

BRIEFING FOR GROUP C — POTENTIAL PFP STUDENTS

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS FOR 4N (ACADEMIC)

No	Item	Eligibility Criteria	Remarks
1	*Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)	ELMAB3 \leq 12 (Excl CCA pts) + course entry requirement	Apply when O-levels results are released in Jan 2022 : fr 2pm on release day (Day 1) – 4pm on Day 5
2	*Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Prog (DPP) – Higher NITEC	ELMAB3 \leq 19 (Excl CCA pts) + course entry requirement	Application from 2.30pm (Today) – 5pm 21 Dec (Mon)
3	Progression to ITE for NITEC / 3-Year Higher Nitec course	Prerequisites & bonus pts stated in booklet	Same as above
4	Repeat 4NA	ELMAB3 \leq 21 or ELB3 \leq 14 or MAB3 \leq 14 or Other prerequisites	Depends on Vacancy & students need to submit a formal appeal to school
5	Progression to 5NA	ELMAB3 \leq 19 AND at least an NA Grade 5 for all subjects used in the computation of ELMAB3	

DIFFERENT PATHWAYS TO POLY/UNI

Year	To 5NA	To PFP	To DPP	
2021	4NA	4NA	4NA	
2022	5NA – O Lvl	PFP	DPP (HIGHER NITEC)	
2023	Poly Yr 1	Poly Yr 1	DPP (HIGHER NITEC)	
2024	Poly Yr 2	Poly Yr 2	Poly Yr 2* (GPA \geq 3.5 [^])	Poly Yr 1 (GPA \geq 2.5 [^] or 3 [^])
2025	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 2
2026	Move on to University Yr 1			Poly Yr 3

* Progression to Polytechnic 2nd year is only applicable for some courses

[^] Minimum Qualifying Higher Nitec GPA

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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 (DEPP) began in 2012, the proportion of students moving on to Sec 5 has fallen to 50 per cent.

Students in the two programmes



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: DEB WINDY JR FOR THE STRAITS TIMES

— which are meant for the better performers — told The Straits Times that they had chosen these routes as these 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 DEPP 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 Hua, 17, who is in the PFP in Singapore Polytechnic (SP), sees

the programme as a stepping stone. The former Kuo 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

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SAFETY NETS IN PLACE

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



MR PATRICK PHANG, Singapore Polytechnic vice-chancellor for the PFP course

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Beyond N levels

More applying for
poly entry programmes1st 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 two-year Direct-Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DEPP) 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 Mei Hui, principal of Hong 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 Rezaal 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 DEPP guarantees students a place in a polytechnic if they meet the qualifying grade. N(A) students are eligible for the DEPP if they score not more than 19 points, with at least grade four for

English and mathematics, in the N-level exams.

Under the DEPP, 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 DEPP, 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 courses, which begin in April.

Poh Jia Qi, 17, was one of those who chose to go for the DEPP 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 DEPP have completed

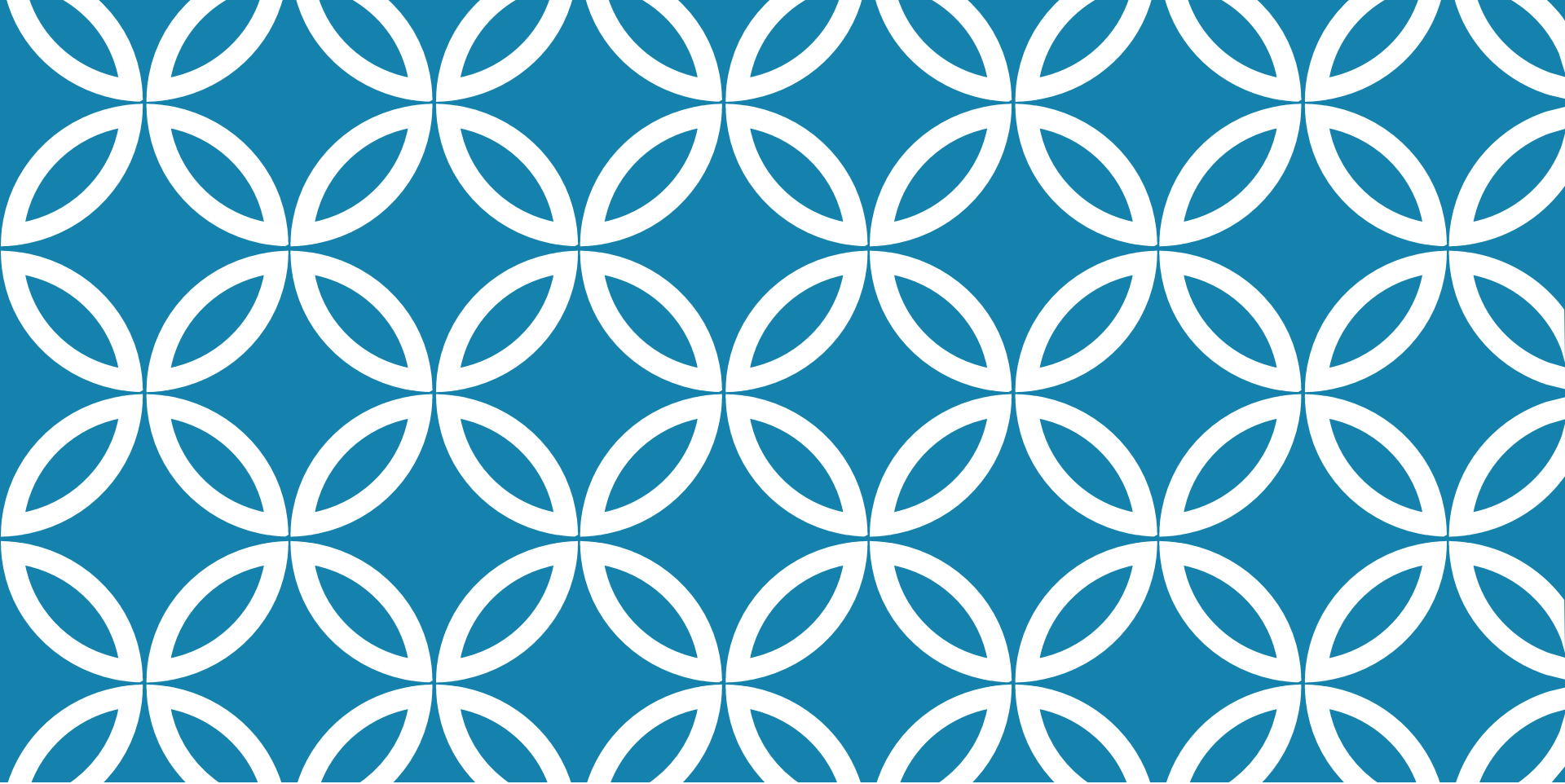
the programme and obtained a Higher Nitec, and a "significant proportion" of them have moved on to polytechnics, though it did not give specific figures. Most of the students in the DEPP have also moved on to polytechnics.

