



Higher Diploma in

# Nursing (SWD)

護理學高級文憑 (社會福利署)

In view of the rising demand for Enrolled Nurses (ENs) in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department has commissioned Tung Wah College provide fully-subsidised places for the Higher Diploma in Nursing programme. This two-year programme equips students with professional nursing knowledge and skills, including a minimum of 1,600 hours of clinical practicum. Students will be required to sign an undertaking and committed to be employed as ENs (General) providing services in the welfare sector for a continuous period of not less than 3 years after successfully completed the programme.

## Programme Objectives

- To develop students' competence in health promotion, maintenance and restoration, and prevention of illness through the delivery of primary, secondary and tertiary health care, especially in community settings;
- To equip students with effective communication skills for providing individualised care and for fostering teamwork;
- To develop student's understanding of psychosocial, cultural and environmental dimensions of health and illness;
- To equip students with critical, creative and analytical problem-solving skills; and
- To foster the development of students' general qualities for all-roundness, such as the capacity for lifelong learning, independent and reflective learning, and professionalism-related values.

## Professional Recognition

- The programme is recognised by The Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK) as a pre-enrolment nursing training programme. Graduates are eligible to apply for enrolment as Enrolled Nurses (EN) (General) "登記護士 (普通科)" under the Nurses Registration Ordinance (Cap 164) of Hong Kong.

## Career Prospects and Further Studies

- Upon completing this programme and obtaining the qualification of Enrolled Nurse (General), students are required to work in welfare sector for a continuous period of not less than three years.
- Graduates are equipped to embark on fulfilling roles within various healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and community health centers. They play a pivotal role in providing direct patient care, administering medications, and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to ensure comprehensive healthcare delivery.
- Experienced graduates can practise in different areas such as medical, surgical, pediatrics or geriatric care, tailoring their career paths to their interests and strengths.
- Graduates can pursue further education, such as a Bachelor's degree in Nursing or related fields, can expand their knowledge base, enhance critical thinking skills, and open up avenues for career advancement, including opportunities in leadership, research, teaching, or advanced clinical practice.

## Programme-Specific Requirements

- Fluent in Cantonese and proficient in written Chinese and English



### Direct Application Only

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Medium of Instruction | English    |
| Total No. of Credits  | 86 credits |
| Years of Study        | 2 years    |



QF Level: 4  
QR registration no.: 16/000348/L4  
Validity period: 1/9/2016 to 31/8/2028



Programme Information

## Graduate Sharing

### Law Tak Shun Natalie

Graduate of Higher Diploma in Nursing (2025)

The HDN programme at TWC provided an exceptional foundation for my nursing career. I am deeply thankful to both the teaching and clinical teams for their expert guidance and unwavering support, which were instrumental in developing my clinical competence and professional confidence. This comprehensive training has expertly equipped me to embark on a fulfilling career as a compassionate nurse within the welfare sector.



## Tuition Fee

| Year                   | Tuition Fee (HK\$) |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Year 1                 | 109,745            |
| Year 2                 | 109,745            |
| <b>Programme Total</b> | <b>219,490</b>     |

The applicant selected for admission to the HD(N) Programme is required to sign an undertaking. Each trainee will obtain full reimbursement of the tuition fees for the first normative 2-year study period of the Programme under the conditions below:

- to complete that Training Programme to the satisfaction of the Social Welfare Department and Tung Wah College;
- to be employed as Enrolled Nurse (General) in the welfare sector in Hong Kong for a continuous period of not less than three years after satisfactory completion of that Training Programme.

- Tung Wah College will adjust the tuition fee of its programmes based on the Composite Consumer Price Index to be announced by the Government annually.
- Tuition fees are normally charged by two instalments per annum and are payable before the commencement of each semester. New students are required to settle the balance of the tuition fee for the first semester (i.e. after deducting deposit) upon programme registration in August.
- Students are required to pay additional fees for all retake/additional courses which would be charged at the rate of the normal cohort and be calculated by the number of credits to be taken. Please refer to the College's Fees Regulation at [https://www.twc.edu.hk/en/Administration\\_Units/fo/our\\_service/student-area](https://www.twc.edu.hk/en/Administration_Units/fo/our_service/student-area) for details.
- All fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## Admission Requirements

### The minimum entry requirement includes:

The applicant must be:

- aged 18 or above by the time the Training Programme commences;
- a Hong Kong permanent resident with the right of abode in Hong Kong;

AND

1. (For HKDSE candidates from 2024/25 onwards) have obtained Level 2 or above for Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics and have "Attained (A)" for Citizenship and Social Development plus one Elective under Category A and Category B at Level 2 ("222A2") in HKDSE; OR
2. (For HKDSE candidates before 2024/2025) have obtained Level 2 or above for Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and any two other subjects in Category A and B at Level 2 ("22222") in HKDSE; OR
3. Have completed secondary school Form 5 education in Hong Kong for applicants with Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) results; OR
4. Have graduated from Diploma of Applied Education or Diploma Yi Jin and have successfully completed the Math Plus complementary course; OR
5. Have obtained an equivalent qualification <sup>(1)</sup>
  - Priority will be accorded to applicants who have successfully completed the two-year Diploma Programme and obtained the diploma under the "Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services" (launched since 2015) or the "First-hire-then-train" Pilot Scheme (launched from 2013 to 2016) of the SWD or those who are currently working full time in non-governmental organisations or private organisations providing elderly, rehabilitation, family and child care, youth or correctional services, and who aspire to continue serving in the welfare sector as ENs after graduating from the Programme.

(1) The qualification must have fulfilled the minimum entry requirements for training of Enrolled Nurses as set by the NCHK.

## Contact Information

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