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SCHOOL OF

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THINK PEOPLE.

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What drives you is your sheer love for people. You're interested in what makes people tick, and want to learn more about human society and culture. Here at the School of Humanities & Social Sciences (HMS), you will learn to reach out to others, inspire them and enrich their lives.

7 DIPLOMAS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You don't need to wear a cape to be a hero – the seven diplomas by HMS aim to help you make a difference by opening doors to diverse disciplines in humanities and social sciences. There's also a Service-Learning component in every diploma to make learning more engaging and purposeful – you'll discover that what you've learnt can make an impact on society!

BUSINESS WITH heART

Arts Business Management (ABM)

An innovative diploma that is anchored in the creative arts while also exposing you to the business aspect of the industry. Gain real-world experience through collaborations with industry partners.

Business & Social Enterprise (BZSE)

A rewarding diploma that gives you exposure to social issues and teaches you to do business with a heart. Learn sound business strategies while also addressing social issues.

NURTURING YOUNG MINDS

Early Childhood Development & Education (ECDE) NEW!

Conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus, and recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA). It prepares you to be a preschool educator, and offers a wide range of electives and a specialisation track to deepen your skills in your areas of interest.

Tamil Studies with Early Education (TSE)

Conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus, and recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA). A unique diploma centred around the rich Tamil language and culture that prepares you to be a qualified Tamil Language preschool educator.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology Studies (PCS)

A highly popular course that combines a strong foundation in psychology with applied skills in research, clinical and counselling settings.

EXPERTISE IN CHINESE

Chinese Media & Communication (CMC)

A bilingual media course that aims to nurture creative professionals capable of producing content for different media platforms.

Chinese Studies (CHS)

The only polytechnic diploma of its kind with three specialisations:

- Education:
 - Trains you to become a primary school Chinese Language teacher.
- Business Chinese:
 - Prepares you for careers in business communication, professional translation, copywriting, advertising and journalism.
- Early Childhood Teaching:
 - Qualifies you to become a preschool Chinese Language teacher.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Get the most out of your three years at HMS through rich internships and field projects with industry partners.

HMS students will get to work with industry partners which include:

- Singapore Press Holdings (SPH)
- Mediacorp
- Esplanade
- The Arts House
- Singapore Art Museum
- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF)
- Khoo Teck Puat Hospital
- World Vision (Singapore)
- SAP Software & Solutions (South East Asia)
- Ministry of Education (MOE) Kindergartens
- PCF Sparkletots
- NTUC First Campus
- National Library Board
- DBS Bank

INNOVATIVE LEARNING FACILITIES

From custom-built training facilities for arts, music, dance and drama to digital language labs and a child development study centre, we have all you need to get a good foundation in your field of study.

Dialogue in the Dark (DiD)

Do your internship at DiD, an innovative learning facility cum social enterprise on campus that employs visually-impaired guides to plan and facilitate tours in complete darkness.

The Media Hub

Use our video editing suites and recording studio to produce multimedia content for companies' websites and publications.

Educational Resource & Training Centre

Access specialised resources and the training you need to apply intervention strategies and teach children with special needs.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

Our diplomas are endorsed by government agencies such as MOE, MSF, ECDA, National Institute of Education (NIE), National Council of Social Service (NCSS), National Arts Council (NAC) and Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA).

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Together with our industry partners, we offer a wide range of scholarships and bursaries to HMS students. They include:

- MOE Teacher Training Scheme (TTS) for students from the CHS Education specialisation and TSE.
- ECDA Training Awards, MOE Kindergarten Teaching Awards and NCSS Awards for students studying for diplomas in CHS (Early Childhood Teaching), ECDE and TSE
- SPH scholarships and bursaries for CMC students

DID YOU KNOW?

ECDA Training Awards, worth up to \$40,000, include full course fee sponsorship and a monthly allowance of \$800! Find out more about this and other scholarships and bursaries you are eligible to apply for at www.np.edu.sg/ss/scholarships.

OUR GRADUATES WITH THAT SOMETHING XTRA

"Despite being a newly introduced course then, ABM provided me with the necessary exposure in understanding Singapore's arts and culture scene. The experience continues to shape my day-to-day practices and beliefs, particularly in developing a heart for the underserved, through engaging and accessible programmes for the community."

