

**Hospital Authority**  
**Professional Diploma in Nursing (2021/22)**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

No.	<i>Question</i>	<b>Suggested Answer</b>
1	<i>When will be the <b>application period</b> and its closing date for applying the Professional Diploma in Nursing programme 2021?</i>	The application period will be started on 7 June 2021 with its closing date for application on 23 July 2021 via online application by 23 July 2021 23:59:59 (Hong Kong time) Application <b>will not</b> be processed if duplicated in submission.
2	<i>What are the <b>minimum entry requirements / qualifications</b> for applying the Professional Diploma in Nursing training programme?</i>	<p><b>a.</b> Minimum Age of Commencement of Training: No person shall be eligible to commence the training unless he/she has attained the age of 18 or above on or before the programme commencement date of 2021 intake.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Applicants are required to have satisfied the following:  <b><i>Minimum Entry Requirements</i></b>  (1) <i>(I) <u>Applicable to applicants with Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) and Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE) results</u></i></p> <p>(a) HKALE with Grade E or above in one subject, or HKALE (AS-Level) with Grade E or above in two subjects; and</p> <p>(b) Passed 5 subjects in HKCEE, or equivalent, details are as below:</p> <p>(i) English Language (Syllabus B) at Grade D or above, or English Language (Syllabus A) at Grade B, or English Language at Level 3 (for HKCEE issued after 2007); and</p> <p>(ii) Chinese Language at Grade E or above, or Chinese Language at Level 2 or above (for HKCEE issued after 2007); and</p> <p>(iii) Any one science subject from the following at Grade E or above: Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Mathematics, Physics; and</p> <p>(iv) Any one other subject at Grade E or above: Accommodation and Catering Services, Additional Mathematics, Biology, Buddhist Studies, Chemistry, Chinese History, Chinese Literature, Commerce, Computer and Information Technology, Design and Technology, Design and Technology (Alternative Syllabus), Economics, Economics &amp; Public Affairs, Electronics and Electricity, English Literature, French, Geography, Government and Public Affairs, Graphical</p>

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		<p>Communication, History, Home Economics (Food, Home and Family), Human Biology, Integrated Humanities, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Principles of Accounts, Putonghua, Religious Studies, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Word Processing and Business Communication (English); and;</p> <p>(v) Any one other subject at Grade E or above; and</p> <p>(vi) Any one of the above subjects (i) - (v) must be at Grade C (or Level 3 for English Language or Chinese Language) or above.</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p><i>(II) Applicable to applicants with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) results</i></p> <p>The candidates must have a minimum of 5 subjects in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent, or any recognized qualification above. The 5 compulsory subjects required are:</p> <p>(a) 4 Core Subjects, with English Language and Chinese Language at Level 3 or above, and Mathematics and Liberal Studies at Level 2 or above; and</p> <p>(b) 1 Elective Subject from Category A – New Senior Secondary Subjects at Level 2 or above;</p> <p>(2) Fluent in both written English and Chinese, and oral English and Cantonese.</p>
3	<b>How to apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement regarding application of the Programme is conveyed via Hospital Authority (HA) homepage, education and career exhibitions and a local newspaper. The application can be submitted through the online system: <a href="https://ha.taleo.net/careersection/ha_ext_cs/jobdetail.ftl?job=PDN_06_2021&amp;lang=en">https://ha.taleo.net/careersection/ha_ext_cs/jobdetail.ftl?job=PDN_06_2021&amp;lang=en</a></li> <li>The completed online application form should be submitted with attachment of the copy of bank-in payment slip of HK\$150 application fee and copies of applicant's academic certificates and/or documentary proof of the equivalent on or before 23 July 2021 23:59:59. An acknowledgement email will be sent to applicants upon receiving application documents.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant's personal data will only be used for the purpose of admission. Afterwards, data will be handled according to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.</li> </ul>
4	<i>Will I have the <b>acknowledgement receipt</b> of application?</i>	An acknowledgement email will be sent to applicants upon receiving application documents.
5	<i>What is my <b>application number</b>?</i>	<p>In the acknowledgement email, your acknowledgment ID will be printed at the bottom of the email. The digits shown after PDN_06_2021 your acknowledgment ID will be your application number.</p> <p>For example: if your acknowledge ID is PDN_06_2021<b>36035</b>, then <b>36035</b> will be your application number.</p>
6	<i>I submitted the online application, but I have not received any email acknowledgement. Can I <b>resubmit another online application</b> again?</i>	<p><b>No.</b></p> <p>Please call at the telephone hotlines for enquiry and leave your full name, date of birth and contact number. We will check for you in due course.</p>
7	<i><b>When will I be informed of successful in application?</b></i>	Applications would be shortlisted, and selected candidates would be invited to attend an interview. Notification for interview (if any) and subsequent communications would be conducted by <b>email</b> . Applicants who do not receive any invitation email for interview from the Joint Admission Centre for Professional Diploma in Nursing programme by 13 August 2021 should consider their applications unsuccessful.
8	<i><b>When will the training programme be commenced and how long does the training programme last?</b></i>	The training programme will be commenced on 6 September 2021 and it will last for 4 years in prior to leading an award of Professional Diploma in Nursing.
9	<i><b>What will be the structures and the medium of instruction of the training programme about?</b></i>	<p>The PDN is a programme of 4-year full time study mode. The Programme offers nursing arts and science subjects to equip students with the necessary knowledge with skill strengthened by experiential learning in Field Studies. In this Programme, a total of 30 subjects with 1644 theoretical hours and 6 Field Studies with a minimum of 1400 clinical practice hours are conducted, which fulfil the minimum requirement as stipulated by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK).</p> <p>HA contributes teaching for nursing subjects, clinical practicum in HA hospitals, extensive healthcare professional team.</p> <p>The medium of instruction is English for all teaching/ learning activities and assessments (except for Chinese Language and Chinese Medicinal</p>