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 counsel students, to PFP classes.

Mr Loo Ming Yaw, principal of Mayflower Secondary School, lauded the introduction of the PFP and DEPP 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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**POLYTECHNIC
FOUNDATION
PROGRAMME (PFP)**



POLYTECHNIC FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (PFP)

Essential Things You Need to Know

Refer to Handout

1. What is the PFP?

- A foundation year at the polytechnics that:
 - Prepares well-performing Sec 4N(A) students for progression into respective polytechnic diploma courses
 - Serves as an alternative to Sec 5
- Conducted over two academic semesters at the polytechnics
- Students must pass all PFP modules in order to progress to their respective, pre-selected diploma courses.

2. Am I Eligible for PFP 2022?

You are eligible for the PFP if you:

- ☐ Sat for GCE N-Level exams as a school candidate in 2021
- ☐ Have obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of 12 points or less (before deduction of CCA bonus points)
- ☐ Met course-specific entry requirements as listed on the PFP website

✓ **If you can check all 3 boxes above, you're eligible!**
(Note: Eligibility does not guarantee you a place in a PFP course)

If you had offered GCE O-Level examination subjects in 2021, 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

3. How do I Apply?

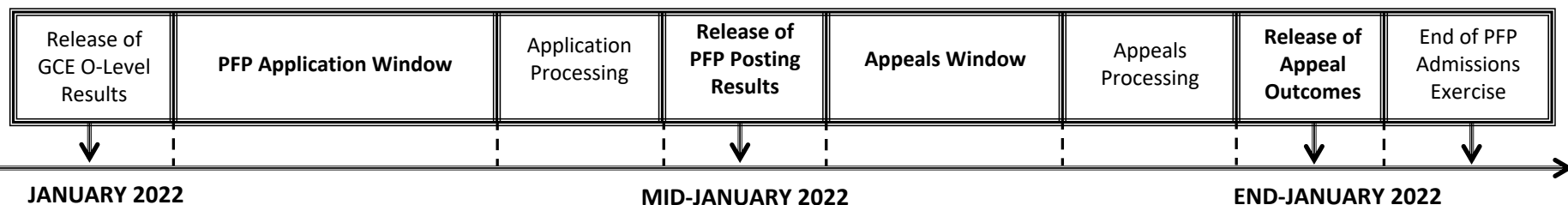
- Upon release of the GCE O-Level results, all PFP-eligible students will receive Form P containing a PFP PIN that allows them to apply for the PFP at this [link](#).
- You may select up to five course choices.
- Remember to provide updated contact details in your application to allow the polytechnics to contact you if necessary.
(Note: You should continue to attend Sec 5 from 4 January 2022 while applying for PFP.)

4. How Will I be Informed of the Outcome?

- You should log in to the PFP portal to check your application outcomes on the day of PFP posting results release.
- You will then have to indicate if you wish to accept/reject/appeal the offer.
- If you do not select any option, your offer will become invalid and you will be required to continue with your classes in Sec 5.
(Note: If your appeal is successful, your original offer will be void regardless of whether you accept the new PFP offer.)

