

Progression Pathways

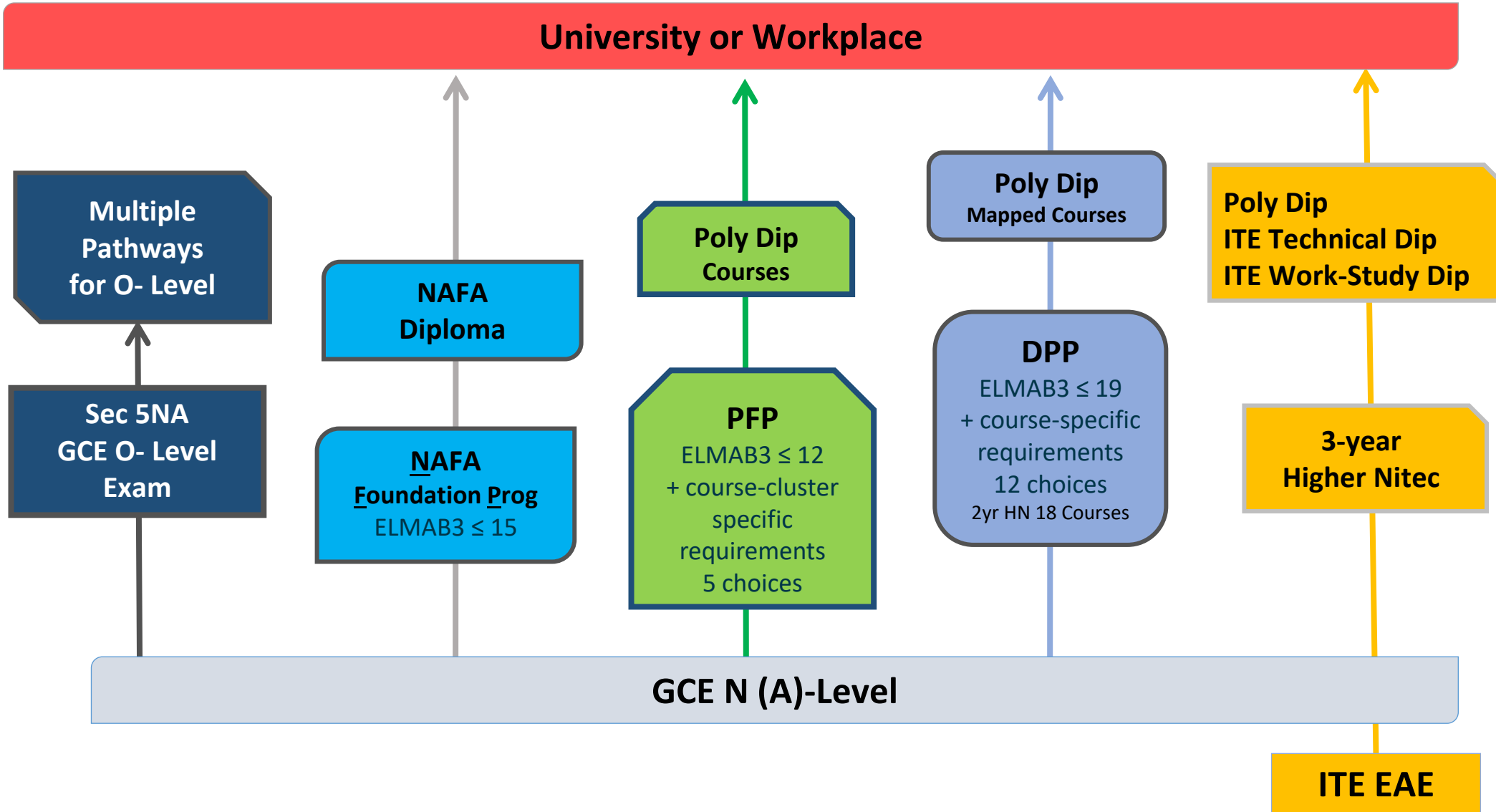
For students taking GCE 'N(A)' levels

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Post-Secondary Pathways



For students on the Normal (Academic) course

Sec 5 GCE 'O' Level Programme

Promotion to Sec 5N(A)

- ELMAB3 \leq 19
- At least a Grade 5 for all subjects used in ELMAB3 computation

