

# **DIRECT-ENTRY-SCHEME TO POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME (DPP) 2024**



# DIRECT-ENTRY-SCHEME TO POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME (DPP)

## 5 Things You Need to Know

### 1. What is the DPP?

- Prepares Sec 4N(A) students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses via a 2-year *Higher Nitec* programme at ITE, and a 10-week DPP preparatory course
  - Serves as an alternative to Sec 5
- DPP students who meet the minimum qualifying GPA score are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to the *Higher Nitec* course. (Refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp> for course mapping.)
- About 1,200 places offered across 18 *Higher Nitec* courses

### 2. Am I eligible for DPP?

- Sec 4N(A) student who has sat for GCE N-Level exams in 2023
  - Obtained ELMAB3 aggregate of 19 points or less (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
  - Meet course-specific entry requirements
- If you can check all 3 boxes above, you're eligible!**  
*(Note: Being eligible to apply does not guarantee you a place in a DPP Higher Nitec course.)*

If you have offered GCE O-Level examination subjects in 2023, you may refer to this table for the equivalent grade to compute your ELMAB3 aggregate:

GCE O-Level Grade	Converted Grade
A1-B3	1
B4-C6	2
D7	3
E8	4

### 3. How do I apply?

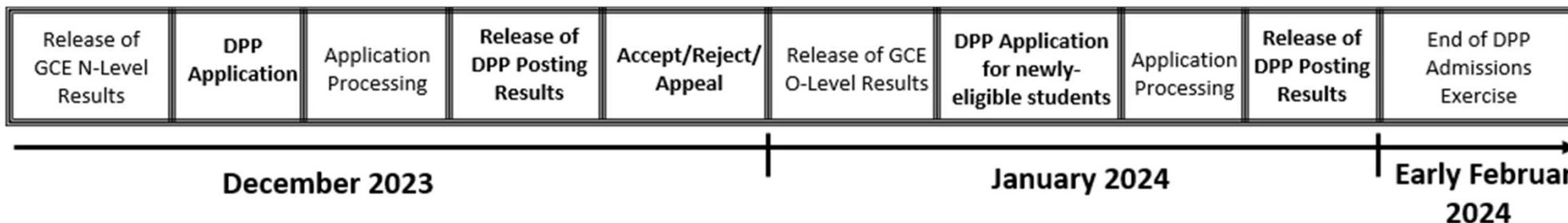
- Upon release of the GCE N-Level results, all DPP-eligible students may apply for DPP *Higher Nitec* courses via the ITE website (<https://www.ite.edu.sg>).
- You may select up to 12 course choices.
- Remember to provide updated contact details in your application so that ITE can contact you if necessary.

### 4. How will I be informed of the outcome?

- You should check your DPP posting results online on the morning of the release of the DPP posting results.
- You will then have to indicate if you wish to accept/reject/appeal the offer.
- Your offer will be void if you do not accept the offer by the stipulated date. You will be required to continue with your classes in Sec 5 or with your *Nitec* course if your application via JIE 'N' is successful

### 5. What happens next?

Upon accepting your DPP offer, you will attend a 10-week DPP preparatory programme starting from Jan 2024.



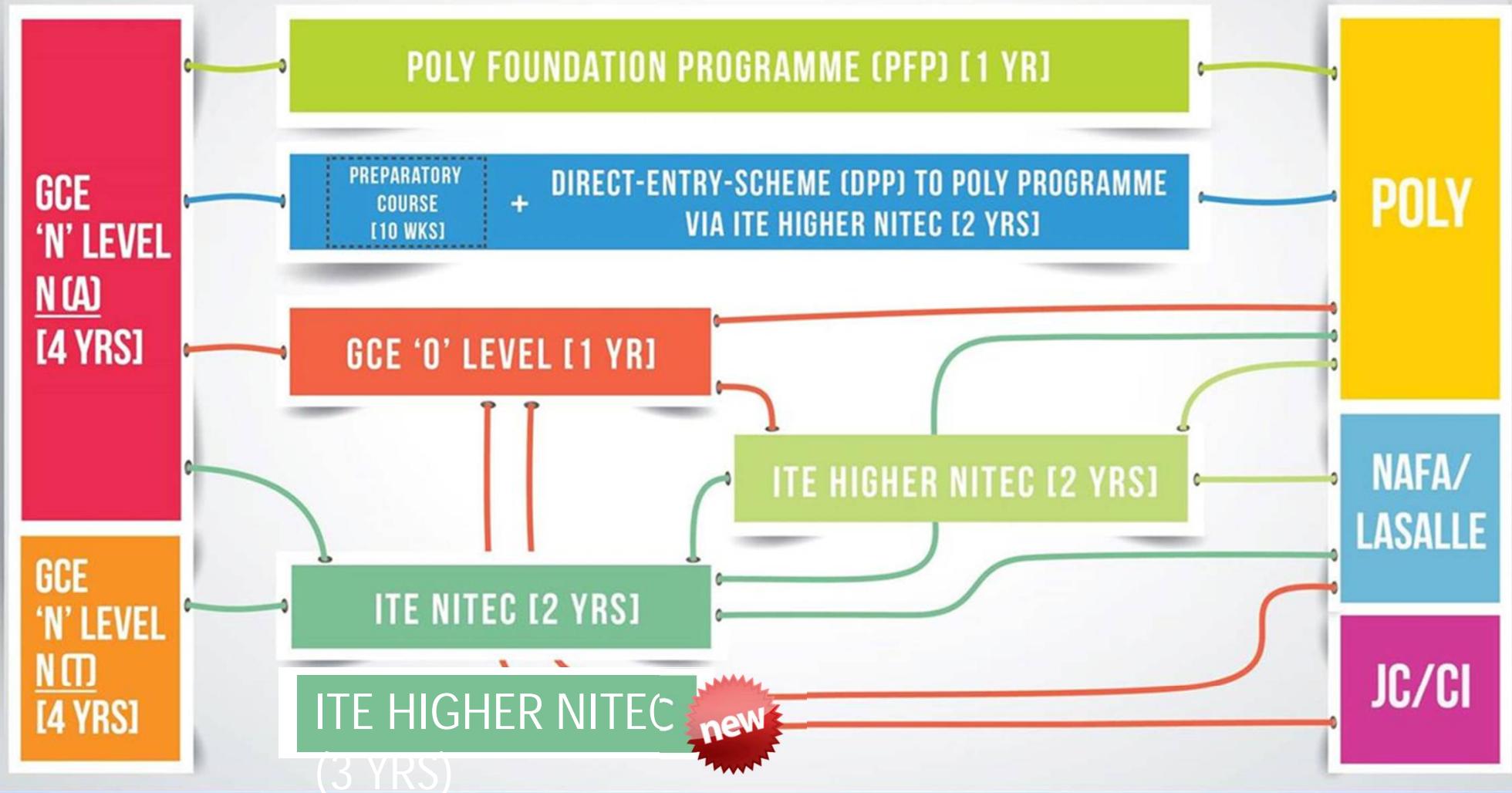
# PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR 4N (ACADEMIC)