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		Nursing and Complementary and Alternative Medicine) and supplemented with Chinese.
10	<i>Where will be the <b>training venue</b> of the training programme and clinical practicum taking place?</i>	Theoretically input will be conducted at School of General Nursing of: Caritas Medical Centre (CMC), Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) and Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH), as well as Caritas Institute of Higher Education (CIHE).  Clinical practicum will be taken place in Hospital Authority and community settings.
11	<i>How much is the <b>tuition fees</b> of the Professional Diploma in Nursing training programme?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total tuition fee for students admitted to the programme in the academic year <b>2021/2022</b> is HK\$130,150. Each student has to pay an annual tuition fee of HK\$30,000-35,000.</li> <li>• Detail of the payment method would be provided to successful applicants.</li> <li>• Tuition fee paid will <b>not</b> be refunded.</li> </ul>
12	<i>Can I apply for <b>any financial assistance</b> if I enrol in this programme?</i>	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>Students enrolled in this programme may apply the following financial assistance from the Student Finance Office, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students; or,</li> <li>• Non-means-tested Loan Scheme</li> </ul> <p>For details, please visit the website: <a href="http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/">http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/</a> or telephone enquiry hotline: 2802 2345.</p>
13	<i>Will I receive any <b>salary or allowance</b> during the period of clinical practicum?</i>	<p><b>No.</b></p> <p>Students will have full-time student status upon successful enrollment of the training programme and they will not receive any monetary reward from Hospital Authority.</p>
14	<i>I am a <b>degree holder of local institution</b>, can I be exempted from the minimum requirement of DSE/AL/HKCEE?</i>	<p><b>No.</b></p> <p>Applicant who meets the minimum entry requirement will be considered as eligible candidate.</p>
15	<i>I am a <b>degree holder of overseas institution</b>, can I be exempted from the minimum requirement of DSE/AL/HKCEE?</i>	<p><b>No.</b></p> <p>For education qualification obtained outside Hong Kong, applicants are required to submit a documentary proof of its Hong Kong equivalent; otherwise, the School may not be able to consider that education qualification. The documentary proof can be applied from the Hong Kong</p>

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		Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) Website: <a href="http://www.hkcaavq.edu.hk/">http://www.hkcaavq.edu.hk/</a>
16	<i>Can I apply for <b>credit accumulation/transfer/exemption</b> if I had studied some of the subjects in other training programme?</i>	<b>No.</b> There is no credit accumulation and transfer policy in this programme.
17	<i>Do you accept <b>International Baccalaureate (IB) qualification</b>?</i>	<b>Yes.</b> If the qualification is equivalent to the minimum entry requirement, the applicant will be considered as eligible candidate.
18	<i>Can I <b>make amendment</b> to the application which I have already submitted online?</i>	<b>Yes.</b> All amendments must be made before the application deadline.
19	<i>Can I <b>add/delete the supplementary information</b> after submission of the online application?</i>	<b>Yes.</b> All information update must be made before the application deadline.
20	<i>I have submitted my qualifications awarded overseas to the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) for <b>qualifications assessment</b>, but the documentary proof is under process, could I submit the online application first? What is the deadline for submit the qualification proof to Joint Admission Centre?</i>	You must state in your application clearly <b>first, and submit</b> the qualification proof by 19 August 2021, 12noon <b>if</b> you are invited for the selection interview.
21	<i>I am <b>appealing/rechecking a result</b> from the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), could I submit the online application first and submit the final result later?</i>	You must state in your application clearly <b>first, and submit</b> the qualification proof by 19 August 2021, 12noon <b>if</b> you are invited for the selection interview.
22	<i>What is the preferred ratio of <b>female and male students</b> for admission to each School?</i>	No such ratio.

