & Specialised Nurse

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## Articulation to Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

Students shall be admitted directly to HKU MBBS Year 2 and exempted from the Year 3 Enrichment Year requirements, upon successful completion of the 5-year BNurs-ALT degree with First-class Honours, and shall be able to **OBTAIN TWO PROFESSIONAL DEGREES** in a duration of 9 years.

Prospect: Nurse-physician

\* Subject to the fulfilment of MNurs/MBBS programme's entry requirements. Being BNurs graduates with First-class Honours and having "Chemistry" subject in their HKDSE results are required for choosing the MBBS articulation pathway.

## Leadership Development Programme

Students will acquire unique leadership skills and obtain experiential learning opportunities during their study in nursing.

## Personal Mentors Throughout the Course of Study

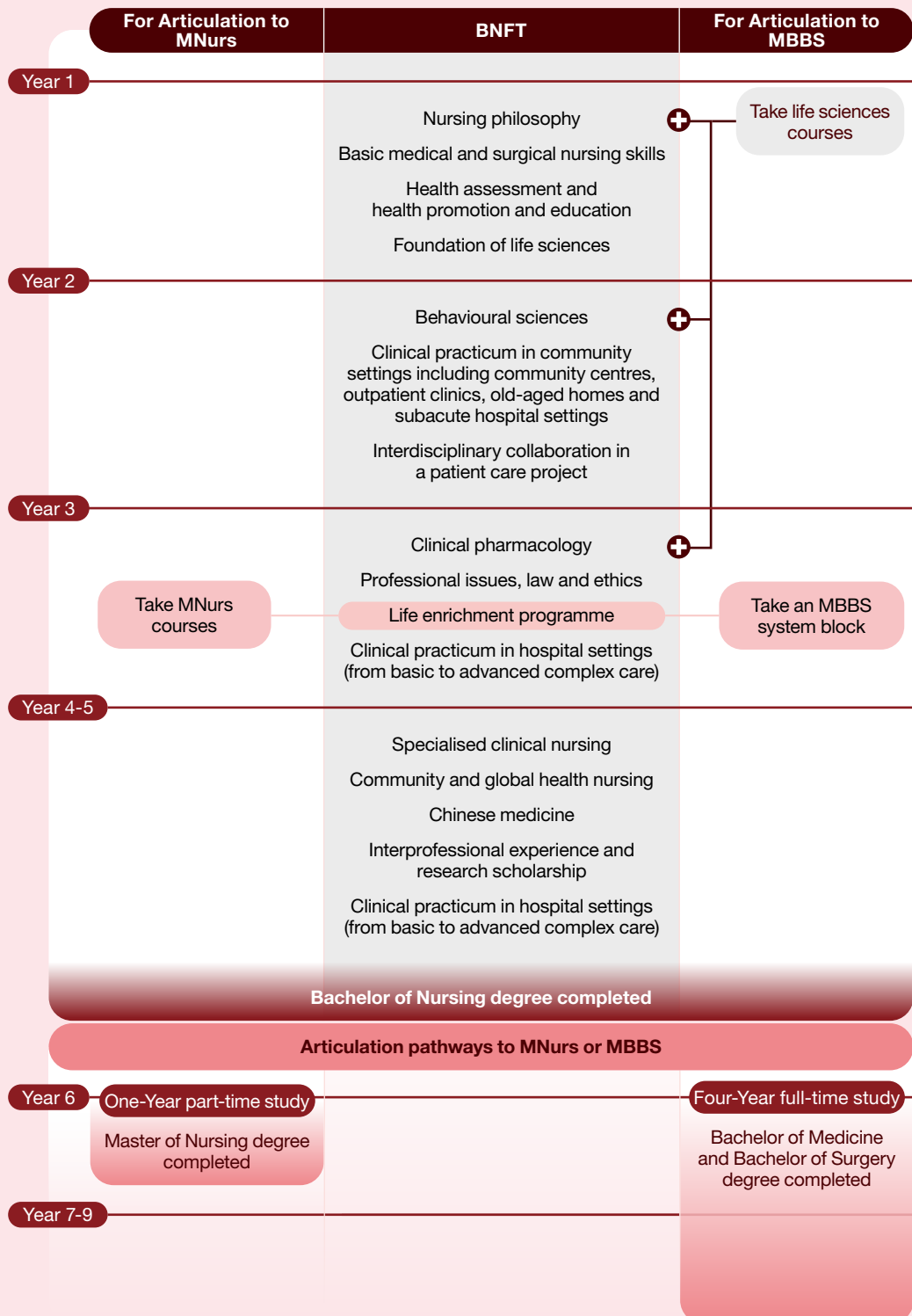
Students will be mentored individually by a designated instructor from professoriate staff and an experienced nurse leader, who provide advice and guidance throughout their BNurs-ALT study. Under the mentorship of great minds, students can broaden their horizons and expand their personal networks.



## Diversified Roadmaps

The articulation pathways provided under the BNurs-ALT are subject to one's interest, career aspiration and academic performance, etc. Scholarships covering the full composition fee of MNurs will be provided to students with exemplary academic performance.

### Structure of BNurs-ALT at a Glance



# Scholarships

## Entrance and Academic Elite Scholarships in Nursing

HKDSE students admitted to BNurs and BNurs-ALT

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Year Obtained a HKDSE score (Best 5) <sup>#</sup> <b>28 - 30.5</b>	Award of <b>HK\$10,000</b> under the Entrance Scholarship	
	Obtained a HKDSE score (Best 5) <sup>#</sup> <b>≥ 31</b>	Award of <b>HK\$21,000</b> under the Entrance Scholarship

All students admitted to BNurs-ALT will be eligible for both the Entrance and Academic Elite Scholarships at least for the 1st year (i.e. HK\$63,100) subject to the “Senate maximum” for local UG students.

<sup>#</sup>Best 5 based on the new HKU scoring system

Students achieving outstanding academic performance from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> to the 5 <sup>th</sup> year of study are qualified for the <b>Academic Elite Scholarship</b>	Total awarded value up to a maximum of <b>HK\$231,500</b>
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## Scholarship for MNurs Articulation Pathway

Our scholarship covering a full composition fee of MNurs will be offered to BNurs-ALT graduates with outstanding academic performance.

## Future Prospects

### Competent and Transferable Skills

Graduates are equipped with practical clinical skills and will be capable of translating evidence-based theories into practice.

### Professional Recognition

Graduates who have satisfactorily completed all programme requirements will be eligible for direct registration as registered nurses with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong.

### Global Leadership

Graduates are trained to possess global leadership traits, allowing them to work effectively across multidisciplinary teams around the world.

### Extensive Networks

Graduates will stay connected with an extensive professional network via clinical practicum in community centres, clinics and comprehensive teaching hospitals; and via research attachments and personal mentors.

For more  
information on  
admissions



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