Mandy Lim

ABM graduate, Class of 2013

Mandy Lim is an alumna from the pioneer cohort, and is also the first poly grad to receive a National Heritage Board (NHB) scholarship. She is currently with NHB, where her role involves managing partnerships and development under HeritageCares. She also reaches out to Social Service Organisations through programmes at NHB Museums & Heritage Institutions.



"Courage is the willingness to try with no guarantee of success. Go forth and take courage to make significant differences in people's lives. Only a life lived for others is a life worth living."

Ernest Wong

BZSE graduate, Class of 2018

UNESCO Singapore Youth Representative (Education for Sustainable Development) and Singapore International Foundation Top 16 Young Social Entrepreneur, 2017

Ernest is the founder of Camp Hiro, a social enterprise that seeks to empower youths in taking ownership and action in addressing community needs. During his time in Ngee Ann Polytechnic, he led a Community Service Club, and was a National Youth Council Youth Corps Leader. A Youth Executive Committee (Yew Tee) member, he received the school's Outstanding All Rounder Community Service Award having worked on various projects that benefitted the elderly, the special needs community and low income families.





"CMC prepared me for the industry by equipping me with an array of media skills that keeps me ahead of others in the media sector. The project-based curriculum has also been beneficial in helping me adapt to the working style and standards of the media industry."

Dominic Koek

CMC graduate, Class of 2015

Dominic was the top CMC graduate of his cohort. He was also awarded the Nanyang Scholarship to pursue a degree in Communication Studies at Nanyang Technological University, and is currently a part-time DJ with Y.E.S. 93.3FM.



"Being part of CHS was definitely the greatest decision that I had ever made, and it changed my life in more ways than I could have imagined! Over the past three years, I've learnt to appreciate ancient Chinese wisdom and gained a global perspective of the contemporary world."

Lee Pui Kar

CHS graduate, Class of 2014

Pui Kar received the Nanyang Scholarship to study Chinese Studies at Nanyang Technological University, and is currently working full-time as a journalist with SPH.



"I have always been interested in the social work sector, and PCS provided me with an opportunity to work closely with medical social workers. I've also learned to be more understanding and empathetic, which is very helpful to my current job."

Lim Bee Choo

PCS graduate, Class of 2017

Bee Choo is a social work associate at the KK Women's and Children's Hospital.



Get latest updates on course

N96 DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD **NEW!** DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

- ▶ 22-week student internship and two practicum attachments
- ▶ Recipients of the ECDA Training Award will get full-course sponsorship, professional development funding and a one-off grant for study-related expenses
- ▶ Get opportunities to upgrade your career through post-diploma programmes
- ▶ Deepen your knowledge and skills in Early Intervention in early childhood settings
- ▶ Conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus, and recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)



/ WHAT THE COURSE IS ABOUT /

If you have a natural love for children and a strong interest in early childhood education, then why not play an active role in shaping a child's growth with our Diploma in Early Childhood Development & Education (ECDE)?

This course is conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) in collaboration with Ngee Ann Polytechnic at the NIEC (NP) campus. The qualification is recognised by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) for graduates to register and practise as a preschool teacher in Singapore. It offers a well-developed curriculum and many exciting learning opportunities, to enable you to embark on a fulfilling journey to a promising career.

From the first year of study, you will go on weekly attachments at childcare centres, which means you get the chance to apply and hone your skills alongside experienced teachers. You will also get to build your knowledge with foundational modules such as Child Development and Child Safety, Health & Socio-emotional Well-Being.

In the second year, you will continue your field practicum while learning about the holistic development of a child, and curriculum planning and design. You will also learn how to encourage children to be curious learners and problem solvers.

In the final year, you will deepen your knowledge in your area of interest with a suite of electives such as Music & Dance for Young Children and Drama for Preschool Education or take up modules in the Early Intervention track. You will also go on a six-month internship to put your skills and knowledge into practice.