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) @ ITE

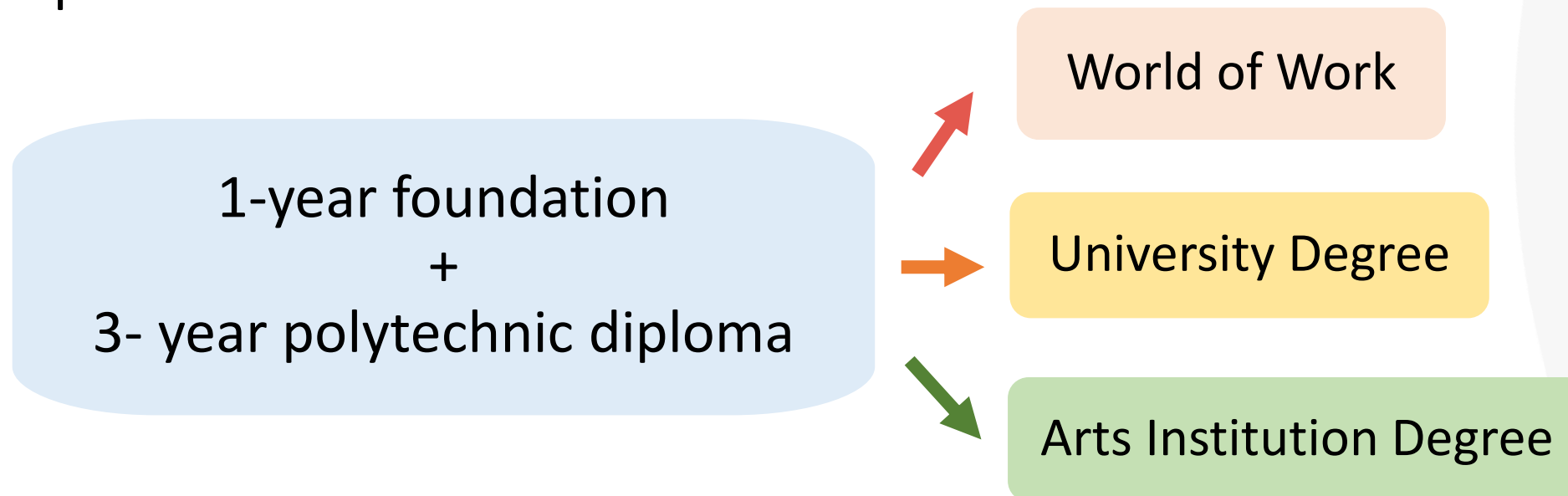
3-year Higher Nitec course @ ITE

Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)



What is the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)?

- 1-year **practice-oriented curriculum** to better prepare polytechnic bound students for entry into relevant diploma courses



Changes to PFP from 2026

1. Cluster-based admission:

- Sciences
- Engineering & Tech
- *Humanities, Design & Media, Business

*NYP and TP offer as two sub-clusters (Design and Engineering & Technology)

Changes to PFP from 2026

2. Diploma-specific admission will continue for selected specialised courses:
 - Nursing (@NP and NYP)
 - Early Childhood Development & Education (@NP and TP)
 - Tamil Studies with Early Education (@NP)

- To be eligible for PFP, student must satisfy the following criteria:

ELMAB3 gross aggregate score

12 points or better

EL: English Language

MA: Mathematics

B3: Best 3 other Subjects

*Gross score: **before** CCA points deduction



course-cluster specific requirements

+ course-cluster specific requirements

▪ **Science** cluster

Subject	Minimum required grade
English Language	3
Mathematics / Additional Mathematics	3
Any 1 relevant subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and Technology • Food and Nutrition / Nutrition and Food Science • Combined Science 	3
Any other 2 subjects, excluding CCA	4

+ course-cluster specific requirements

- **Humanities, Art, Media and Business** cluster

Subject	Minimum required grade
English Language	3
Mathematics / Additional Mathematics	3
Any 1 relevant subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Geography • Combined Humanities 	3
Any other 2 subjects, excluding CCA	4

+ course-cluster specific requirements

▪ **Design, Engineering and Technology** cluster

Subject	Minimum required grade
English Language	3
Mathematics / Additional Mathematics	3
Any 1 relevant subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and Technology • Food and Nutrition / Nutrition and Food Science • Combined Science 	3
Any other 2 subjects, excluding CCA	4

- Successful placement in PFP is dependent on **net ELMAB3 score**, i.e. after deduction of CCA bonus points

CCA Grade	No. of bonus points
Excellent (A1 – A2)	2
Good (B3 – C6)	1

Eligibility for PFP does not guarantee successful placement!

