

POLYTECHNIC FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

For admission in AY2026/2027







Hi there, future TPFam!

Start planning for your future with our Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP). PFP provides you with the opportunity to join Temasek Polytechnic (TP) after your GCE Normal (Academic) Level (GCE N(A)-Level) Examinations.

As an alternative to Secondary 5, you have the option to pursue this 12-month preparatory programme before you opt for your diploma course based on your PFP results. That's a total of four unforgettable and fun-filled years in TP, with a vibrant, passionate and caring community.

Cluster-based Admission in AY2026/2027 (for N(A) cohorts taking exams in 2025)

Have you heard about the new Cluster-based Admission for PFP starting in 2026? This is your chance to unlock a world of possibilities! Instead of selecting a specific diploma after your GCE N(A)-Level Examinations, you will now be able to opt for a cluster in PFP and choose your preferred diploma at the end of the PFP year.

Eligible N(A) holders will be able to apply for the following clusters at PFP@TP:

- Sciences
- Engineering & Technology
- Design
- Humanities, Arts, Media & Business
- Early Childhood Development & Education



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Scan this QR code, or visit www.tp.edu.sg/pfp

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Benefits of Cluster-based Admission



1

Ample time for you to weigh your diploma options, aligning with your strengths and aspirations.



2

Enter a cluster to establish a strong base in a broader field which will help to set the foundation for specialised expertise.



3

Comprehensive
exploration through
Education and Career
Guidance programmes
to explore diverse career
paths within your cluster.



4

Empower you to confidently select a diploma which aligns with your capabilities and interests.

Ignite your passion with PFP@TP!

Whether you're an aspiring scientist, engineer, designer, entrepreneur or data analyst, the Cluster-based Admission ensures that you're in the right environment to nurture your potential.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to shape your educational journey and set the stage for your future.

PFP@TP's practice-oriented curriculum and enjoyable learning experience will ease your transition to tertiary education. This foundation year is also where you get to take charge of your future, exploring and discovering your interest in your chosen field.

Embrace your passion, embrace the future – the PFP Cluster-based Admission criteria is here to help create your tomorrow.



At every TP graduation ceremony, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to the top three graduates of each diploma course. Since the first PFP@TP cohort graduated from TP in 2017, the programme is proud to have:



To add, nine (9) of our PFP alumni have received polytechnic-level awards, such as the Lee Kong Chian Award and the Lee Kuan Yew Award. We are also proud to share that a PFP alumnus has secured the prestigious Public Service Commission Scholarship in 2019. Many of our PFP alumni excel and hold leadership roles in various CCAs.



Hear from our PFP alumni and TP Class of 2024 graduates



Phyllis Poh Qian Hui Diploma in Aerospace Electronics

Awards and Honours

- Thales Solutions Asia Course Gold Medallist
- Graduated with Diploma (Merit)

The guidance of my nurturing and supportive PFP lecturers was instrumental in my academic journey, equipping me with the skills and knowledge essential for success. PFP's subjects provided a seamless transition into my Year 1 studies, preparing me to tackle the required advanced coursework confidently. Moreover, the camaraderie with like-minded friends fostered a positive learning environment that enriched my experience and encouraged collaborative growth.

Where's Phyllis now?

She's pursuing a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics
Engineering at Nanyang Technological University with
a one-year exemption. Phyllis has also received NTU's
Global Excellence Award and EEE Scholarship.



Tan You HungDiploma in
Psychology Studies

Awards and Honours

- National Healthcare Group Course Silver Medal
- Graduated with Diploma (Merit)
- Kosh Consulting Group (Asia) Prize
- Temasek Polytechnic-CLARITYSG Skills Mastery Award

I credit my PFP experience and its contributions to my eventual graduation success! PFP was instrumental during the transition from secondary school to polytechnic, opening my eyes to the value of multidisciplinary learning and its practical application in improving the world. It nurtured my essential critical thinking and communication skills while fostering civic-mindedness, which have helped me excel academically and prepared me to succeed in my future profession.

What's next for You Hung?

After fulfilling his National Service commitments, he'll head to Nanyang Technological University to pursue a double major in Economics and Psychology, armed with an NTU-University Scholars Programme scholarship.

How can I prepare for PFP@TP?