	Item	Eligibility Criteria	Remarks
1	Polytechnic Foundation Programme ( <b>PFP</b> )	<b>ELMAB3 ≤ 12</b> (Excl CCA pts) + course entry requirement	Apply when O-levels results are released in mid <b>Jan 2024</b>
2	Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Prog ( <b>DPP</b> ) – Higher NITEC	<b>ELMAB3 ≤ 19</b> (Excl CCA pts) + min <b>course entry requirement</b>	Application from <b>2.30 pm (Today) – 21 Dec (Thurs), 5pm</b>
3	Progression to <b>ITE for 2-Year NITEC / 3-Year Higher Nitec</b> course	Prerequisites & bonus pts stated in booklet	<b>Same as above as DPP</b>
4	<b>Retain in 4NA</b>	<b>ELMAB3 ≤ 21</b> or <b>ELB3 ≤ 14</b> or <b>MAB3 ≤ 14</b> or Other prerequisites	<b>Depends on Vacancy</b> & students need to submit a formal appeal to school

# PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR 4N (ACADEMIC)

No	Item	Eligibility Criteria	Remarks
5	<b>Sec 5NA</b>	<b>ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (Excl CCA pts) and at least a grade 5 for all subj used in the computation of ELMAB3</b>	
6	<b>NAFA Foundation Programme (NFP)</b>	<b>ELMAB3 ≤ 15 (Excl CCA pts)</b>  <b>Applicants who score 4 and above in English Language will be required to attend an interview.</b>	<b>Application from 18 Dec 2023 – 29 Dec 2023</b>  <b>Please apply DIRECTLY on NAFA Website</b>

# MULTIPLE PATHWAYS FOR N(A) AND N(T) STUDENTS



For more information on the DPP and the PFP, please visit these websites:

- Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Programme (DPP)  
[www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des](http://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/definitely-des)
- Poly Foundation Programme (PFP)  
[www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp](http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp)



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# EDUCATION

## Sec 5 studies less popular as new paths to poly open

Chances of entering poly are better via new courses, say N(A) students who choose them

Pearl Lee

With the introduction of alternative routes to post-secondary education for students in the Normal (Academic) stream, more of them are taking up these options instead of going to Secondary 5.

Data from the Ministry of Education (MOE) showed that before 2012, about 70 per cent of the Sec 4 N(A) cohort went on to Sec 5. Sec 5 students take the O-level exams at the end of the one-year programme.

This year, 74.9 per cent of students in the Sec 4 N(A) batch made the cut for Sec 5. But not all of them will pick this course, going by recent trends.

Since the year-long Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and the two-year Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) began in 2012, the proportion of students moving on to Sec 5 has fallen to 60 per cent.

Students in the two programmes

- which are meant for the better performers - told The Straits Times that they had chosen these routes as they gave them a better chance of getting into a polytechnic diploma course.

In fact, almost all students who completed the PFP and about 60 per cent of those who finished the DPP made it into the polytechnics.

Top N(A) students, who receive a

score of not more than 11 points, with at least a grade three for both English and mathematics in their N levels, are eligible for the PFP.

They go on to the polytechnics to do a one-year preparatory course that covers English, mathematics, and domain-specific modules such as life sciences or physics.

If they pass all their modules, they will move on to the first year of

their chosen diploma course.

Each year, about 1,200 places are offered.

The PFP, which takes in students in April, took in its third batch of about 1,000 students this year, a number similar to its second batch. It had 837 students for its pioneer batch.

Lee Jing Hui, 17, who is in the PFP in Singapore Polytechnic (SP), sees

the programme as a stepping stone. The former Koo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School student, who dreams of flying a plane one day, hopes to enter the aerospace electronics diploma course next year.

