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School of Nursing  
香港大學護理學院

# Doctor of **NURSING** Programme



# **DNurs**

## School of Nursing

The School of Nursing of The University of Hong Kong was established in 1995 and rapidly gained a reputation of excellence in teaching, research and clinical practice. Our School has a strong mission to educate nursing leaders for the community, and it is our goal to provide a diversified and holistic nursing education that will prepare our graduates to become leaders of the nursing profession. One of the strengths of the School is its innovative, interdisciplinary and internationalized nursing curricula responding to the health needs of the population locally and globally. We also have close links with a range of health care settings in Hong Kong which facilitate the provision of cutting-edge learning environments for our students. The School has developed a strong network with nursing school in renowned universities internationally which enables student and academic exchanges as well as research collaboration.

Now, more than ever, there is a great need for highly-qualified and knowledgeable nurses. Currently, the School offers a wide variety of nursing degrees, including full-time and part-time Bachelor of Nursing, Master of Nursing, taught Doctor of Nursing as well as research-based Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy Programmes. These programmes contribute to the nursing profession by training and preparing nursing leaders, practitioners, researchers and educators.

## Doctor of Nursing

Doctor of Nursing (DNurs) Programme is a professional doctorate with course work and research, normally extends over four years of part-time studies or three years of full-time studies\*.

## Programme Aim

The DNurs Programme is designed for nurses who aspire to provide leadership in advancing nursing practice, education and research.



- Firsthand smoke refers to smoke inhaled by a smoker.
- Secondhand smoke refers to smoke in the air after it is exhaled by a smoker or that has been released from the end of a burning cigarette.
- Thirdhand smoke is the smoke residue on surfaces and in dust, is converted into the air and enters as the oxidants and other compounds to yield secondary pollutants.

## Programme Structure

Year of Study	Full-time Mode	Part-time Mode
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of all taught courses and assignments                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 Core courses</li> <li>- 3 Track courses</li> <li>- Research Ethics course</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Attendance and presentation at thesis seminars</li> <li>• Preparation of an up-to-standard research proposal plus initial work on thesis</li> </ul>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance and presentation at thesis seminars</li> <li>• Completion of a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance and presentation at thesis seminars</li> <li>• Completion of a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words</li> </ul>
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### Core Courses

- Scientific Progress in Nursing
- Advanced Quantitative Research Designs and Methods
- Naturalistic and Interpretive Approaches to Nursing Research
- Health Policy for Advocacy in Health Care



### Track Courses

There are two leadership tracks in the DNurs Programme:

<i>The Educational Leadership Track courses are:</i>	<i>The Clinical Leadership Track courses are:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Clinical and Classroom Teaching in Nursing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Role Acquisition</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum Planning and Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Behavior and Health Promotion Research</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment and Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concepts and Methods in Health Services Research</li> </ul>

### Research Ethics Course

Research Ethics for Graduate Students

### Thesis

Students have to complete a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words that represents an original scientific study grounded in practice / education and contains material worthy of publication.

## International Exchange and Conference Support

Opportunities are available for students to have educational exchange in renowned international universities, and financial support will be provided to encourage students to present at international conferences.

### Serena Yang Scholarship

Two prizes shall be awarded to newly enrolled candidates who hold a bachelor's degree with 1st class honors or equivalent outstanding academic achievement; and whose research proposal (2-3 pages) has demonstrated scientific rigor. The value of each of the prizes shall be HK\$30,000.

## Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Programme leading to the degree of Doctor of Nursing, applicants must:

- comply with the General Regulations of The University of Hong Kong;
- hold a master's degree in nursing or equivalent disciplines from this University, or a comparable university accepted for this purpose;
- currently hold a Registered Nurse licence;
- have English proficiency as specified by the University's admission requirements; and
- satisfy the application evaluators with (i) a statement of overall career goals and specific research interests; and (ii) an oral justification of their suitability for doctoral education.



## Fees

Application for admission fee (non-refundable) : HK\$300

Composition fee (subject to change in each intake) : Part-time : HK\$69,000 per year


Full-time : HK\$92,000 per year\*



\* Subject to the University's approval.

## Enquiry

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