Please note that the information in this booklet is applicable to the programme for AY2026/2027 admission year.



Doing well in your GCE N(A) Level Exams is the first step to joining the exciting PFP@TP! If your scores qualify you for PFP, you will receive an invitation to apply for diploma courses through the Polytechnic Foundation Programme Admissions Exercise (PFPAE), which takes place in January.

What N-Level scores should I aim for?

To be eligible for PFP@TP, you must have a raw ELMAB3 score of 12 points or better (excluding CCA bonus points) at the GCE N(A) Level exams.

SCIENCES ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY DESIGN		HUMANITIES, ARTS, MEDIA & BUSINESS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION					
Subject	Minimum Required Grade	Subject	Minimum Required Grade				
English Language Syllabus A	3	English Language Syllabus A	3				
Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)	3	Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)	3				
One of the following relevant subjects: Science (Physics, Chemistry) Science (Physics, Biology) Science (Chemistry, Biology) Food and Nutrition / Nutrition and Food Science Design and Technology	3	One of the following relevant subjects: Principles of Accounts Literature in English History Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) Humanities (Social Studies, History) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English) Geography Art	3				
Any two other subjects, excluding CCA	4	Any two other subjects, excluding CCA	4				

Bonus points will be awarded for good CCA grades. These bonus points will be used in computing the ELMAB3 net aggregate score for selection and posting to the PFP. With this new Cluster-based Admission, PFP students will choose their diploma based on their PFP results.

What diploma courses can I apply for at the end of PFP@TP?

PFP CLUSTER	TP DIPLOMA COURSES AND COMMON ENTRY PROGRAMMES Chemical Engineering Common Science Programme Food, Nutrition & Culinary Science Medical Biotechnology Pharmaceutical Science Veterinary Technology				
Sciences					
Engineering & Technology	Aerospace Electronics Aerospace Engineering Applied Artificial Intelligence Architectural Technology & Building Services Aviation Management Big Data & Analytics Biomedical Engineering Business Process & Systems Engineering Common Engineering Programme Common ICT Programme Computer Engineering Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics Electronics Immersive Media & Game Development Information Technology Integrated Facility Management Mechatronics				
Design	 Common Design Programme Communication Design Fashion Management & Design Digital Film & Television Interior Architecture & Design Product Experience & Design 				
Humanities, Arts, Media & Business	Accountancy & Finance Business Common Business Programme Communications & Media Management Culinary & Catering Management Hospitality & Tourism Management International Trade & Logistics Law & Management Marketing Psychology Studies Social Sciences in Gerontology				
Early Childhood Development & Education (ECDE)	Students who have completed PFP(ECDE) will progress to study the *Diploma in Early Childhood Development & Education				

^{*} Conducted by the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC), in collaboration with TP at the NIEC (TP) campus. For more information on NIEC, visit www.niec.edu.sg

What will I study in PFP@TP?

You will take four Core Modules and two Cluster Modules each semester. These modules are meant to prepare you for your diploma years.

SEMESTER 1						
Core Modules	English Language & Communication 1 Foundation Mathematics 1 Essential Life Skills 1 Health & Fitness 1					
Clusters	Sciences	Engineering & Technology	Design	Humanities, Arts, Media & Business and Early Childhood Development & Education		
Cluster Modules	Cell Biology & Microbiology	Fundamentals of Innovation by Design	Fundamentals of Innovation by Design	Fundamentals of Business 1		
	Principles of Chemistry	Physics in Daily Life	Art & Design Studio	Fundamentals of Digital Skills		
SEMESTER 2						
Core Modules	English Language & Communication 2 Foundation Mathematics 2 Essential Life Skills 2 Health & Fitness 2					
Clusters	Sciences	Engineering & Technology	Design	*Humanities, Arts, Media & Business and Early Childhood Development & Education		
Cluster Modules	Fundamentals of Digital Skills	Fundamentals of Digital Skills	Fundamentals of Digital Skills	Fundamentals of Business 2		
	Biochemistry & Human Biology	Digital Logic & Programming	Digital Design Studio	Introduction to Media		
				Basic Principles & Applications in Psychology		

^{*}These clusters have 3 instead of 2 Cluster Modules, however, the overall curricula hours remain the same as other clusters.