HKU Med

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

Master of Science in Nursing

3-year Full-time Curriculum for Non-nursing Bachelor's Degree Holders

Why Choosing HKU Nursing

With an enduring tradition of excellence in teaching, research, and clinical practice, our School of Nursing is committed to nurturing nursing leaders for the community by providing an innovative, interdisciplinary and internationalised nursing education to respond to health needs of populations locally and globally. The School has developed close connections with a range of health care settings in Hong Kong and established a strong network with internationally renowned nursing institutes for student and academic exchanges as well as research collaborations.

Programme Features

Our Master of Science in Nursing [MSc(Nurs)] is a professional Master's degree designed specifically for individuals who hold a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing. This accelerated curriculum is accredited by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK), enabling graduates to become Registered Nurses.

The Programme offers a cutting-edge curriculum grounded in evidence-based clinical practice, scholarly inquiry, and leadership. It emphasises the integration of theoretical knowledge with practical skills through methods such as problem-based learning, comprehensive simulation training, and interprofessional education. Students can delve into diverse specialties, including clinical practice, research, and global health, gaining robust bedside nursing education equipped for various healthcare settings. Additionally, the curriculum provides a solid foundation for those looking to further their academic and professional careers post-graduation.

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Problem-based Learning

The student-centred strategy actively involves students in solving contextualised, complex clinical problems, thereby cultivating critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and the ability to work effectively in teams.

2

Simulation Education

Our high-fidelity simulation lab provides students with the opportunity to refine their clinical skills and judgment, ensuring they are well-prepared for real-life healthcare scenarios.

3

Overseas Exchange

We offer a wide range of exchange programmes with world-renowned universities, designed to expand students' global perspectives and promote the exchange of professional knowledge.

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Capstone Projects

Through hands-on research, students tackle pressing health issues, gaining essential skills that are critical for future excellence in clinical environments.

Programme Structure

MSc(Nurs) is a full-time curriculum spreading across 3 academic years. Its curriculum, consisting of 29 courses in total 204 credits, focuses on quality care, clinical skills and leadership, and is designed to be both research-intensive and research-informed.

22 Professional Core Courses + 5 Clinical Practicum Courses + 2 Capstone Experience Courses

Year	Core Courses	Clinical Practicum	Capstone Experience
1	• Life Sciences I & II for Nursing • Applied Psychology for Nursing Practice • Fundamentals of Nursing • Science of Therapeutic Nursing I & II • Introduction to Nursing Research • Microbiology and Pharmacology for Nursing Practice • Health Assessment • Promoting the Health of Individuals and Populations	• Introduction to Clinical Nursing Practicum	
2	• Science of Therapeutic Nursing III & IV • Emergency and Critical Care Nursing • Mental Health Nursing • Social Context of Health and Illness • Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents • Nursing Care of Women and Infants • Community and Global Health Nursing • Nursing Care of the Older Adult	• Specialty Nursing Practicum I & II • Adult Nursing Practicum	• Advanced Nursing Research and Evidence-based Practice
3	• Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing • Introduction to Chinese Medicine and Nursing • Management and Leadership in Health Care	• Consolidation Practicum	• Nursing Thesis

*Classes may be conducted in conjunction with other programmes, subject to scheduling and operational considerations, etc..

Students' Voices

Claudia Ng (Class 2024)
(Master of Music, Yale University; USA)

The School has provided me with an amazing and personal experience. The MSc(Nurs) programme helped me build a solid scientific foundation and taught me valuable time management skills to handle multiple academic pursuits simultaneously. The School prioritises exceptional advising, with experienced faculty who are always available to offer guidance on classes, clinical learning, and exploring research. I highly recommend the MSc(Nurs) programme at HKU, the programme and the school community have so much to offer and have exceeded my expectations.

Daniel Kwan (Class 2026)
(MPhil, HKU)

I am glad that the school provides me with a friendly, interactive and supportive vibe that fosters my personal and professional growth. One of the things that inspired me the most is the mode of critical thinking that guides our actions to solve problems. Our teachers go to great lengths to assist us in navigating difficult situations, meanwhile, our class helps each other actively in the learning process as well. The programme could train us to become transformative nurses that the public can count on.

Awards & Grants

- Master of Science in Nursing Academic Excellence Award
- Master of Science in Nursing Clinical Excellence Award
- Master of Science in Nursing Merit Scholarship
- Entrance Grants for the Master of Science in Nursing
- Ares Leung Clinical Skills Prize in Emergency Nursing

Professional Recognition

Graduates who satisfactorily completed all curriculum requirements will be eligible to apply for the registration as a Registered Nurse to the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK).

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Curriculum, candidates shall:

- comply with the General Regulations;
- comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- hold a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing discipline of University, or a qualification of equivalent standard from our University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose in recent 5 years normally;
- satisfy the English language requirements as prescribed under the University's Admissions Office (https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/applying/admission-requirements);
- meet the 'Minimum Entry Requirements for Training of Registered Nurses' from the NCHK;
- have a good command of written and spoken English and Chinese (Cantonese); and
- satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if required.

Composition Fees

Application for admission fee (non-refundable):
HK$780

Composition fee (Subject to the University's approval):
HK$150,000 per year

Enquiry

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