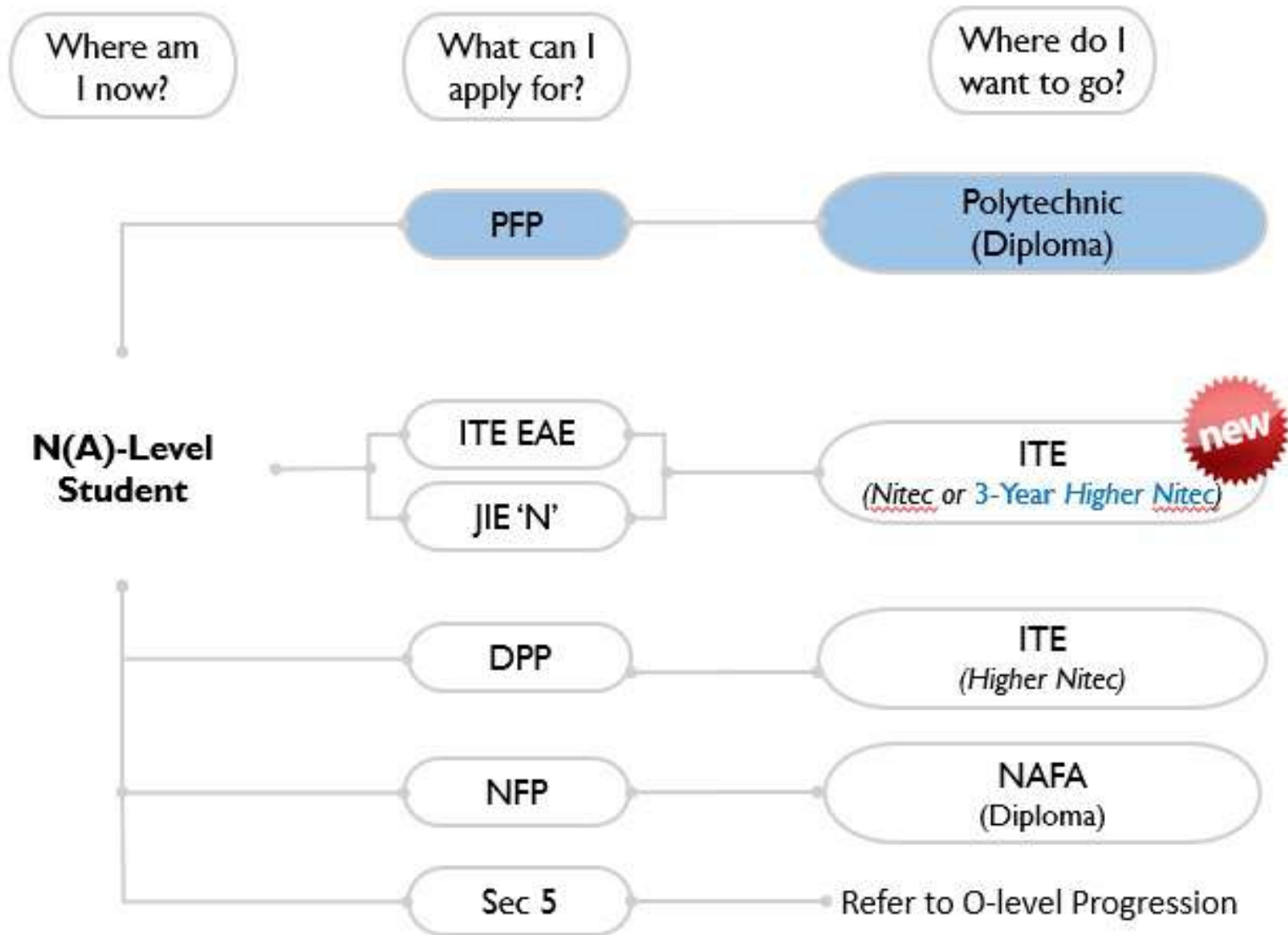
5. What Happens Next?

- If you accept your offer, you will receive an enrolment package from the polytechnics in February/March 2022.
- The PFP year will start in April 2022.



More information can be found at: <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg>

Polytechnic : Merit Based Admission (PFP)



What is PFP?

- **1 Year** Foundation Programme +
3 Years Diploma Programme
- Offered by **5 Polys**
- About **90% of diploma course** offerings

Why consider PFP?

- **Suited for applied learning** in the form of a polytechnic education
- Identify and select **courses based on interests, aptitudes and future career plans**
- Discuss options with teachers, parents and seniors.

PFP: Application

When?

- **Jan 2022** (upon release of O Level results)

Who?

- Eligible students will receive **Form P** where PFP courses are listed

How?

- Application is done online through PFP website

PFP: Eligibility

- ELMAB3 aggregate of **Gross / Raw 12 points** and better
- Excluding CCA bonus points; and
- Subject Entry Requirements

Eligibility **does not** guarantee placement in a PFP course.

Dependent on vacancies and open competition with other applicants based on merit.



CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

IMPT: PLEASE NOTE

The current status PFP-eligibility is the students' own responsibility of checking her N-Level achievement against the stated PFP criteria.

The final PFP–eligible students will be confirmed ONLY upon the release of Jan GCE O-Level results where MOE will issue each student a Form P for PFP application.

There may be girls who may ultimately NOT be eligible for PFP and vice versa.

All girls are advised to apply for DPP first.

