

Host Department

Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

Contributing Departments

Department of Applied Mathematics
Department of Applied Social Sciences
Department of Biomedical Engineering
Department of Health Technology and Informatics
Department of Rehabilitation Sciences
School of Nursing
School of Optometry

Mode of Study

Mixed-mode (full-time or part-time)

Duration

Normal duration: 3 years (full-time); 4 years (part-time)
Maximum duration of study: 8 years

Recommended Study Plan (For reference only)

Full-time

	First Semester	Second Semester
First Year	4 Subjects	4 Subjects
Second Year	Thesis	Thesis
Third Year	Thesis	Thesis

Part-time

	First Semester	Second Semester
First Year	2 Subjects	2 Subjects
Second Year	2 Subjects	2 Subjects
Third Year	Thesis	Thesis
Fourth Year	Thesis	Thesis



Entrance Requirements

- A master's degree in a health-related discipline, or equivalent; AND
- At least 5 years of substantial professional health care experience
(Candidates possessing a recognized first degree in a health-related discipline with substantial professional experience may also be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

Note: Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a panel interview

Tuition Fee

HK\$6,400 per credit (by instalment) for 48 credits

Enquiries

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醫療及社會科學院
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Doctor of Health Science

(Programme Code: 06001)

Hong Kong's First Professional Doctoral Programme in Health Science

The DHSc programme aims to prepare health care professionals for leadership roles in substantive specialised areas and who will contribute to the science and practice of health care through systematic enquiry and theory application.



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Programme Characteristics

- Hong Kong's only professional doctorate with a primary focus on health sciences and health services
- Synthesises and integrates knowledge from different health sciences and other academic disciplines for professional application
- Designed to accommodate individual students' research interests and career aspirations
- Recognised as a terminal professional degree for health care disciplines, with graduates able to use the title "Dr." before their names

Awards

Students can choose to graduate with the **Doctor of Health Science (generic award)** or with one of the following **specialism awards**:

- **Medical Laboratory Science***
- **Medical Imaging and Radiation Science***
- **Nursing**
- **Occupational Therapy***
- **Optometry***
- **Physiotherapy***
- **Prosthetics and Orthotics**

*Quotable qualifications

To be eligible for the specialiam award concerned, students should:

- complete a thesis related to that specialism plus a 3-credit specialty subject AND
- hold a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree in a relevant discipline or possess relevant professional qualification to fulfil the registration requirements of certain professions

Programme Structure

The programme consists of **8 doctoral subjects** (4 compulsory subjects and 4 elective subjects) and a **doctoral thesis**.

Compulsory Subjects (12 credits)

Students are required to complete 4 out of the following 5 compulsory subjects. If they complete all the 5 subjects, one of them will be counted as a Generic Elective.

- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Evidence Based Practice
- Health Care Ethics
- Health Economics
- Issues in Health Sociology

Elective Subjects (12 credits)

Students are required to complete 4 Elective Subjects. The Electives can be Generic Electives or Specialty Subjects.

A. Generic Electives

- Advanced Statistics in Health Care Research
- Advanced Methods in Qualitative Health Care Research
- Concept Analysis in Health Care
- Health and Social Policy Analysis
- Health Systems: Management and Organization
- Independent Study in a Substantive Specialty
- Information Technology in Health Care
- Project Management
- Other Elective Options

(to be decided in consultation with the Programme Leader)

B. Specialty Subjects

(please refer to the programme website for the most updated list of subjects, including the Specialty Subjects)

Thesis (24 credits)

The thesis will comprise a single piece of work equivalent to 8 doctoral subjects and is expected to be a viable demonstration of the student's ability to apply theoretical and practical knowledge to the solution of a significant problem. In preparing the thesis, the student has an opportunity to conduct research that draws upon particular themes of the programme and show the extent to which s/he has been able to integrate some of the dominant themes and interest areas of the programme.

Students are expected to apply state-of-the-art research methodology to investigate important issues arising from societal needs, and the thesis must make an important contribution to the existing body of knowledge in and/or provide innovative insights into health science. The work is expected to be of a standard acceptable for publication by a peer-reviewed professional outlet by the time of thesis submission. A chief supervisor will be chosen from the Faculty's strong pool of expertise for guiding the student in his/her thesis preparation and process.