Admission Requirements

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
A candidate who:
(i) complies with the General Regulations;
(ii) holds either
   1) a Bachelor’s degree with honours from this University; or
   2) another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
(iii) holds any additional qualifications as may be required by the LKS Faculty of Medicine; and
(iv) satisfies the examiners in a qualifying examination if required shall be considered for admission.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
4-year PhD Programme
A candidate who:
(i) complies with the General Regulations;
(ii) holds either:
   1) a Bachelor’s degree with honours and a taught Master’s degree or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or
   2) a Bachelor’s degree with normally first class honours from this University or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
(iii) holds any additional qualifications as may be required by the LKS Faculty of Medicine; and
(iv) satisfies the examiners in a qualifying examination if required shall be considered for admission.

3-year PhD Programme
A candidate who:
(i) complies with the General Regulations;
(ii) holds a Bachelor’s degree with honours and a research Master’s degree or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
(iii) holds any additional qualifications as may be required by the LKS Faculty of Medicine; and
(iv) satisfies the examiners in a qualifying examination if required shall be considered for admission.

How To Apply
All applications will have to be submitted via the on-line application system at www.hku.hk/gradsch/online. Supporting documents will need to be uploaded by applicants onto the on-line application system.

Admission Periods
• Main round application: 1 September - 1 December
• 1st clearing round: 1 December - 30 April
• 2nd clearing round: 1 May - 31 August
(Please refer to the Graduate School homepage for details and application deadlines.)
Why Study with School of Nursing, HKU?
- We have established international research excellence.
- We achieved the highest research quality rating in the Hong Kong Research Assessment Exercise, 2006.
- We teach world-leading research skills.
- We have access to world-class research facilities.

Why Pursue Research Postgraduate Studies?
- To advance forefront knowledge in nursing.
- To know your strengths, interests and aspirations.
- To enhance your academic competitiveness.

Research Postgraduate Programmes

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Scholarships and Awards

1. Postgraduate Scholarship
- Normally HK$13,600 per month*
- Eligible for full-time MPhil/PhD candidates

2. Serena Yang Postgraduate Scholarship
- HK$70,000 per award*
- Eligible for full-time PhD candidates with excellent academic performance

3. University Postgraduate Fellowship
- HK$70,000 per award*
- Eligible for full-time PhD candidates with excellent academic performance

4. Hong Kong PhD Fellowship (HKPF)
- Monthly Scholarship of HK$20,000
- Conference and research related travel allowance of HK$10,000 per year, up to a period of three years
- Eligible for full-time PhD candidates

* subject to revision by the University

Major Research Areas in School of Nursing

Chronic illness prevention and care

1. Tobacco control and smoking cessation
   - Helping Youth Smokers stop smoking through the Smoke Out programme: comparison of saliva cotinine levels of non-smoking mothers and infants below 18-month between non-smoking and smoking households; a cross-sectional study; a randomised controlled trial of a tailored intervention compared to usual care on smoking type 2 diabetic patients to promote smoking cessation and improve glycaemic control; study on 2010 Quit to Win Smoking Cessation Contest: smoking and Health Survey in Hong Kong Women: a three-year follow-up of female smokers receiving specific smoking cessation counselling in Hong Kong; promoting smoking cessation in the community—a randomised controlled trial comparing telephone brief advice, SMS message and self-help approaches to smoking cessation; a randomised controlled trial of a general health promotion action (GHPA) intervention to promote smoking cessation and improve glycaemic control of smoking type 2 diabetic patients; a proactive family smoking cessation intervention for parents of children 0-18 months—a randomised controlled trial.

2. Family violence and partner relationships
   - "Becoming Parents"—a hospital-community partnership to enhance transition to parenthood; the validation of the Psychological Maladjustment of Women Inventory for Chinese women; the differential effects of intimate terrorism and situational couple violence on the mental health of abused Chinese women; Positive Fathering—a programme to enhance the mental health and marital relationship of expectant couples; building partnership to promote health in the community; collaboration of parents, volunteers and professionals for better parenting: the role of post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms in mediating the effects of types of intimate partner violence on chronic pain in Chinese women; Chinese women's experiences of intimate partner relationships, an RCT to test the effectiveness of a telephone intervention to improve the mental health of community dwelling women abused by their intimate partners.

3. Elderly and general health promotion

4. Cancer care
   - A comparison between the Hong Kong and Singapore Chinese versions of the Functional Living Index—Cancer; psychometric evaluation of the Hong Kong Chinese Functional Living Index—Cancer; developing and evaluating interventions to promote psychosocial well-being and enhance quality of life of childhood cancer survivors.

Women and child health

1. Infants feeding
   - A randomised controlled trial of a professional breastfeeding support intervention to increase the exclusivity and duration of breastfeeding; an investigation of the factors contributing to the early cessation of breastfeeding in Hong Kong; changing infant feeding models: impact of cessation of complimentary infant formula in public hospitals on the duration and exclusivity of breastfeeding.

2. Maternal and child health
   - Hong Kong women's knowledge, attitudes, and behaviours toward influenza vaccination during pregnancy.

3. Paediatrics intervention
   - The development of a measurement tool in assessing Chinese children's coping behaviour towards surgery; the effectiveness of incorporating play activities in a health promotion programme to enhance the mental well-being of primary school students-a pilot study; the effectiveness of therapeutic play intervention using virtual technology in promoting mental well-being for children in the community: a randomised controlled trial study.

4. Antenatal and postnatal interventions
   - Antenatal and postnatal interventions to promote mental health; management of stress and prevention of depression; group cognitive-behavioural interventions: behavioural interventions on diet and physical activity; group interventions to enhance family relationships including spousal and intergenerational relationships; online self-help programme; cultural issues of perinatal care and transition to parenthood; psychosocial needs and support to new fathers.

5. Scoliosis screening
   - Evaluation of the costs and clinical effectiveness of the Hong Kong scoliosis screening programme; a single-blinded comprehensive cohort study of the efficacy of bearing in patients with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis.

(Current research projects are available on our School's homepage: https://www3.hku.hk/nursing.)