He said: "Here, we do a lot of group work and projects. There are more hands-on activities and

**MORE HANDS-ON** continued on B1

### SAFETY NETS IN PLACE

**We monitor borderline cases in three ways: remedial sessions, counsellelling them and working with their parents, and giving them personal tuition.**



MR PATRICK PHANG, Singapore Poly's vice-chair for the PFP course



Singapore Polytechnic's Mr Patrick Phang uses pop quizzes and friendly competitions to engage students in the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). Normal (Academic) students in the year-long PFP skip the O levels and go straight to polytechnic. PHOTO: DESI VINOD JR FOR THE STRAITS TIMES

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## Beyond N levels

# More applying for poly entry programmes

1st scheme lets top students gain direct entry;  
2nd one requires two-year stint at ITE first

Yuen Sin

Schemes that provide alternative routes for N-level students to gain entry to polytechnic – instead of moving on to Secondary 5 to sit the O levels – have been attracting more applications since they were first launched in 2012.

Since 2013, the proportion of eligible students who applied for the year-long Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) has grown by 10 per cent.

The proportion of those who applied for the year-long Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) has grown by 5 per cent over the same period, said the Ministry of Education (MOE).

These schemes are reserved for Normal (Academic) students who have done well in their N levels.

Madam Sung Mee Har, principal of Heng Kah Secondary School, said that most of her students who were offered a chance to go for the PFP will take it up.

"In the past, everyone will choose

to move on to Sec 5 if they can, because that was how they could get a place in polytechnic. But that has changed," she said.

Top N(A) students, who receive a score of not more than 11 points in their N levels and have at least a grade three for both English and mathematics, are eligible for the PFP.

They go on to the polytechnics to do a one-year preparatory course, taught by polytechnic lecturers, that covers English, mathematics, and domain-specific modules such as life sciences or physics. If they pass all their modules, they will move on to the first year of their chosen diploma course.

Temasek Polytechnic student Chew Harris Rezal opted for the PFP when he scored 11 points for his N levels in 2012.

"My learning style is more hands-on and practical so I thought I'd prefer the PFP over Sec 5," said Mr Chew, 20, who is in his final year of an infocomm and network engineering diploma course.

Like the PFP, the DPP guarantees students a place in a polytechnic if they meet the qualifying grade. N(A) students are eligible for the DPP if they score not more than 19 points, with at least grade four for

English and mathematics, in the N-level exams.

Under the DPP, students spend two years in a Higher Nitec course at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and are guaranteed a spot in a polytechnic if they meet the minimum grade point average, which is between 2.5 and 3. This year, about 1,000 students have been admitted to the DPP, similar to the past few years.

The students attend a 10-week preparatory course, starting in January, that covers oral and communication skills and topics such as maths and business. They then go on to the Higher Nitec course, which begins in April.

Poh Jia Qi, 17, was one of those who chose to go for the DPP when he got his N-level results last year. He is now doing a Higher Nitec course in information technology at ITE College West, and said that he enjoys the change of pace from a secondary school timetable.

"Most of our assignments are completed in school and we do more practical tasks, like coding and setting up a router," said Jia Qi, who hopes to study information technology in polytechnic.

The MOE said that most of students in the DPP have completed

the programme and obtained a Higher Nitec, and a "significant proportion" of them have moved on to polytechnics, though it did not give specific figures. Most of the students in the PFP have also moved on to polytechnics.

Students who fail the PFP are not allowed to repeat. They may apply for the ITE's Higher Nitec programmes, approach their secondary schools for readmission in the following year or take the O-level exams as private candidates.

Dr Mike Cheong, assistant director of foundation and general studies at Nanyang Polytechnic, said that many PFP students have outperformed their O-level peers. Measures that the school has in place to help students cope with studies include providing remedial lessons and assigning mentors, who counseled students to PFP classes.

Mr Lee Ming Yaw, principal of Mayflower Secondary School, lauded the introduction of the PFP and DPP schemes, saying that it "has played a significant role in motivating the N(A) students to work hard for their N levels because the pathways are available only to students in their stream".

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POH JIA QI, 17, a Higher Nitec student at ITE College West who hopes to move on to an information technology diploma course as part of the DPP.

# WHAT IS DPP?

The DPP prepares Secondary 4 N(A) students **for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses** **without** going through the O-Levels

...via a **2-year Higher Nitec** programme at the ITE.

Under the DPP, students who successfully complete their Higher Nitec course and attain the minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are **guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.**

# WHAT IS DPP?

- Suitable for those who enjoy a hands-on learning style curriculum
- Attain the required qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) scores - **guaranteed** a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.
- About 1,200 DPP places

# DPP ELIGIBILITY

- a. Obtained **an ELMAB3 aggregate of 19 points or better** (excluding CCA bonus points); and
- b. Met the following course-specific requirements:

For Applied Sciences, Engineering and Info-Communications Technology courses:

<b>GCE N-Level subjects</b>	<b>Minimum Required Grades</b>
English Language Syllabus A	4
Mathematics (Syllabus A/ Additional)	4
Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5

For Business & Services courses:

<b>GCE N-Level subjects</b>	<b>Minimum Required Grades</b>
English Language Syllabus A	3
Mathematics (Syllabus A/ Additional)	4
Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5

# 18 DPP COURSES

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ITE offers a wide range of full-time Higher Nitec courses under the DPP for eligible N(A) students

The 18 Higher Nitec courses offered under DPP are as follows:

