

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF NURSING



The School of Nursing (SN) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has been preparing outstanding students for challenging careers in nursing for more than four decades. As a pioneer of nursing education in Hong Kong, the School offers innovative nursing education to meet the changing emerging health needs of the community. A wide range of programmes from undergraduate to doctoral levels are provided. Our laboratories are equipped with the latest technology and simulators, furnished as hospital wards for nursing practice that helps to facilitate teaching, demonstration and return-demonstration. SN has produced more than 15,000 graduates since 1977 and currently we have more than 1,800 students enrolled for our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

SN is a diverse community of scholars and clinicians with a common goal: to pursue academic excellence of practical value in nursing and healthcare services. We realize knowledge, technology and clinical care practice changes rapidly with the ever changing society, thus we have a close linkage and partnership with industry and professional community. QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019 show that PolyU's School of Nursing ranks 31st in the world which recognizes the School's international reputation and research impact in tertiary nursing education.

Two of our taught postgraduate programmes in nursing are designed for students who are interested in acquiring the attributes to become future leaders in the nursing profession:

**(1) Master of Science in Nursing** programme is for registered nurses with a bachelor's degree in nursing who will gain a clinical edge while studying at the PolyU, enabling them to be an advanced practicing nurse and be a nurse leader in the changing health system especially in the world's ageing population. It offers nine specialties starting in 2018/19 cohort which includes:

- Cancer and Palliative Care
- Community Health Nursing
- Critical Care
- Gerontological Nursing
- Infectious Diseases and Infection Control
- Maternity
- Mental Health Nursing
- Nursing Education
- Traditional Chinese Medicinal Nursing

One of the specialties, Gerontological Nursing aims to offer experienced registered nurses the opportunity to develop the necessary knowledge, understanding and competencies for advanced practices roles. Students who selected this specialty will need to pass the following three subjects namely: *Care of Older Persons with Cognitive Impairment, Care of Older People in Acute Care Setting and Long Term Care for Elderly People*. Programme details: <https://polyu.hk/uOLCo>



**(2) Master of Nursing (Pre-Registration)** programme prepares master entry-level registered nurses. The admitted students are bachelor's degree holders in any discipline. Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as Registered Nurses (General) with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong. This is a full-time programme in collaboration with Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital (HKSH) where it equips students for holistic care that encompasses safe, ethical, legal, culturally sensitive nursing therapeutics provided to clients of all ages and their families in various healthcare settings. It also prepares students to acquire the attributes of future nurse leaders through appraisal and translation of new knowledge in advancing nursing practice. Programme details: <https://polyu.hk/LrZRr>

The research mission of SN is to advance evidence-based nursing practice to promote the optimal health and well-being of all people in the global community. Four research themes, including **Ageing and Health, Family and Community Health, Mental Health Care and Transitional, Supportive and Palliative Care** have been established to provide a nurturing environment for knowledge inquiry and provides a platform and infrastructure for intellectual exchange and challenges for researchers locally, nationally and internationally. High-quality clinical research in nursing and health sciences are conducted which has had positive impacts on nursing and health sciences. The School supports a broad research profile and continues to invest strategically in selected areas to develop a critical mass of research based on its internationally recognised strengths. Programme details of Doctor of Philosophy / Master of Philosophy: <https://polyu.hk/fUVIa>