



**HKU
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**LKS Faculty of Medicine
School of Nursing
香港大學護理學院**

Doctor of Nursing

(Full-time / Part-time)



Why choosing HKU Nursing

The School of Nursing of The University of Hong Kong has gained a reputation for 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.

Programme *Features*

The Doctor of Nursing (DNurs) programme is a professional doctorate with coursework and research components that aims to equip nurses with competencies in theoretical, methodological and analytical approaches for knowledge discovery and translation of knowledge to practice. It emphasizes on scholarly practice, practice improvement, innovation, evaluation of health care outcomes, expertise to inform health policy and leadership for establishing clinical excellences.



Programme *Uniqueness*

- Taught by faculty with broad experience in clinical practice, nursing education and research. Areas of expertise include community and primary care, mental health, behavioural change, health promotion and disease prevention, healthy aging, big data management, complementary and alternative medicine, oncology and palliative care, symptoms management, and management of health-related transitions in all phases of life and simulation education.
- A friendly and joyful studying environment with caring supervisors who are dedicated to student success through individualised mentorship and guidance.
- Foster students' project management skills and data analytics to address the needs and make improvements in patient, students, and healthcare systems outcomes.
- The only local tertiary institute providing education track for nursing educators to further advance their pedagogy and evidence-based education. We encourage our students to disseminate new knowledge that contributes to teaching scholarship.
- Our graduates have been leading in putting innovative ideas into practice and providing new and different ways for specialised advanced nursing care in clinical settings and academic settings.

Programme Structure

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

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:

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRACK

- Introduction to Clinical and Classroom Teaching in Nursing
- Curriculum Planning and Development
- Assessment and Evaluation

CLINICAL LEADERSHIP TRACK

- Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Role Acquisition
- Health Behavior and Health Promotion Research
- Concepts and Methods in Health Services Research

Research Ethics Course

Research ethics for graduate students.

Thesis

Students are required to complete a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words that represents an original scientific study grounded in practice and contains material worthy of publication; students are also required to participate in thesis seminars which will serve as forums for presenting their work in progress on a regular basis and hone their research skills.



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Scholarships and Sponsorship

Dr Serena Yang Scholarship for DNurs Programme

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.

Scholarship for Doctor of Nursing (Full-time)

Two scholarships, each of the value up to 50% of the tuition fee, shall be awarded each year to non-local students admitted to the Doctor of Nursing Programme on the basis of academic merit and financial need. Students may be invited to a selection interview if necessary.

International Conference Participation Sponsorship

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.

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;
- 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 (<https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/english-language-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.

Composition 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



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