2-Year Higher Nitec Courses	Course Code	College Code	2023 JIE 'H' ELMAB3	Entry Requirements
<b>Duration: 2½ Years (10 weeks of preparatory course followed by 2 years Higher Nitec training)</b>				
<b>APPLIED SCIENCES</b>				
Bio-Chemical Technology ② <i>(previously known as Chemical Technology)</i>	FPCHT	CE-SM	7	
<b>ENGINEERING</b>				
Civil & Structural Engineering Design ②	FPCSE	CE-SM	9	
Electrical Engineering ①②	FPELE	CE-SM CW-CK	14 14	
Electronics Engineering ①②	FPECE	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	13 14 14	A total of 19 points or less for English Language, Mathematics and 3 other subjects (ELMAB3) in the GCE 'N(A)' examinations
Mechanical Engineering ②	FPMEC	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	11 14 14	For the ELMAB3 aggregate score, you must get:
Mechatronics Engineering ①②	FPMCE	CC-AM CW-CK	12 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 1-4 in English Language</li> <li>• Grade 1-4 in Mathematics</li> <li>• Grade 1-5 in the 3 other subjects</li> </ul>
<b>INFO-COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Business Information Systems ②	FPBIS	CE-SM	9	
Cyber & Network Security ②	FPNST	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	8 10 10	
Immersive Applications & Game ②	FPIAG	CC-AM	8	
IT Applications Development ②	FPIAD	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	9 11 11	
IT Systems & Networks ②	FPISN	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	10 11 11	
<b>BUSINESS &amp; SERVICES</b>				
Accounting ②	FPACC	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	9 10 10	A total of 19 points or less for English Language, Mathematics and 3 other subjects (ELMAB3) in the GCE 'N(A)' examinations
Business Administration ② <i>(previously known as Financial Services)</i>	FPBNS	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	10 - -	For the ELMAB3 aggregate score, you must get:
Event Management ②	FPBSE	CC-AM	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 1-3 in English Language</li> <li>• Grade 1-4 in Mathematics</li> <li>• Grade 1-5 in the 3 other subjects</li> </ul>
Hospitality Operations ②	FPHPO	CW-CK	10	
Logistics & Supply Chain Management ② <i>(previously known as International Logistics)</i>	FPLIT	CE-SM	11	
Service Management ②	FPBSC	CW-CK	11	
Tourism ②	FPLTO	CW-CK	10	

# POLYTECHNIC DIPLOMA COURSE MAPPED TO DPP COURSES

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### Mapping of Higher Nitec Courses to Polytechnic Diploma Courses

Students admitted to 2-year Higher Nitec DPP courses in AY2022 are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses<sup>1</sup> mapped to their Higher Nitec course shown below, provided they meet the following minimum qualifying GPA scores upon completion of their 2-year Higher Nitec course:

2-year Higher Nitec DPP Course <sup>[2]</sup>	Mapped Polytechnic Courses for articulation from 2-year Higher Nitec DPP Course	Poly	Minimum Qualifying GPA for Year-1 Entry <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Applied Sciences</b>			
Bio-Chemical Technology (Course merger of Higher Nitec in Biotechnology and Higher Nitec in Chemical Technology, with effect from Jan 2024.)	Applied Chemistry	NYP	2.5
	Biologics & Process Technology	NYP	2.5
	Chemical & Pharmaceutical Technology	NYP	2.5
	Common Science Programme	NYP	2.5
	Food Science & Nutrition	NYP	2.5
	Pharmaceutical Science	NYP	2.5
	Applied Chemistry	RP	2.5
	Biomedical Science	RP	2.5
	Biotechnology	RP	2.5

# GRADING SYSTEM IN POLY

<b>Module Grade</b>	<b>Descriptor on Transcript / Exam Result Slip</b>	<b>% Range (Marks)</b>	<b>Grade Point*</b>
DIST	: Distinction (to be awarded by the Examinations Board)	> 80	4.0
A	: Excellent	$\geq 80$	4.0
B+	: Very Good	75 to $< 80$	3.5
B	: Good	70 to $< 75$	3.0
C+	: Good Credit	65 to $< 70$	2.5
C	: Credit	60 to $< 65$	2.0
D+	: Good Pass	55 to $< 60$	1.5
D	: Pass	50 to $< 55$	1.0
D-	: Subsidiary Pass	-	0.5
P	: Non-Graded Pass	-	0.5
F	: Fail	-	0.0
ABS	: Absent	-	0.0
UP	: Pass in a Module which has no grade point	-	N.A.
UF	: Fail in a Module which has no grade point	-	N.A.
EX	: Exempted	-	N.A.

Poly Yr 2  
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Poly Yr 1

# DIFFERENT PATHWAYS TO POLY/UNI

## Qualifying 2-Year *Higher Nitec* GPA for Progression to Polytechnics under DPP

Courses	Progress to first-year in relevant Polytechnic Diploma course*	Progress to second-year in relevant Polytechnic Diploma course*
<b>Applied Sciences 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses<sup>#</sup></b>	ITE raw GPA $\geq$ <b><u>2.5 points</u></b> (excluding CCA bonus points <sup>^</sup> )	N.A.
<b>Engineering or Info-Communications Technology 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses<sup>#</sup></b>	ITE raw GPA $\geq$ <b><u>2.5 points</u></b> (excluding CCA bonus points <sup>^</sup> )	ITE raw GPA $\geq$ <b><u>3.5 points</u></b> (excluding CCA bonus points <sup>^</sup> )
<b>Business &amp; Services 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses</b>	ITE raw GPA $\geq$ <b><u>3.0 points</u></b> (excluding CCA bonus points <sup>^</sup> )	N.A.

