



東華學院  
TUNG WAH COLLEGE

# Higher Diploma in Health Science

## 健康科學高級文憑

The programme is unique in **combining clinical skills with laboratory skills** in a two-year training and supporting employment for positions of **clinical assistant and laboratory assistant in public / private clinics and medical / life science laboratories.**



### Programme Leader **Dr. Angela Li**

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The University of Hong Kong, HKSAR  
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**Medium of Instruction** English  
**Total No. of Credits** 60 credits  
**Years of Study** 2 years



QF Level: 4  
QR registration no.: 18/000257/L4  
Validity period: 01/09/2018 to 31/08/2024

## Programme Objectives

- To provide opportunities for young people to enter health service industries from a pre-professional level; and
- To reinforce academic components in biomedical science so that graduates may articulate to a degree programme in medical and health disciplines such as medical science, nursing and other related disciplines.



## Career Prospects & Further Studies

- Graduates will be equipped with skills and knowledge supporting employment from pre-professional positions such as:
  - **Clinical assistants**
  - **Laboratory assistants**
- Graduates will also be eligible to pursue study in Bachelor's degree programme offered by Tung Wah College:
  1. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biomedical Science, Senior Year Entry
  2. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Forensic Biomedical Science, Senior Year Entry
  3. Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) in Nursing, Senior Year Entry
  4. Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Gerontology, Senior Year Entry.

## Programme Information



[www.twc.edu.hk/hdhsc](http://www.twc.edu.hk/hdhsc)

# Tuition Fee

Year	Tuition Fee (HK\$) (with subsidy)
Year 1	\$ 45,790
Year 2	\$ 45,790
Programme Total	\$ 91,580
Annual Average	\$ 45,790

\* Tung Wah College will adjust the tuition fee of its programmes based on the Composite Consumer Price Index to be announced by the Government annually.

\* The tuition fee for the programme under the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP) is the net fee paid by a student after deduction of subsidy from the Government. In 2023/24 academic year, the annual subsidy under the SSSDP is \$39,140 for laboratory-based sub-degree programmes. The annual subsidy amount may vary in each academic year subject to the decision by the Education Bureau.

\* All fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable.



# Students'/ Graduates' Sharing



## Audrey Tang

Graduate of Higher Diploma in Health Science (2020)

Graduate of Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) (2023)

Since I have studied at TWC for 2 years, I have learned a lot of medical knowledge and laboratory skills to broaden my horizon. I have the opportunities to know our society better by participating in community services, which enables me to understand the needs of patients I will encounter at the workplace. The teachers' encouragement also plays an important role throughout my study that I decide to pursue study in BMSc (Senior Year Entry) at TWC.

# Admission Requirements

**For Year 1 entry to Higher Diploma programmes, applicants should meet one of the following requirements: \***

1. Have obtained Level 2 in five HKDSE subjects<sup>(3)</sup> including Chinese Language<sup>(1)</sup> and English Language<sup>(2)</sup>. (Applicant is allowed to use Applied Learning subjects<sup>(4)</sup> in the application); OR
2. Have obtained a pass in one AL subject or passes in two AS subjects in HKALE and five passes in HKCEE including Chinese Language and English Language; OR
3. Have obtained a pass in one AL subject or passes in two AS subjects in HKALE and three passes in HKCEE plus Level 2 for Chinese Language and English Language; OR
4. Have successfully completed a Pre-Associate Degree programme; OR
5. Have successfully completed Diploma Yi Jin / Diploma of Applied Education programme; OR
6. Have obtained an equivalent qualification (Mainland applicants with National Joint College Entrance Examination (JEE) results will also be considered. 持普通高等學校聯合招生考試成績之內地申請人亦將予以考慮)<sup>(5)</sup>; OR
7. Have relevant and substantial work experience and/or prior qualification(s) obtained in or outside Hong Kong (e.g. assessed through recognition of prior learning and credit accumulation and transfer), with demonstrated ability to undertake sub-degree education; OR
8. Have reached the age of 21 or above.

**Notes** (1) For non-Chinese-speaking learners, alternative Chinese Language qualifications will be accepted for students who have met the specified conditions: (a) students who have learned Chinese Language for less than 6 years while receiving primary and secondary education; (b) students who have learned Chinese Language for 6 years or more in schools, but have been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in local schools. ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) should, in general, be accepted as an alternative Chinese Language qualification, among other acceptable alternative Chinese Language qualifications.

(2) Students with HKDSE English Language results at Level 3 or below are required to complete non-credit bearing English enhancement course(s) in the first year of study.

(3) If one of the five HKDSE subjects is Citizenship and Social Development subject, the minimum entrance requirement would become "Attained" for Citizenship and Social Development subject and Level 2 in four other HKDSE subjects including Chinese and English. Besides, Level 2 in Mathematics Extended Part (Module 1 or Module 2) is also recognised as one of the five HKDSE subjects in fulfilling the minimum entrance requirement.

(4) The Applied Learning (ApL) subjects do not include ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) as this subject is introduced to provide an additional channel exclusively for non-Chinese speaking students to obtain an alternative Chinese language qualification. For the 2012-2017 HKDSE Examinations, students attaining the results of "Attained" and "Attained with Distinction" in the ApL subjects are accepted as attaining the competencies required at Level 2 and Level 3 or above of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination respectively for the purposes of further studies and work. Effective from the 2018 HKDSE Examination, the reporting of students' performance is refined to "Attained", "Attained with Distinction (I)" and "Attained with Distinction (II)". Performance of "Attained with Distinction (I)" is comparable to Level 3 while "Attained with Distinction (II)" is comparable to Level 4 or above of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination.

(5) An example of equivalent qualification: Mainland applicants who have met the 3rd cut-off line of the respective province in the National Joint College Entrance Examination (JEE) and the score of English Language is at least 80.

\* Subject to the approval of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications.



## ONLINE APPLICATION

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