Subject to competition based on **merit** and **vacancies** available.

- For N(A) students taking subjects at Exp level, the ELMAB3 computation will take into account grade conversion:

O-level Grade	Aggregate point for PFP
A1 to B3	1
B4 to C6	2
D7	3
E8	4

Examples of PFP Courses	Net ELMAB3 Range
Biomedical Science (NP)	3 to 3
Common Business Programme (SP)	3 to 7
AI & Data Engineering (NYP)	4 to 7
Aerospace Engineering (RP)	7 to 10
Common Science Programme (RP)	8 to 9
Early Childhood Development & Education (NP)	3 to 12
Sport and Wellness Management (NYP)	5 to 7

Why choose PFP?

- Direct and shortest pathway to a polytechnic education
- Provide strong academic foundation for diploma courses with a focus on applied learning
- Head-start in preferred field of study in polytechnic
- Earlier exposure to polytechnic style of learning – project work, industry relevant skills, etc.



Reflect on your learning style, motivations, and what you would like to do after graduating from polytechnic.

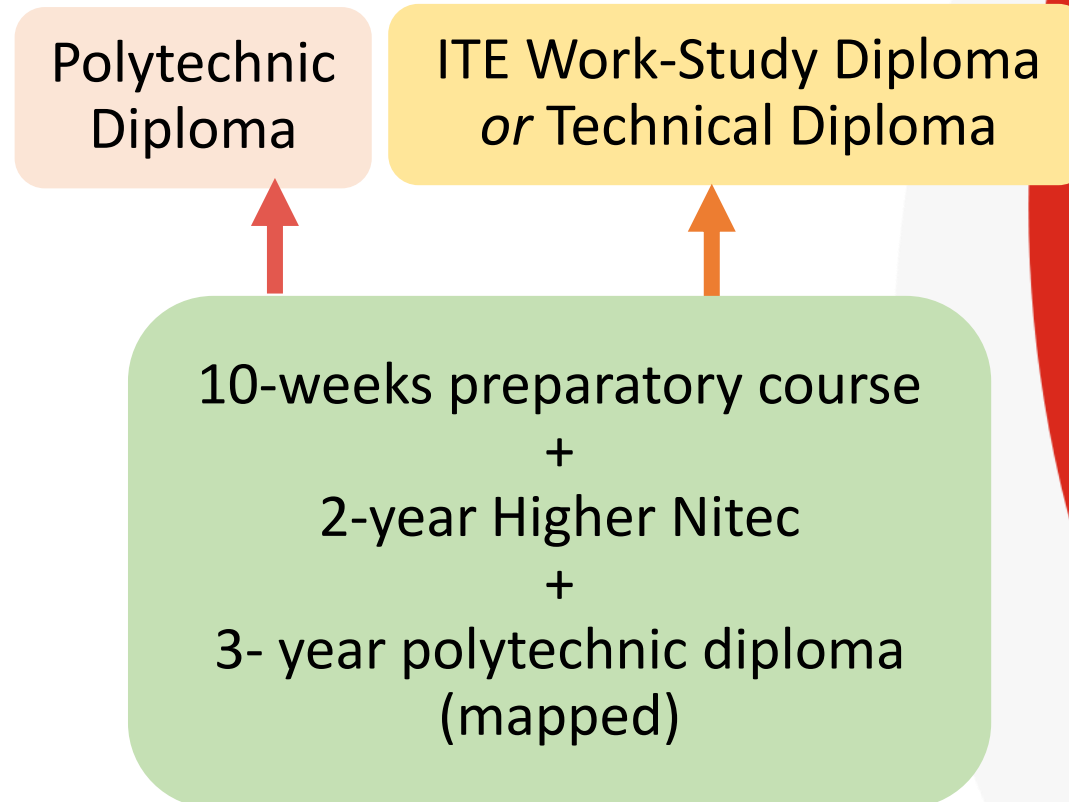
More academically rigorous compared to DPP or 3-year Higher Nitec programmes.

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Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

What is the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)?

- Allows for **direct admission into 2-year Higher Nitec courses in ITE** without completing the GCE 'O' Level examination
- **Guaranteed placement** in Year 1 of mapped polytechnic diploma if student meets the qualifying GPA



Qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) for Progression to Poly

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*
Applied Sciences 2-year <i>Higher Nitec Courses</i> [#]	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>2.5 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	N.A.
Engineering or Info-Communications Technology 2-year <i>Higher Nitec Courses</i> [#]	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>2.5 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>3.5 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])
Business & Services 2-year <i>Higher Nitec Courses</i>	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>3.0 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	N.A.