\* DPP students who successfully complete the *Higher Nitec* courses and attain the required minimum qualifying *Higher Nitec* GPA are guaranteed a place in the 1st Year of relevant Polytechnic Diploma courses that are mapped to their *Higher Nitec* courses.

# NOTE:

Students are also advised to note  
that eligibility to apply for the DPP  
**does not guarantee**  
placement in a DPP course.

# More Normal stream students going for diplomas, degrees

Streaming has helped students but problem is social stigma linked to Normal track: Experts

**Amelia Teng**  
Education Correspondent

More students from the Normal streams in secondary school have made the cut for higher education in the last decade.

New figures from the Ministry of Education (MOE) show that more than 10 per cent of Secondary 1 Normal (Academic) students move on to publicly funded universities, up from 5 per cent 10 years ago.

As for those in the Normal (Technical) stream, for students who are the weakest academically, more than 20 per cent have made it to at least polytechnic diploma courses, up from 15 per cent a decade ago.

In response to The Sunday Times, the MOE said streaming

has helped students learn at a pace suited for them by customising teaching and learning approaches.

This has led to better educational outcomes and a lower attrition rate, with more than 96 per cent of each Primary 1 cohort progressing to post-secondary education today, said a spokesman.

Most observers and educators said Singapore's decades-old method of streaming has benefited students, but the problem is the social stigma attached to those on the Normal path.

National University of Singapore (NUS) economics lecturer Kelvin Seah said streaming lets teachers tailor curricula to students' needs. "A class which is more homogeneous in terms of ability would naturally be easier to teach and man-



Mr Pawandeep Singh Sekhon was posted to the N(T) track but has now secured a spot to study at NUS.

age because students face similar needs in terms of learning pace and stimulation."

Every year, more than 60 per cent of the Primary 6 cohort qualify for the Express stream, while 20 per cent make it to the N(A) stream and another 10 per cent go on to N(T).

But there are also concerns that categorising students by academic ability at the young age of 12 has its downsides, and may even pigeonhole late bloomers.

According to MOE figures, Normal stream students are still a small minority in higher education institutions. Five in 100 students

who graduated from polytechnics between 2015 and last year were from the N(T) stream. The ratio shrinks to one in 100 when it comes to graduating with a degree from public universities.

For students from the N(A) stream, they made up 35 per cent of those finishing with a diploma, and 5 per cent with a degree. The rest of the numbers are made up of students from the Express stream.

At the Institute of Technical Education, the numbers are reversed – nearly half of its graduates were from N(T), 45 per cent from N(A), and a small minority from Express.

Dr Seah said streaming done early in a student's life can compound initial disadvantages.

"For instance, children from poorer families often end up in less-academic streams such as Normal (Technical) because they might have performed badly in the PSLE, having had less access to books early on in life," he said, referring to the Primary School Leaving Examination. "This means that they will find it even more difficult to qualify for tertiary education subsequently, as a result."

National Institute of Education don Jason Tan said the MOE has in recent years increased the "porosity" between streams so students do not feel they are limited.

For instance, they can move from N(A) to Express if they do well, and in many schools this means hitting an overall mark of at least 75 per cent.

The MOE said about 8 per cent to 10 per cent of N(T) students transfer to N(A), and about 5 per cent from N(A) move up to Express.

A spokesman for MOE said: "Contrary to the misperception that streaming at the secondary school level limits the academic progression of certain groups of students, evidence has shown that a great majority of students have actually been able to continue with post-secondary education, and their further progression is not limited by the stream they started with."

Mr Pawandeep Singh Sekhon, who graduated from Nanyang Polytechnic this year, is one such student who worked his way up.

The son of a taxi driver and a nurse was posted to the N(T) track at Punggol Secondary School with a PSLE score of 150. Shocked and disappointed, he pushed himself to study and transferred to an N(A) class a year later.

The 21-year-old, who lives in a Sengkang flat, did well enough in his O levels to get into polytechnic, and found his niche in information technology – attaining a perfect grade point average of four.

"I think when you have the passion for something, you just want to absorb as much as possible," he said. "The grade is just a representation of your hard work."

Mr Singh, who has a younger brother, has secured a spot to study computer science at NUS in 2020 after his national service. He has big dreams of starting his own tech company. "It's not about where you came from, it's about what you can achieve," he said.

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# WHY CONSIDER DPP?