GROUP 1 & 2 COURSES

Group 1	Group 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Sciences• *Health Sciences• Engineering• Information & Digital Technologies• Built Environment• Maritime Studies• *Business & Management• *Media & Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• *Health Sciences• *Business & Management• *Media & Design• Humanities

<https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/>

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GROUP 1 & 2 COURSES

Group 1	Group 2
Health Sciences	
Health Management and Promotion Health Sciences (Nursing) Health Services Management Nursing Optometry Oral Health Therapy Sports and Exercise Sciences Sports Coaching	Social Sciences (Social Work)

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Group 1

Group 2

Business & Management

Aviation Management
Aviation Management & Services
Business Informatics
Business Information Technology
Business Process & Systems Engineering
Financial Business Informatics
Financial Informatics
Industrial and Operations Management
Supply Chain Management

Accountancy
Accounting & Finance
Arts Business Management
Banking & Finance
Business & Social Enterprise
Business / Logistics & Operations Management / Marketing
Business Administration
Business Studies
Communications & Media Management
Consumer Behaviour and Research
Culinary & Catering Management
Customer Experience Management with Business
Food & Beverage Business
Hospitality & Tourism Management
Hotel and Hospitality Management
Human Resource Management with Psychology
Integrated Events Management
International Trade & Business
Law & Management
Leisure & Events Management
Marketing
Mass Media Management
Outdoor and Adventure Learning
Restaurant and Culinary Operations
Retail Management
Social Enterprise Management
Sport & Wellness Management
Sports & Leisure Management
Tourism & Resort Management
Wellness and Hospitality Business

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Media & Design

3D Interactive Media Technology

Animation

Apparel Design & Merchandising

Communication Design

Design for User Experience

Digital Animation

Digital Film & Television

Digital Game Art & Design

Environment Design

Experience & Product Design

Games Design and Development

Industrial Design

Interaction Design

Interactive & Digital Media

Interior Architecture & Design

Interior Design

Motion Graphics & Broadcast Design

Product & Industrial Design

Sonic Arts

Spatial Design

Visual Communication & Media Design

Visual Effects & Motion Graphics

Arts and Theatre Management

Chinese Media & Communications

Film, Sound & Video

Mass Communication

Media & Communication

Media Production and Design

Minimum Course-Specific Requirements

For Courses featured in <u>Group 1</u>	Minimum Required Grades	
English Language Syllabus A	Please check now	3
Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)		3
One of the following relevant subjects: - Design and Technology - Food and Nutrition - Science (Chemistry, Biology) - Science (Physics, Biology) - Science (Physics, Chemistry)		3
Any two other subjects excluding CCA		3

Minimum Course-Specific Requirements

For Courses featured in <u>Group 2</u>	Minimum Required Grades	
English Language Syllabus A	Please check now	<u>2</u>
Mathematics (Syllabus A / Additional)		3
One of the following relevant subjects: -Principles of Accounts -Literature in English -History -Combined Humanities -Geography -Art		3
Any two other subjects excluding CCA		3

PFP: Computation of 'O' Level Grade

- Allowed to combine both 'N'- and 'O'-Level examination results
- If a student takes the same subject at both 'N' and 'O' Levels, only the better grade will be computed into his or her aggregate.

O Level Grade	Aggregate Point for PFP
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7	3

The O-Level grades of E8 and 9 will not be considered for computation of the ELMAB3 aggregate score

OPTIONS FOR 4(NA) STUDENTS

Apply for PFP only

Apply for DPP only

Apply for both DPP & PFP

APPLY FOR PFP ONLY

- Given Form P if eligible
- **Report to PL on 4 Jan for Sec5** (Being eligible for the PFP does not guarantee placement into a PFP course)
- Apply for PFP upon release of O level results
- If successful & accept offer, withdraw from Sec5
– last day 28 Jan 2022

APPLY FOR DPP ONLY

- Given Form N if eligible
- Apply for DPP on release of N(A) results, from 17 – 21 Dec.
- If successful & accept offer, **no need to report to PL on 4 Jan.**
- If you **do not have a confirmed place in DPP**, but are eligible for progression to Sec 5, you should **report to PL on 4 Jan 2022 (Mon)** to continue with Sec5 (pending application & acceptance of PFP).

APPLY FOR DPP & PFP (NOT INTERESTED IN SEC 5)

- Apply for DPP on release of N(A) results, from 17–21 Dec.
- Given Form N if eligible
- If successful & accept offer, start 10-week DPP prep prog in ITE on 10 Jan 2022
- **No need to report to PL on 4 Jan**
- Upon release of O level results, apply for PFP if given Form P
- If successful, withdraw from DPP & apply for refund of fees (subjected to ITE's approval).

APPLY FOR DPP & PFP (PROGRESS TO SEC 5 FIRST)

- No need to do anything in December
- **Report to PL on 4 Jan for S5**
- Upon release of O level results, apply for DPP & PFP concurrently
- If successful in DPP or PFP, withdraw from Sec5 – last day 28 Jan 2022

Important : If you do not apply for DPP in the **first phase (Dec 2021)**, the number of vacancies open to you in the **second phase (Jan 2022)** will be very **limited**.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PFP?

Upon release of the GCE O-Level results in Jan 2022, eligible students will receive a copy of '**Form P**', which includes:

- i. Students' computed **raw ELMAB3 aggregate scores** (excluding CCA points);
- ii. The **list of PFP courses** that students are eligible to apply for; and
- iii. A **unique PIN code**, which students should use to create their application accounts on the PFP portal at <http://www.polytechnic.edu.sg/pfp>.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PFP?