- To be eligible for DPP, student must satisfy the following criteria:

ELMAB3 gross aggregate score

19 points or better

EL: English Language

MA: Mathematics

B3: Best 3 other Subjects

*Gross score: **before** CCA points deduction



course-cluster specific requirements

+ course-cluster specific requirements

Course	Course-specific requirement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Sciences Engineering Info-communications Technology 	<p><u>English Language</u>: Grade 4 or better</p> <p><u>Mathematics / Additional Mathematics</u>: Grade 4 or better</p> <p><u>3 other best subjects, excluding CCA</u>: Grade 5 or better for each subject</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business & Services Hospitality 	<p><u>English Language</u> : Grade 3 or better</p> <p><u>Mathematics / Additional Mathematics</u>: Grade 4 or better</p> <p><u>3 other best subjects, excluding CCA</u>: Grade 5 or better</p>

- For N(A) students taking subjects at Exp level, the ELMAB3 computation will take into account grade conversion:

O-level Grade	Aggregate point for DPP
A1 to B3	1
B4 to C6	2
D7	3
E8	4

Examples of DPP Courses	ITE College	Net ELMAB3
Bio-Chemical Technology	CE	7
Mechatronics Engineering	CC	12
	CW	13
Immersive Applications and Game	CC	9
Business Administration	CC	9
	CE	9
	CW	7
Tourism	CW	10
Event Management	CC	9

Similar to PFP, placement in DPP course is **based on net ELMAB3 score** and subject to competition based on merit and vacancies.

Why choose DPP?

- Alternative pathway to a polytechnic education without taking the GCE 'O' Level examination
- Guaranteed admission into polytechnic Year 1 as long as student is able to meet the qualifying GPA
- Early exposure to industry attachment to gain valuable work experience
- Industry-relevant skills and certifications gained during Higher Nitec training helps prepare for diploma education and the World of Work



Reflect on your learning style, motivations, and what you would like to do after graduating from the 2-year Higher Nitec programme.

Lesser options available compared to 3-year Higher Nitec courses and guaranteed admission only applies for polytechnic diplomas mapped to DPP course.

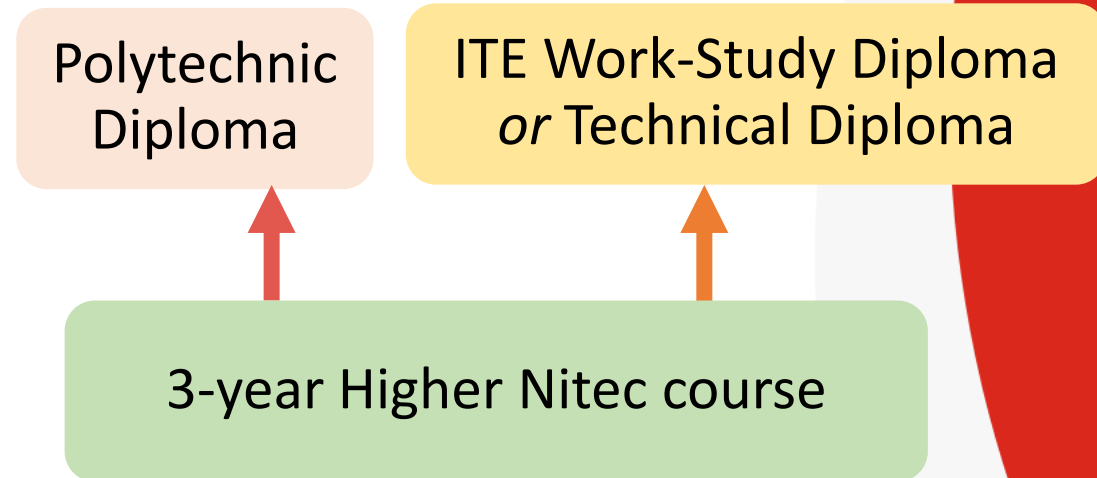
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3-Year Higher Nitec Programme



What is the ITE 3-year Higher Nitec programme?

