

Qualification Title	Higher Diploma in Social Work 社會工作高級文憑
Qualification Type	Higher Diploma
QF Level	Level 4
Primary Area of Study and Training	Social Sciences
Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)	Social Sciences
Programme Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enable students to develop a caring attitude and social work values which will lead to the qualities of caring for the deprived and the needy, with a commitment to social responsibility, community building and social justice; 2. To enhance their personal integrity and capacity for developing as competent professionals; 3. To providing students with a solid foundation which is essential for its graduates to advance academically through further studies; 4. To lay a strong foundation for students in both theories and practice relating to social work, social science knowledge and its application; 5. To prepare them for entry into a diverse range of social work settings; and 6. To provide students with a broad and enriched learning experience and to enhance their intellectual and personal development.
Programme Intended Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop attitudes and values and acquire knowledge and skills, that are vital in the social work profession; 2. To apply and integrate theories and skills effectively into social work practice; 3. To be sensitive to the needs of people and be committed to serving the community; 4. To be aware of and keen on reflecting their views on social issues; 5. To think critically and independently in a logical and rational manner;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. To be imbued with a sense of moral and intellectual responsibility; 7. To communicate in both Chinese and English proficiently; 8. To acquire the basic concepts of Information Technology (IT) and use IT as a tool to support the delivery of services; and 9. To develop a foundation to further their career development and pursue lifelong learning.
Education Pathways	<p>Graduates of the Programme are expected to be eligible for pursuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Year 3 of the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Community Studies or in Psychology Programme offered by Caritas Institute of Higher Education (CIHE); ▪ Year 3 of the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) in Social Work Programme offered by CIHE if GPA in 2.7 or above; ▪ Year 1 of the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) (Part-time Conversion Programme) offered by CIHE after acquired appropriate years of practice experience; and ▪ Various top-up degree programmes offered by local universities.
Employment Pathways	<p>Graduates of the Programme are expected to be able to work as registered social workers at the rank of Social Work Assistant. They may apply to work in either subvented or non-subvented social centres, social enterprises, schools and various organisations in the healthcare settings.</p>
Minimum Admission Requirements	<p>The minimum admission requirements of Year 1 entry of the Programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have achieved Level 2 in five subjects, including Chinese Language and English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSEE). Each applicant is allowed to use not more than two Applied Learning Subjects in the application; or ▪ Have completed a QF Level 3 programme with at least one-year full-time or equivalent time of study for consideration of approval by the Institute, such as the Diploma Yi Jin, and the Diploma in General Studies offered by the Caritas Bianchi College of Careers (CBCC); or ▪ Mature applicants aged 21 or above on 1 September of the year of admission, with relevant work experience and academic background; or ▪ Have obtained an equivalent qualification.

	<p>A mature applicant should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Have relevant work experience; and▪ Have completed Secondary 6 schooling (or equivalent); and▪ Have passed the relevant entrance test(s) of the Institute.
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