Submit an application online via the PFP Portal at <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>

Application window : 2.00 pm on day of release of GCE O-Level results (Day 1) until 4.00 pm on Day 5 as the last day for application.

Select up to [5 choices](#)

Provide updated contact details in case the polytechnic wishes to contact you

POSTING RESULTS

Posting results will be released on the PFP portal **4 days** after the close of the application window.

Log in to the PFP portal to check your application outcome.

You'll receive a SMS reminder on the morning of the release of the PFP posting results

3 working days to decide whether to

- a) **Accept** the offer;
- b) **Reject** your offer and continue with Sec 5; or
- c) **Appeal** for a change of course through the PFP Portal

POSTING RESULTS

Students must indicate their decision to accept / reject / appeal in the PFP portal. An email acknowledgement will be sent once you have successfully selected one of the options above.

Failure to indicate their decision in the PFP system by the deadline will result in their PFP offers lapsing, i.e. the student would be deemed to have rejected the PFP offer and will continue with their classes in Sec 5 instead.

Hence, students should email the PFP helpdesk (help@pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg) if they do not receive the acknowledgement emails to avoid the possibility of their offers being lapsed.

APPEALS

CHECK YOUR RESULTS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPEALS WINDOW.

Students who are successful will have 3 working days to accept or reject their new PFP offer, following which the offer will be voided.

They will **not** be able to reinstate their original PFP offer

Students who are unsuccessful in their appeal will retain their original offer. They will have 3 working days to accept or reject this offer, following which the offer will be voided.

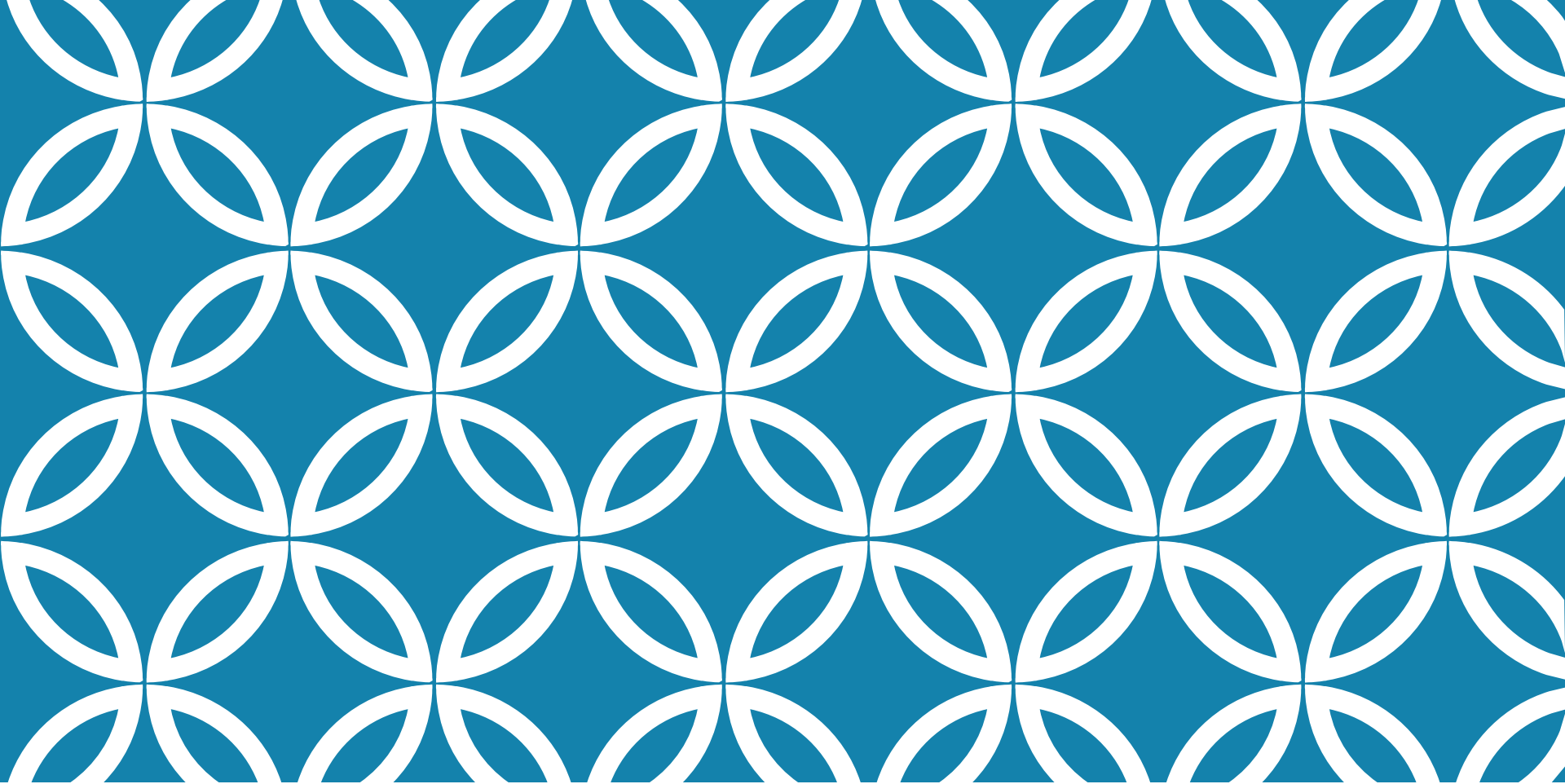
Students who are unsuccessful in their appeal and did not have an original offer could receive a posting to a PFP course that they are eligible for (*but did not apply for*). They will have 3 working days to accept or reject this offer, following which the offer will be voided.