- 3-year practice-based curriculum to gain relevant and specific skills for the workplace
 - *1st year* → **foundation** courses to build essential industry relevant skills
 - *2nd & 3rd year* → **specialised modules** and **work attachments** to provide valuable hands-on learning experiences



***accelerated pathway option**
for strong performing students

From 2026 onwards,

1. Cease of 2-year Nitec courses, transition to 3-year Higher Nitec courses

Upon completion of 3-year Higher Nitec course in 2028,

1. H-Nitec GPA \geq 2.5 Eligible to apply for Poly Yr1
2. H-Nitec GPA \geq 3.5 Guaranteed Poly Yr1

HEALTH SCIENCES

- Community Care and Social Services
- Opticianry
- Nursing

BUSINESS AND SERVICES

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Event Management
- Customer Experience
- Passenger Services
- Tourism
- Sport Management
- Beauty and Wellness Management
- Hairdressing and Salon Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Retail and Online Business

ELECTRONICS AND INFO-COMM TECHNOLOGY

- AI applications
- Business Information Systems
- Cyber and Network Security
- Data Engineering
- Electronics Engineering
- Immersive Applications and Game
- IT Applications Development
- IT Systems and Networks
- Operational and Information Technology
- Security System Integration

DESIGN AND MEDIA

- Communications Design
- Film and Video Production
- Interior and Product Design
- Technical Theatre and Production
- Visual Merchandising

ENGINEERING

- Electrical Engineering
- Applied Food Science
- Architectural Technology
- Bio-Chemical Technology
- Chemical Process Technology
- Civil and Structural Engineering Design
- Integrated Mechanical and Electrical Design
- Facilities Management and Engineering
- Landscape Management and Design
- Vertical Transportation

HOSPITALITY

- Hospitality Operations
- Pastry and Baking
- Culinary Arts



- ✓ 3-month Industry Attachment in Year 2
- ✓ 6-month Industry Attachment in Year 3

- To be eligible for 3-year Higher Nitec courses, students must **meet the *Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs)** of the course:

3-Year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses by School	Course Code	College Code	2024 JIE 'N' ITE Aggregate Score (based on 4 subjects)	Minimum Entry Requirements
BUSINESS & SERVICES				
Customer Experience ⑦ NEW	HF3CX	CW-CK	-	3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in English Language and two other subjects Or 2 GCE 'O' Grades (Grade 1-8) in any two subjects
Passenger Services ⑦	HF3PS	CC-AM CE-SM	5 9	
Tourism ⑦	HF3TS	CW-CK	6	
Sport Management ⑦ <i>Applicants have to pass a prescribed medical examination.</i>	HF3SM	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	4 6 6	

*varies depending on course

- Successful placement in 3-year Higher Nitec course is dependent on net ITE aggregate score, i.e. after deduction of CCA bonus points.
- Calculation of ITE aggregate score is based on Best 4 subjects.

3-Year Higher Nitec Courses by School	2024 JIE 'N' ITE Aggregate Score (based on 4 subjects)	Minimum Entry Requirements
Nursing ①⑤⑦ <i>In view of the nature of work and demands in the healthcare industry, applicants should possess a caring attitude and a resilient mindset with good interpersonal skills. Shortlisted applicants have to attend an interview on-campus scheduled on Mon 23 Dec 2024 or Thu 26 Dec 2024 and pass a prescribed medical examination.</i>	15	3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in English Language, Mathematics and one other subject OR 2 GCE 'O' Grades (Grade 1-8) in any two subjects

As English Language and Mathematics are specified as **pre-requisite subjects** for Nursing, the results for both subjects will be used in the ITE aggregate score computation.

- Grade conversion is applicable for N(A) students in computation of ITE aggregate score:

N(A) Grade	ITE aggregate point
1,2,3	1
4	2
5	3
6/U	4

Exp / 'O' level Grade	ITE aggregate point
A1 - D7	1
E8	2
F9	3

Examples of 3-year Higher Nitec course	ITE College	Net ITE aggregate score
Business Administration	CC	3
	CW	3
AI Applications	CC	3
	CW	5
Immersive Applications and Game	CC	3
Applied Food Science	CE	6
Electronics Engineering	CC	7
	CW	12

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Information on 3-year Higher Nitec course

Why choose 3-year Higher Nitec programme?

- Curriculum which emphasises practice-based learning and acquisition of industry-relevant skills
- More time for development of skills and relevant industry experience
- Guaranteed admission into polytechnic if GPA is 3.5 or better
- 2 opportunities for Industry Attachments in Year 2 and Year 3 of studies
- Industry-relevant skills and certifications gained during Higher Nitec training helps prepare for diploma education and the World of Work



Reflect on your learning style, motivations, and what you would like to do after graduating from the 3-year Higher Nitec programme.

