THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LKS FACULTY OF MEDICINE
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Application for Admission to the Doctor of Nursing

Applications are invited for admission in September 2027 to the Doctor of Nursing (DNurs) Programme.

The DNurs Programme is a professional, practice-focused doctoral degree for experienced nurses who aspire to provide leadership in evidence-based practice and nursing education. The DNurs graduates are experts in specialized advanced nursing practice or nurse educators in practice or academic settings.

The DNurs Programme consists of 4 Core courses, 3 Track courses, a Thesis, and 2 courses on Research Ethics as required by the Graduate School. Students may choose between two specialised tracks: the Educational Leadership Track or the Clinical Leadership Track, each designed to support diverse career aspirations and professional development pathways.

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<tr><th>Year of Study</th><th>Full-time Mode</th><th>Part-time Mode</th></tr>
<tr><td>1st and 2nd year</td><td colspan="2">· Completion of all taught courses and assignments
- 4 Core courses
- 3 Track courses
- 2 Research Ethics courses
· Attendance and presentation at thesis seminars
· Preparation of an up-to-standard research proposal plus initial work on thesis</td></tr>
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To be eligible for admission to the Programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:

(a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
(b) shall hold a Master's degree in nursing or equivalent disciplines from this University, or a comparable university accepted for this purpose;
(c) shall currently hold a Registered Nurse license;
(d) shall have English proficiency as specified by the University's admission requirements; and
(e) shall satisfy the application evaluators with (i) a statement of overall career goals and specific research interests and (ii) an oral justification of their suitability for doctoral education.

An application for exemption from the above requirements shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applications can be submitted via the online application system at

https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/programme-details?programme=doctor-of-nursing-med

Priority Round: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), February 19, 2027

Main Round: 12:00 noon (GMT +8), April 23, 2027

Applicants may be required to attend an interview and/or sit for a test arranged by the School as part of the selection process.

For enquiries, please contact the DNurs Programme Office, School of Nursing [Email: dnurs@hku.hk] or visit our website: https://nursing.hku.hk/education/doctor-of-nursing-programme.

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