This arrangement is new (since 2020), and is subject to available vacancies and students meeting the subject-specific requirements of the PFP courses.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you accept the offer, you will receive an enrolment package from Polys in Feb/March 2022.

PFP will begin in **April 2022**, together with the rest of the diploma programmes at the polytechnics.

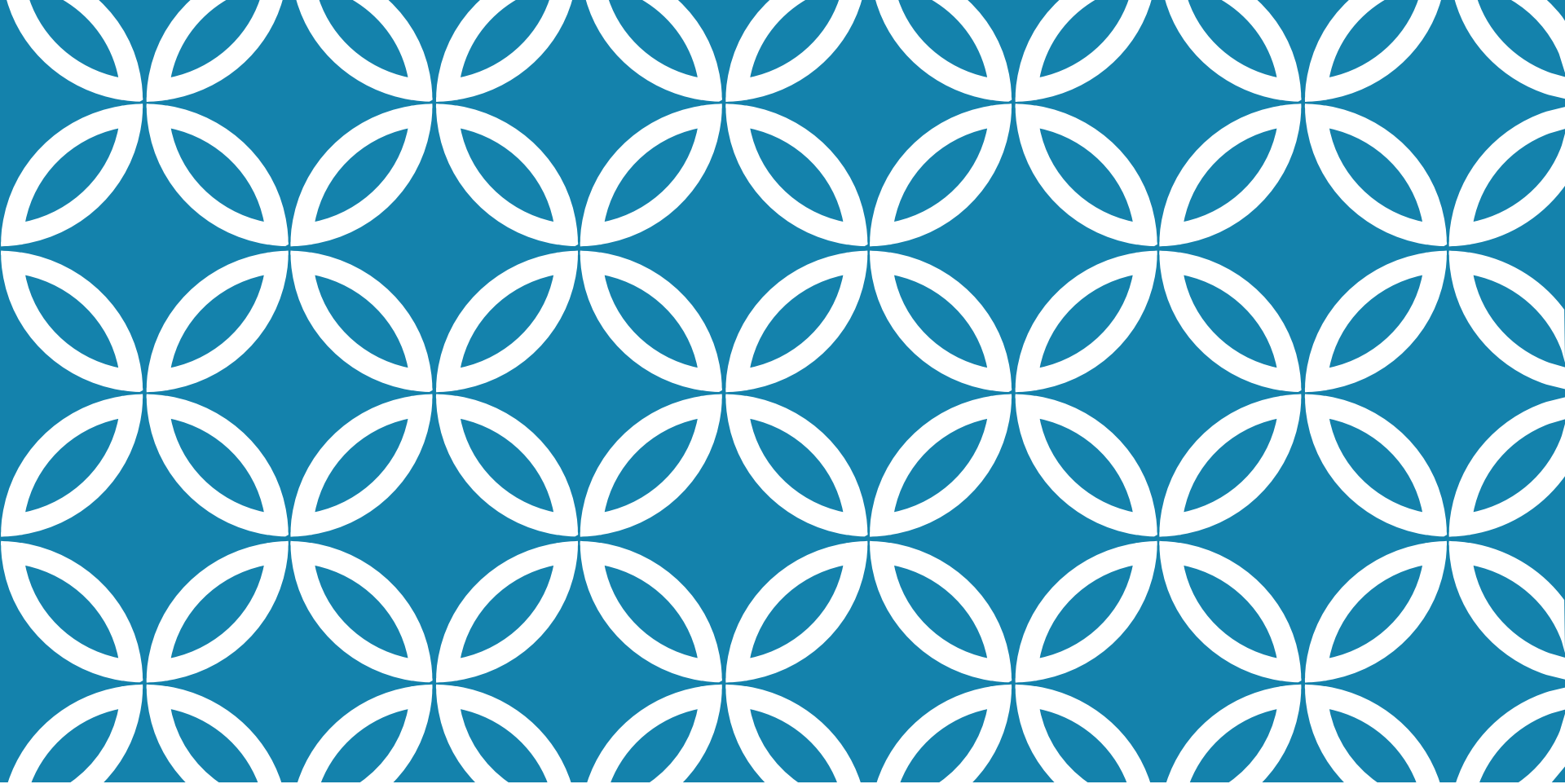


PFP STUDY AWARDS

Restricted

PFP Study Awards

	Application	Eligibility
TP	By invitation after N Levels	Outstanding EMB3 at the GCE N-Level Exams & Excellent CCA records Good character and conduct
NYP		ELMAB3 of ≤ 7 points & Excellent CCA records
NP		Good N Level Results & Leadership Qualities
SP		Outstanding ELMAB3 & Excellent CCA records
RP	Before N Levels	Prelim Results ELMAB3 ≤ 10 & Excellent CCA Grade Get a conditional offer before N Levels



DPP: ITE *HIGHER NITEC*

DIRECT-ENTRY-SCHEME TO POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME (DPP)

5 Things You Need to Know

Refer to Handout

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
- Students who attain required *Higher Nitec* GPA scores are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses 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 2022?