## - APPLIED LEARNING

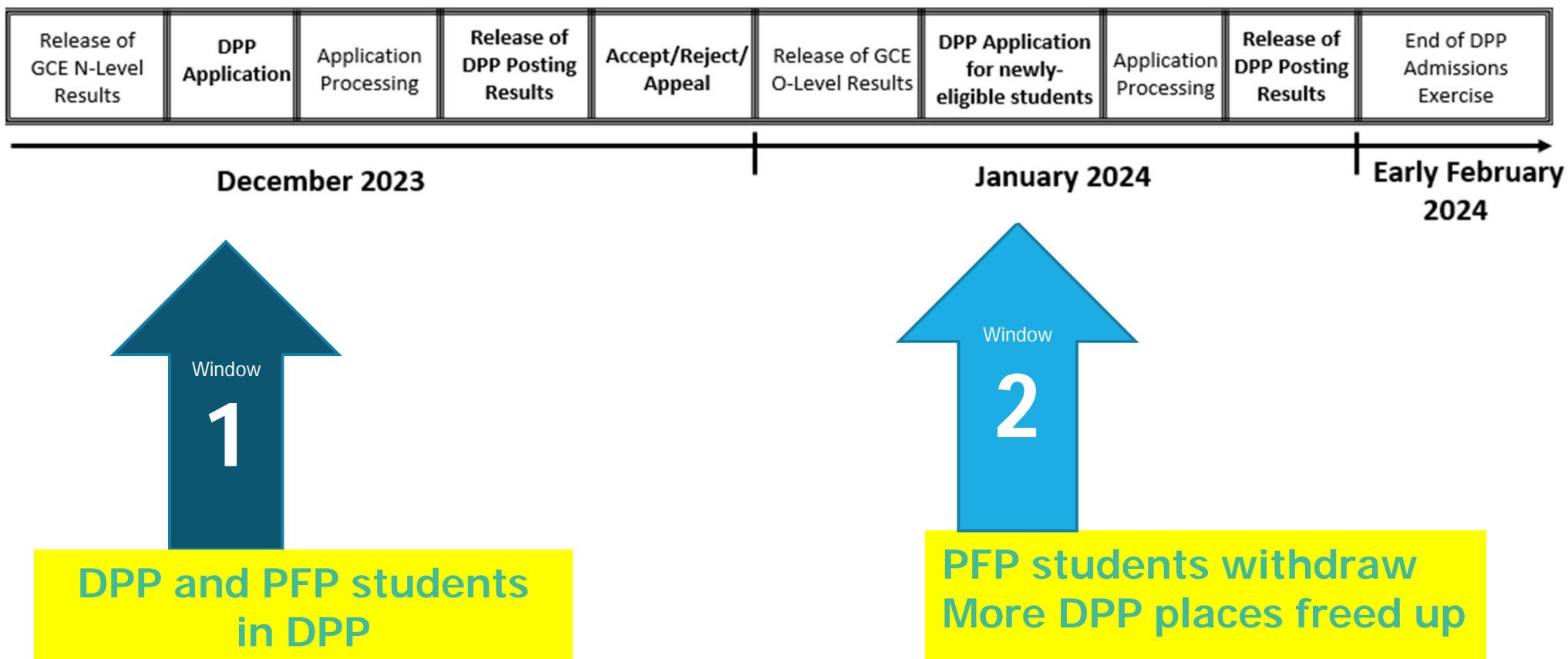
### Module-based GPA grading system

- Tailored for students who prefer **varied learning modes** across the academic year.
- **Bite-sized assessments** contribute to final GPA grade, as compared to one seating of National examinations.
- **Industry-specific** so you can pursue your passions immediately.



# WHY CONSIDER DPP?

## - 2 DPP APPLICATION WINDOWS



# WHY CONSIDER DPP?

- LESS COMPETITION TO GET INTO POLY

O-level  
Candidature

**~24,000**

DPP places

**1200**

# CHOICE OF DPP COURSES

## 12 choices

- First **3 to 4** choices
- Next **3 to 4** choices
- Remaining choices

PASSION  
Practical  
Prudent

Look at **Polytechnic courses** (Page 45 to 46) of 2024 Admission Booklet) you are interested in **in the future** and see **which DPP courses can lead you there.**

# **4N(A) STUDENTS WHO OFFERED GCE O-LEVEL EXAMINATION SUBJECTS IN 2023**

May combine their grades from these examinations with their N-Level results to apply for the DPP.

**O-Level Grade Conversion Table:**

<b>O Level Grade</b>	<b>Aggregate Point for DPP</b>
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7	3
E8	4

# DPP ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility does not guarantee placement  
in a DPP course.

Admissions to DPP courses are **highly competitive and based on merit.**

More information on eligibility requirements for the DPP can be found at

<https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp>

# DPP PHASE 1 APPLICATION

## 18 DEC 2023 – 21 DEC 2023

PLEASE!/  
NOTE

- All DPP-eligible students may submit an application online via the ITE website (<https://www.ite.edu.sg>).

### Phase 1 DPP for January 2024 Intake

- Application will open from **Mon 18 Dec 2023 (2.30pm)** to **Thurs 21 Dec 2023 (5pm)**.
- The main application results will be released from **Fri 22 Dec 2023 (from 2pm)**.
- Eligible students are allowed to **submit up to 12 DPP course choices** in their application.
- Please refer to following for timelines
  - 2024 Admission Booklet Page 6 or
  - <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp>

# **DPP PHASE 2 APPEAL**

## **22 DEC 2023 - 27 DEC 2023**

Upon receiving DPP Phase 1 posting results on 22 Dec 2023, students will have to indicate in the online system whether they are

- (a) accepting**
- (b) rejecting**
- (c) appealing from 22 Dec to 27 Dec**
- (d) appeal results on 29 Dec (from 9am)**



*Please refer to 2024 Admission Booklet Page 6*

# DPP PHASE 3 APPLICATION MID JAN 2024



After the release of 2023 GCE O-Level results, when PFP candidates withdraw from DPP places

- (a) More spaces freed up**
- (b) Application for DPP courses/Appeal for a different DPP course**
- (c) Appeal results between mid to end Jan 2024**

Please refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp> for latest timeline

# ALLOCATION OF 1200 DPP PLACES IN 3 DPP PHASES

## DPP APPLICATION & Results Release

DPP Phase 1:

Application: 18 – 21 Dec 2023

Results: 22 Dec 2023

DPP Appeal Phase 2:

Application: 22 Dec – 27 Dec 2023

Results: 29 Dec 2023

DPP Phase 3:

Application: Jan 2024\* (TBC)

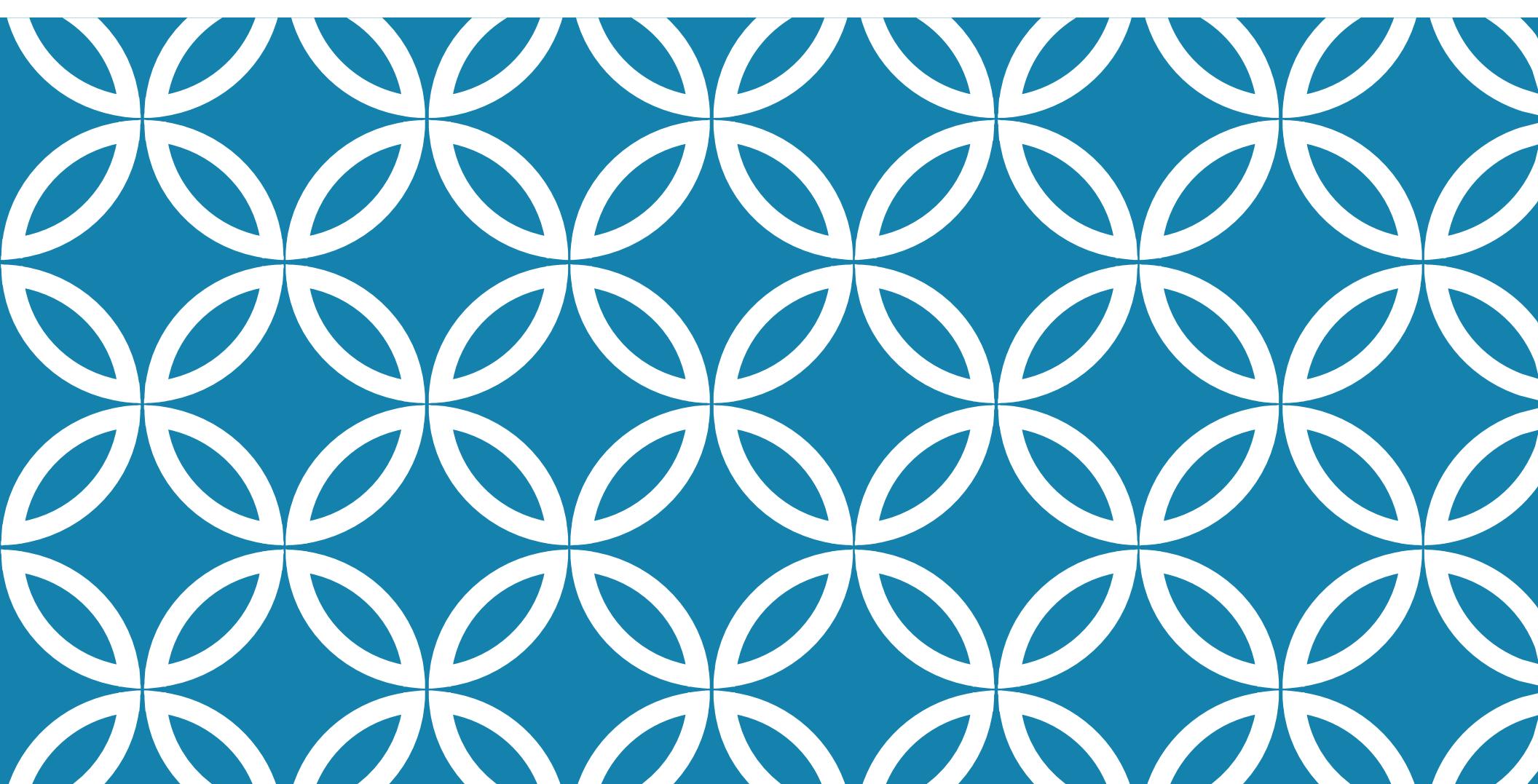
Results: mid to end Jan 2024

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# **STUDENT MOVEMENT IN DECEMBER / JANUARY**

I am **NOT** interested in Sec 5NA

**QUESTION: I AM INTERESTED IN BOTH PFP AND DPP. WHAT SHOULD I DO, GIVEN THAT THE DPP APPLICATION IS IN DECEMBER AND THE PFP APPLICATION IS IN JANUARY?**

1. Apply for DPP in Dec 2023
2. Progress to DPP on 8 Jan 2024 (*don't buy uniform yet*)
3. Apply for PFP upon release of the GCE O-Level examination results in Jan 2024

**End: Successful in PFP or continue in DPP**

if the student is offered a place in both the PFP and DPP, he/she may only accept one course offer.

Students who accept both offers will have their offers voided.

