

Enrolled Nurse (General) Training Programme for Welfare Sector 2024-25 invites applications

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced that the full-time Enrolled Nurse (General) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector 2024-25 starts inviting applications today (January 15). The programme, which will last for two years, aims to train enrolled students to become registered nurses to alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector and enhance the quality of care services. A total of 427 places will be provided by three training institutes.

A spokesman for the SWD said that, in response to the keen demand for nurses in the welfare sector, the department has commissioned the Hong Kong Metropolitan University, the Saint Francis University (formerly the Caritas Institute of Higher Education) and the Tung Wah College to provide the Enrolled Nurse (General) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector for five consecutive years starting from the 2023-24 academic year.

The spokesman said, "Applicants for the programme must be permanent Hong Kong residents with the right of abode in Hong Kong and have attained the age of 18 by the time the training programme commences. They must also have attained Level 2 or above in five subjects, including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and any two other subjects in Categories A (Note) and B, in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination; or an equivalent qualification. Applicants are also required to take note of other entry requirements as specified by respective training institutes."

The spokesman added, "To encourage young people and frontline staff currently serving the welfare sector to upgrade their professional skills, priority will be accorded to applicants who have successfully completed the two-year Diploma Programme and obtained the diploma under the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services launched in 2015 (or under the First-hire-then-train Pilot Scheme from 2013 to 2016) by the SWD; or those who are currently working full-time in non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or private organisations providing elderly, rehabilitation, family and child care, youth or correctional services. Individuals who aspire to pursue a career as enrolled nurses in the welfare sector are also welcome."

Tuition fees will be reimbursed to trainees in full on the condition that they have successfully completed the training programme and qualified to register as enrolled nurses within two years. Trainees will be required to sign an undertaking to work as Enrolled Nurse (General) in NGOs or private organisations recognised by the SWD for providing elderly, rehabilitation, family and child care, or correctional services for a continuous period of no less than three years after completion of the training.

Information seminars on the training programme will be held by the three institutes starting from this month. Details about the dates and time of the information seminars, the relevant websites and enquiry numbers are set out in the table below:

Training Institute	Date and Time of Information Seminar	Website	Enquiry Number
Hong Kong Metropolitan University	4pm, January 26	Programme Content (Chinese only) www.hkmu.edu.hk/nhs/tc/programmes-courses/nursing-and-health-studies/sub-degree-programmes/higher-diploma-in-nursing-studies-general-health-care Application admissions.hkmu.edu.hk/ug/online-application	3970 2958 / 3970 2957
Saint Francis University	10.30am, February 2	www.cihe.edu.hk/en/programmes/sub-degree-programmes/higher-diploma-in-enrolled-nursing-general-hden-swd/introduction/index.html	3702 4388
Tung Wah College	3.30pm, February 7	www.twc.edu.hk/en/Programmes/hdn_swd	3190 6673

Applications will be closed at 5pm on March 4. For enquiries, please call the enquiry numbers of the training institutes.

Note: "Attained" in Citizenship and Social Development will be accepted as Level 2.