- ☐ Sec 4N(A) student who has sat for GCE N-Level exams in 2021
 - ☐ 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 2021, 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-E8	3

3. How do I Apply?

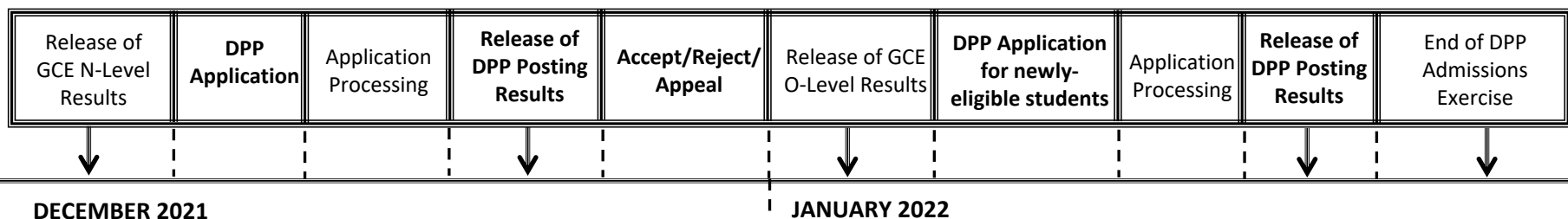
- Upon release of the GCE N-Level results, all DPP-eligible students may apply for DPP *Higher Nitec* courses via the ITE website (<https://www.ite.edu.sg>).
- You may select up to 12 course choices.
- Remember to provide updated contact details in your application to allow ITE to contact you if necessary.

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.
- If you do not accept the offer by the stipulated date, it will become void and 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

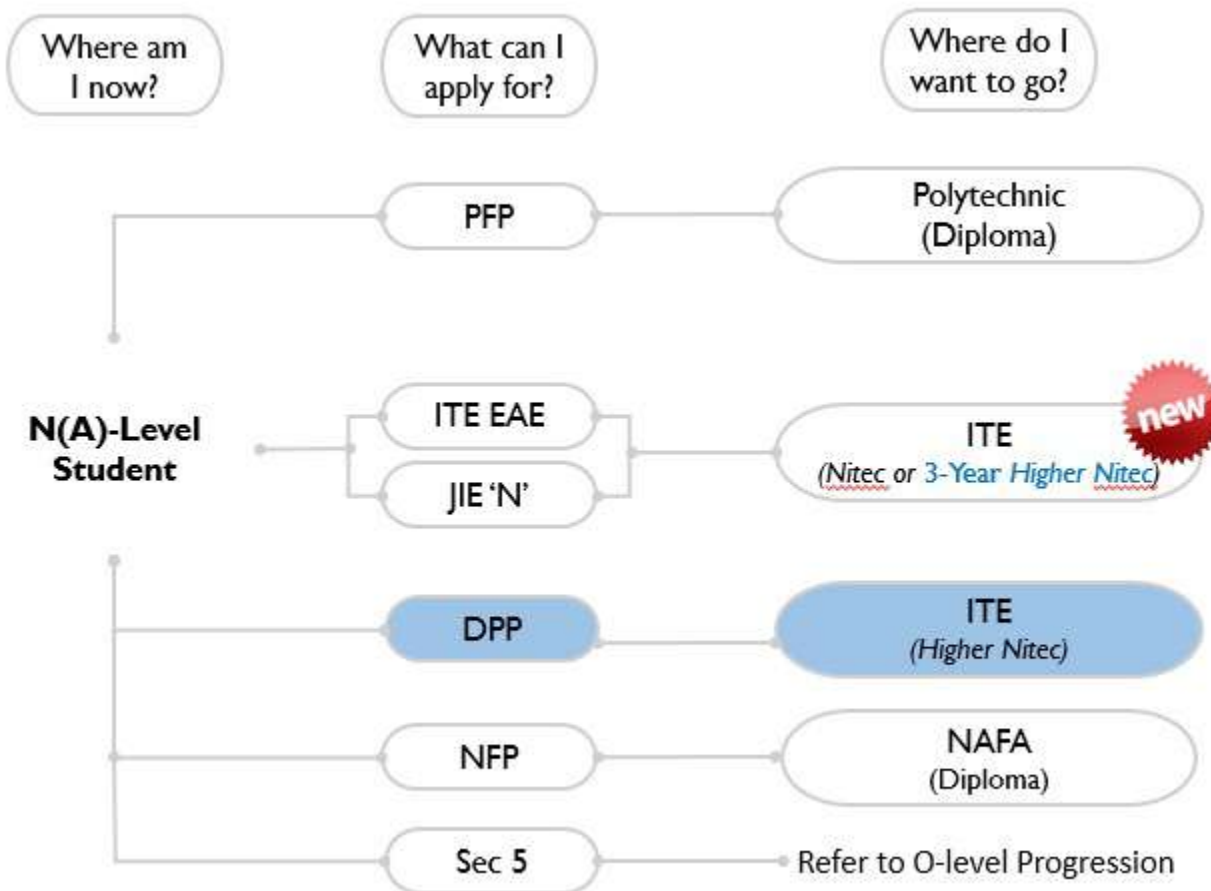
5. What Happens Next?

