



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

Doctor of Nursing

**Professional Doctorate in Practice-
focused Nursing Education
(Full-time / Part-time)**



Why Choosing HKU Nursing

At the School of Nursing, we pride on our innovative, interdisciplinary, and internationalised nursing education that prepares students to excel in their nursing careers while fostering their critical thinking and leadership to address the ever-evolving health needs of the communities. The School has forged strong connections with various healthcare settings in Hong Kong which enable students to apply their theoretical knowledge in real-world settings. Our worldwide network with renowned nursing institutes also enhances the quality of education and research opportunities available at the School and provides the students with a truly global perspective.

Programme Features

Our Doctor of Nursing (DNurs) aims to equip nurses with competencies in theoretical, methodological and analytical approaches for knowledge discovery and translation of knowledge to practice. The Curriculum emphasises on innovative and evidence-based practice as well as application of credible research findings for nurses to advance their careers in the complex and variable healthcare systems and in nursing education and research.

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Specialist Expertise

Our teaching members with broad experience in clinical practice, nursing education and research to demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in clinical settings and academic environment.

2

Educational Leadership Track

The only local tertiary institute providing educational track for professionals to advance their pedagogy and scholarly practice which contributes to teaching scholarship.

3

Professional Mentorship

A supportive and inclusive learning environment consists of caring supervisors who are committed to providing students with the highest quality education through individualised guidance.

4

International Learning Opportunities

Provision of learning opportunities from international scholars and well-established global network to foster students' leadership in clinical practice and nursing education.

Programme Structure

The DNurs offers a 4-year part-time and a 3-year full-time study mode with 3 semesters over each year. Students can choose either Educational Leadership Track or Clinical Leadership Track.

Our 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 course and simulation education.

Year 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core courses:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 from either one of the leadership tracks: Educational Leadership Track<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Clinical and Classroom Teaching in Nursing• Curriculum Planning and Development• Assessment and Evaluation Clinical Leadership Track<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Role Acquisition• Health Behavior and Health Promotion Research• Concepts and Methods in Health Services Research• 2 courses of Research Ethics for Graduate Students• Thesis proposal
Year 3 / 4	Completion of a thesis* in the 3 rd year of study for full-time students and the 4 th year of study for part-time students

* Thesis

Students are required to complete a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words that represents an original scientific study grounded in nursing practice and contains material worthy of publication. They 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.

Students' Voices



Anthony Chan (Class 2026)

It was a fruitful experience studying for the DNurs to pursue higher nursing education in Hong Kong. The curriculum prepared me to become more competent in research methodology and conducting clinical research. It also emphasised the importance of evidence-based practice and implementation science. Overall, this programme widened my horizons in understanding the global trends in nursing development and research and highlighted the importance of contributing to health policy issues.



Guowen Zhang (Class 2025)

As an Advanced Practice Nurse from the First Affiliated Hospital of University of Science and Technology of China, I strongly recommend the DNurs programme to clinical nurses or nursing managers. The courses, such as evidence-based research, health policy, education, quantitative and qualitative research, not only provided a rigorous methodology for my clinical practice and research, but also improved my critical thinking. An interactive teaching approach was implemented in classes to promote student engagement.

Scholarships & Sponsorship

Dr Serena Yang Scholarship for DNurs Programme

Two prizes, with HK\$30,000 each, shall be awarded to the newly-admitted candidates who attained a Bachelor's degree with 1st class honours or equivalent outstanding academic achievement; and whose research proposal has demonstrated scientific rigor.

Scholarship for Doctor of Nursing (Full-time)

Two scholarships, each of the value up to 50% of the tuition fee, shall be awarded to non-local students admitted to the curriculum on the basis of academic merit and financial need. Students may be invited to 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 Curriculum, a candidate shall:

- comply with the University's 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 license;
- satisfy the English language requirements as prescribed under the University's Admission Office (<https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/applying/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.



Composition Fees

Application for admission fee (non-refundable):
HK\$600

Composition fee (Subject to the University's approval):
HK\$334,800 for the entire programme for local students
HK\$349,560 for the entire programme for non-local students

Enquiry

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