## **QUESTION: WHAT DO I DO IF I AM INTERESTED IN DPP OTHERWISE I WILL GO ON TO SEC 5NA?**

1. (a) Apply for DPP in Dec 2023 and  
(b) Apply for Sec 5NA in Dec 2023
2. Report to Sec 5NA on 2 Jan 2024
3. Withdraw from Sec 5 NA upon acceptance of  
DPP

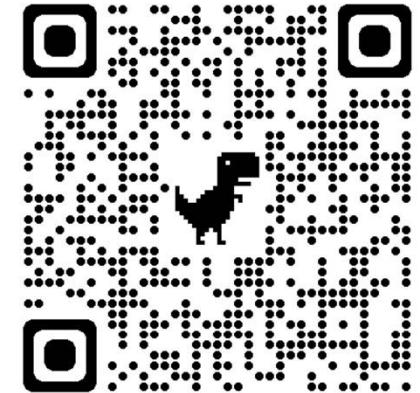
**End: Successful in DPP or continue in Sec 5NA**

## **QUESTION: WHAT IS THE 10-WEEK PREPARATORY COURSE IN DPP? DO I NEED TO ATTEND IT?**

If students are successful in their DPP application, they will need to attend a 10-week preparatory course starting in January 2024 before the Higher Nitec course commences in April 2024.

The preparatory course comprises:

- Oral & Communication Skills; and
- Mathematics, Science or Business Skills topics.



<https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-now/dpp>

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## Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) (JIE 'H')

Full-Time 2-Year *Higher Nitec* Courses (Jan 2024 Intake)

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Full-Time Technical Diploma Courses (Apr 2024 Intake)

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (JIE 'H') (Jan 2024 Intake)

Full-Time 3-Year *Higher Nitec / 2-Year Nitec* Courses (Jan 2024 Intake)

Full-Time 4-Year *Higher Nitec* and 3-Year *Nitec* Courses (JIE 'E') (Jan 2024 Intake)

Application is now open. Submit your application latest by [Thu 21 Dec 2023 \(5pm\)](#).

The Joint Intake Exercise 'H' (JIE 'H') caters to the direct entry of eligible GCE N(A) holders into full-time 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses, under the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP). JIE 'H' is held in December each year, after the release of the GCE 'N' Level results. Successful applicants will commence their training in January.

Only Sec 4N(A) students of the preceding cohort i.e. only scores received by Sec 4N(A) students at the GCE 'N'

## **Strong response for Direct-Entry Scheme into Poly**

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By Elgin Chong -  
December 19

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About 2,000 applications were received in main application phases for the intake this year. Of these, about half were accepted, said the Ministry of Education yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP), a one-year foundation course at polytechnics that prepares students for entry into relevant polytechnic courses, received about 1,300 applications, of which about 80 per cent were accepted.

For the previous intake, the DPP saw 1,300 applications, while the PFP received 1,100 applications.

Under the DPP, Secondary Four Normal (Academic) students undergo a two-year Higher Nitec programme at ITE.

Students who successfully complete the course and attain the required qualifying Grade Point Average are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.

About 1,000 DPP places are offered across all three ITE colleges annually.

The PFP offers students a practice-oriented curriculum. If students pass all their PFP modules, they will progress to their pre-selected diploma course. The polytechnics offer about 1,200 PFP places in total.

To be eligible for the DPP, Normal (Academic) students are required to obtain an ELMAB3 aggregate of 19 points or lower. They also have to obtain a Grade 5 or better in English and Mathematics.

For the PFP, a Secondary Five student must obtain an ELMAB3 aggregate of 11 points or fewer.

Applications to the DPP are now open, while applications to the PFP will open next month after the release of the O-Level results.

Each year

**Total DPP places – 1,200 only**

**Total PFP places – 1,600 only, spanning more than 80% of diploma course offerings at the polytechnics.**

# TAKE NOTE

All Sec 4N(A) students who do not have a confirmed place in the DPP or are waiting to apply for the PFP, following the release of the GCE N-Level results,

**MUST** report to PLMGS(Sec) on 2 Jan 2024 (Tues) to continue with Secondary 5.

# **FOR ALL 4 NA STUDENTS:**

Timeframe	Action to be taken
<b>Submit by 21 Dec 2023</b>	Complete and submit the Google form which will be sent to you to indicate your choice of pathway. You must report to school on <b>2 Jan 2024</b> even if you are applying for PFP.



<https://go.gov.sg/pl4napplication>

**ALL students MUST  
COMPLETE and submit  
the Google form**

# ECG SUPPORT AT PLMGSS



## Online or Face to Face Session with Ms Chong, ECG Counsellor

Ms Chong will be available from 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 9am – 5pm for ECG Counselling

Book an Appointment : <https://go.gov.sg/plmgss-ecg>

## Support by School

Mrs Low Hwee Hwee, HOD CCE / Ms Das Ruth, AYH

Email: [oh\\_hwee\\_hwee@moe.edu.sg](mailto:oh_hwee_hwee@moe.edu.sg) / [das\\_ruth\\_hannah@moe.edu.sg](mailto:das_ruth_hannah@moe.edu.sg)

## Online or Phone Counselling by MOE ECG Centre

Contact : 6831 1420,

Email: [MOE\\_ECG@moe.gov.sg](mailto:MOE_ECG@moe.gov.sg) or

Book an Appointment : <https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>

## 'N' Level support by ITE

ITE College Central | Tel: 1800 222 2111 | [college\\_central@ite.edu.sg](mailto:college_central@ite.edu.sg)

ITE College East | Tel: 6590 2262 | [college\\_east@ite.edu.sg](mailto:college_east@ite.edu.sg)

ITE College West | Tel: 6590 2628 | [college\\_west@ite.edu.sg](mailto:college_west@ite.edu.sg)

## Before the Session

- Do your course exploration and shortlisting
- Jot down any questions you might have
- Find out your CCA grade

## Please have these ready for the ECG session

- 2024 JIE Booklet
- Result Slip & Form N
- Prelim Result Slip if you are taking O level subject(s)

Thank you!