

**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 2024 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 is offered in both full-time and part-time mode. Students begin their studies in September for the relevant academic year. The curriculum shall normally extend over a period of not less than 36 months and not more than 48 months of full-time study, or over a period of not less than 48 months and not more than 72 months of part-time study.

The DNurs Programme consists of 4 Core courses, 3 Track courses, course(s) on Research Ethics and a Thesis. Candidates select the Track courses from one of the two Leadership Tracks: Clinical Leadership or Educational Leadership.

Year of Study	Full-time Mode	Part-time Mode
1 st and 2 nd year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of all taught courses and assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Core courses - 3 Track courses - Research Ethics course • Attendance and presentation at thesis seminars • Preparation of an up-to-standard research proposal plus initial work on thesis 	
3 rd year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and presentation at thesis seminars • Completion of a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and presentation at thesis seminars • Completion of a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words
4 th year	---	

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.

For admission to the DNurs Programme, applicants are required to complete the application form AND submit a 2,000-word statement indicating their research interest. Applicant should also provide two academic or employment reference reports from referees who can comment on the applicant's academic ability and his/her suitability for undertaking the DNurs degree.

Applications can be submitted via the online application system at <http://www.hku.hk/tpg/> by **[Part-time mode ONLY] 12:00 noon (GMT +8), June 21, 2024**

Applicants may be required to attend an interview and/or sit for a test arranged by the School as part of the selection process. Results will be announced around six to eight weeks after the respective application deadlines by email. For enquires, please contact the DNurs Programme Office, School of Nursing [Tel: 3910 2789; Email: dnurs@hku.hk] or visit our website: <https://nursing.hku.hk/education/doctor-of-nursing-programme>.

April 2024 (amended)
February 2024 (amended)
October 2023