All electives are subject to availability

^ Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) modules account for up to 14 credit units of the diploma curriculum. They include modules in communication, innovation and world issues, as well as an interdisciplinary project. By bringing students from diverse diplomas together, the interdisciplinary project fosters collaboration to explore and propose solutions for real-world problems. IS aims to develop students to be agile and self-directed learners, ready for the future workplace.

To keep our curriculum current and robust, diploma modules are subject to change over the three years. Please visit our website for latest updates.

/ WHAT YOU WILL LEARN /

YEAR 1

- Child Development 1
- Child Safety, Health & Socio-emotional Well-Being
- Motor Skills Development
- Practicum 1
- Child Development 2
- Language & Literacy
- The Professional & Reflective Practitioner
- Principles & Practices in Early Education
- Aesthetics & Creative Expression
- IT Applications
- Business Communication
- Mentoring Programme 1.2
- Academic Writing & Presentation
- Career & Professional Preparation I
- Sports & Wellness^

YEAR 2

- Family & Community Partnership
- Social Emotional Learning
- Early Numeracy
- Discovery of the World
- Mentoring Programme 2.1
- Curriculum Planning & Implementation
- Effective Learning Environment for Young Children
- Practicum 2
- Mentoring Programme 2.2
- Career & Professional Preparation II
- World Issues: A Singapore Perspective^

YEAR 3

- Working with the Exceptional Child
- Mentoring Programme 3
- Student Internship Programme
- Career & Professional Preparation III
- Project ID: Connecting the Dots^

Choose any two electives from the following, or be part of the Early Intervention (EI) track by taking three EI electives*:

- Assessment & Differentiated Instructions
- Assessment of Young Children#
- Capstone Project
- Childhood Disorders & Disabilities#
- Children's Literature
- Early Intervention & Teaching Approaches#
- Drama for Preschool Education
- Issues & Trends in Early Intervention
- Music & Dance for Young Children
- Teaching Literacy to Diverse Learners

/ CAREER /

With an increasing emphasis on raising the quality of early childhood education in Singapore, there are good career prospects and an abundance of training opportunities. You will be able to land a job as an early childhood educator or as a trained professional in the various agencies that offer services for children and families. With further studies and training, a wide variety of options are available in the following areas:

- Child Support and Family Services
- Special Needs Education
- Curriculum Development
- Play Therapy
- Teacher Education

/ FURTHER STUDIES /

For ECDE graduates, with work experience, you can undertake NIEC's Post-Diploma Certificate, Specialist Diploma or Advanced Diploma training in early childhood related areas. These courses will better equip you to take on roles as a Mentor Teacher or Senior Educarer, or deepen your knowledge in Learning Support. With additional training through the Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching & Learning and the Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Leadership, you can also take on roles as a Lead Teacher and Centre Leader. As an ECDE graduate, you may enjoy up to one year's worth of credits exemption for the full-time Bachelor of Early Childhood Education with Minor in the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS).

You may also gain direct entry into the Bachelor of Education (Special Education) programme at Flinders University, Australia. This programme is offered in partnership with the Social Service Institute, Singapore.

/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS /

AGGREGATE TYPE **ELR2B2-A**

To be eligible for consideration, candidates must have the following GCE 'O' Level examination (or equivalent) results.

SUBJECT	'O' LEVEL GRADE
English Language	1-6*
Mathematics (Elementary/Additional)**	1-6*
Any three other subjects**	1-6

Candidates would need to be certified medically fit for study by a certified medical doctor, and to work with children according to ECDA's medical requirements for preschool teachers.

You must also fulfil the aggregate computation requirements for the ELR2B2-A aggregate type listed at www.np.edu.sg/admissions/Documents/ELR2B2.pdf

* All applicants with a C5 or C6 in EL in the GCE 'O' Level examination are given two years from the point of teacher registration to obtain at least a B4 in 'O' Level English (English as a First Language) or English Language Acceptable Alternatives.

* Students with a D7 in Mathematics may apply for the course provided they have GCE 'O' Level passes (1-6) in 5 subjects (including English).

** The main medium of instruction for these subjects must be in English, except for a language subject.

CONTACT US

For the most up-to-date information on NP's Diploma in Early Childhood Development & Education, log on to www.np.edu.sg/ecde