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ITE Early Admissions Exercise (ITE EAE)



What is the ITE Early Admissions Exercise (ITE EAE)?

- ITE EAE is an **aptitude-based admissions exercise** that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for a 3-year Higher Nitec course **before** receiving their N(A)-Level examinations results.
- Student must **demonstrate interest and aptitude** for the course they are applying to.
 - Selection criteria varies depending on course and application process will require portfolio submissions, interviews, and/or aptitude tests.

- Conditional offer upon successful application:
 - N(A)-level results must still **meet the Minimum Entry Requirement (MER)** of course for conditional offer to be confirmed
 - admission will not be dependent on competing with others based on ITE aggregate score upon release of results

Before N level: Conditional offer given to student for 3-year Higher Nitec Sport Management course upon successful EAE application

3-Year Higher Nitec Courses by School	Course Code	College Code	2024 JIE 'N' ITE Aggregate Score (based on 4 subjects)	Minimum Entry Requirements
BUSINESS & SERVICES				
Customer Experience ⑦ NEW	HF3CX	CW-CK	-	3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in English Language and two other subjects Or 2 GCE 'O' Grades (Grade 1-8) in any two subjects
Passenger Services ⑦	HF3PS	CC-AM CE-SM	5 9	
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Sport Management ⑦ <i>Applicants have to pass a prescribed medical examination.</i>	HF3SM	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	4 6 6	

Day of N level results release: Conditional offer confirmed if student meets the MER, i.e. **passed EL and 2 other subjects.**

Why apply for ITE EAE?

- Suitable for students who have already **identified a course** they have **interest** and **aptitude** in
- No need to compete for admission into course of choice based on academic results
- Assessment is done through different modes, e.g. interviews, aptitude tests, portfolio (depending on the course)
- Can still apply for PFP and DPP upon release of N(A)-level results, if eligible!

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Information on ITE EAE



Reflect on your learning style, motivations, and what you would like to do after graduating from the 3-year Higher Nitec programme.

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What should I do now?



Reflect on the following:

1. Do you know what career or industry you want to enter? How much research have you done? — Identifying potential career interests allows you to have a better idea of which Higher Nitec courses/diploma courses you can pursue and if you would like to consider applying for ITE EAE.
2. How prepared are you for your N(A)-level examinations? — How disciplined have you been in your revision? Have you set any S.M.A.R.T. goals for yourself to help you stay on track?
3. Would you prefer to start working earlier, or continue your academic pursuit? — Are there circumstances that require you to start working earlier? ITE's Work Study Diploma allows you to work while pursuing a diploma course.

Preparation:

Academic Preparation

Regardless of your choice, having good academic grades allows you to have more options. Admission to PFP, DPP and 3-year Higher Nitec courses is still a merit and choice-based system.

- Consistent review and revision
- Seek help when needed
- Readiness for and receptiveness to feedback
- Develop good self-regulation habits
- Develop good attendance and punctuality habits

Non-Academic Preparation

- Consider leadership opportunities within your CCA.
- Build and maintain your e-portfolio.
- Continue to research on courses, industries etc., and determine how it aligns with your values, interests, personality, skills and strengths.
- Participate actively in ECG-related activities!

Parents can help to:

1. Explore your child's interests and develop his/her strengths.
2. Support him/her to research on the courses he/she is interested in and the related courses in the sector.
 - Reserve judgement - do not be too quick to say no to a particular course/institution. Listen to your child and explore options together.
3. Prepare early if considering for ITE EAE.
 - Keep up to date on the application deadlines.



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As parents, we all want what is best for our children...

*Within our own families, we can all spend a bit more time **listening to our children's thoughts and feelings.***

*Let us **walk alongside them** as they grow and handle their new challenges.*

Want to speak to the ECG Counsellor?



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Mon and Wed

Make an appointment by:

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(<https://go.gov.sg/jss-ecg>)

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Useful Links



Scan for the
ITE EAE
application
webpage!

<https://for.edu.sg/iteeae2025intake>



Scan for list
of 3-year
Higher Nitec
courses!

<https://for.edu.sg/fccourses>



Scan for list
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traineeship
courses!

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website to
explore post-
sec pathways!

**Your feedback is
valuable to us.**

**Thank you, and we
look forward to
continual home-
school partnership!**



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Thank You

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