Upon accepting your DPP offer, you will attend a 10-week DPP preparatory programme that will start in Jan 2022.



More information can be found at: <https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp>

ITE: Merit Based Admission (DPP)



DIFFERENT PATHWAYS TO POLY/UNI

Year	5NA Route		DPP Route	
2021	5NA O-Level		DPP (HIGHER NITEC) Yr 1	
2022	Poly Yr 1	ITE higher NITEC	DPP (HIGHER NITEC) Yr 2	
2023	Poly Yr 2	ITE higher NITEC	Poly Yr 1 (GPA≥2.5^ or 3^)	Poly Yr 2* (GPA≥3.5^)
2024	Poly Yr 3	Poly Yr 1	Poly Yr 2	Poly Yr 3
2025	University	Poly Yr 2	Poly Yr 3	University
2026		Poly Yr 3	University	
2027		University		

* Progression to Polytechnic 2nd year is only applicable for some courses

[^] Minimum Qualifying Higher Nitec GPA

What is DPP?

- Prepares students for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses without going through the O-Levels.
- It is via a **two-year Higher Nitec** programme at the ITE.
- Students who met the minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are **guaranteed** a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their *Higher Nitec* course.

DPP: Application

When?

- **Dec 2021** (upon release of N Level results)
- **Jan 2022** (upon release of O Level results) for newly eligible students

Who?

- Eligible students will receive **Form N** where DPP courses are listed

How?

- Application is done online through ITE website

DPP: Eligibility

- ELMAB3 aggregate of **Gross / Raw 19 points** or better
- **Excluding CCA bonus points**; and
- Minimum Subject Grades

DPP: 18 *Higher Nitec* Courses offered today

Business & Services

Accounting
Banking Services
Event Management
Hospitality Operations
International Logistics
Leisure & Travel Ops
Service Management



Applied Sciences

Chemical Technology



Info-Communications Tech
Business Information Systems
Cyber & Network Security
Games Art & Design
IT Applications Development
IT Systems & Networks



Engineering

Civil Structural & Eng Design
Electrical Engineering
Electronics Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mechatronics Engineering

DPP: Minimum Subject Grades

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

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

For Business & Services courses:

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

DPP: Computation of 'O' Level Grade

- Allowed to combine both 'N'- and 'O'-Level examination results
- Only the better grade will be computed

O Level Grade	Aggregate Point for DPP
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7 – E8	3

2022
INTAKE EXERCISE

For January 2022 Intake

Admission Booklet

For Full-Time and
Traineeship Courses

NOTE:

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

POLYTECHNIC DIPLOMA COURSE MAPPED TO DPP COURSES

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Mapping of 2-Year *Higher Nitec* Courses to Polytechnic Diploma Courses (for Students Admitted to the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme in AY2022)

Students admitted to 2-year *Higher Nitec* DPP courses in AY2022 are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses¹ mapped to their 2-year *Higher Nitec* course shown below, provided they meet the following minimum qualifying GPA scores upon the completion of their 2-year *Higher Nitec* course:

2-Year <i>Higher Nitec</i> DPP Course ^[2]	Mapped Polytechnic Courses for Articulation from 2-Year <i>Higher Nitec</i> DPP Course	Offered by	Minimum Qualifying GPA ^[3]	
			Year 1 Entry ^[4]	Year 2 Entry ^[5]
Applied Sciences				
Chemical Technology	Applied Chemistry	RP	2.5	-
	Biologics & Process Technology	NYP	2.5	-
	Chemical & Pharmaceutical Technology	NYP	2.5	-
	Common Engineering Programme	NYP	2.5	-
	Environmental & Marine Science	RP	2.5	-
	Nanotechnology & Materials Science	NYP	2.5	-
	Pharmaceutical Science	RP	2.5	-
Business & Services				
Accounting	Accountancy	NP	3.0	-
	Accountancy	SP	3.0	-
	Accountancy & Finance	NYP	3.0	-
	Accountancy & Finance	TP	3.0	-
	Banking & Finance	NP	3.0	-
	Banking & Finance	NYP	3.0	-
	Business	RP	3.0	-
	Business	TP	3.0	-
	Business Information Systems	RP	3.0	-

DPP: Qualifying *Higher Nitec* GPA for Progression to Polytechnics

<i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses	Progress to 1 st year in relevant Poly Diploma course*	Progress to 2 nd year in relevant Poly Diploma course*
Applied Sciences#	ITE raw GPA \geq 2.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points^)	N.A.
Engineering and Info-Communications Technology#	ITE raw GPA \geq 2.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points^)	ITE raw GPA \geq 3.5 points (excluding CCA bonus points)
Business & Services	ITE raw GPA \geq 3.0 points (excluding CCA bonus points^)	N.A.

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GRADING SYSTEM IN POLY

Module Grade		Descriptor on Transcript / Exam Result Slip	% Range (Marks)	Grade Point*
DIST	:	Distinction (to be awarded by the Examinations Board)	> 80	4.0
A	:	Excellent	>= 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

Poly Yr 1

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 pigeon-hole 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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SEE INSIGHT B4&5

WHY CONSIDER DPP?

- APPLIED LEARNING

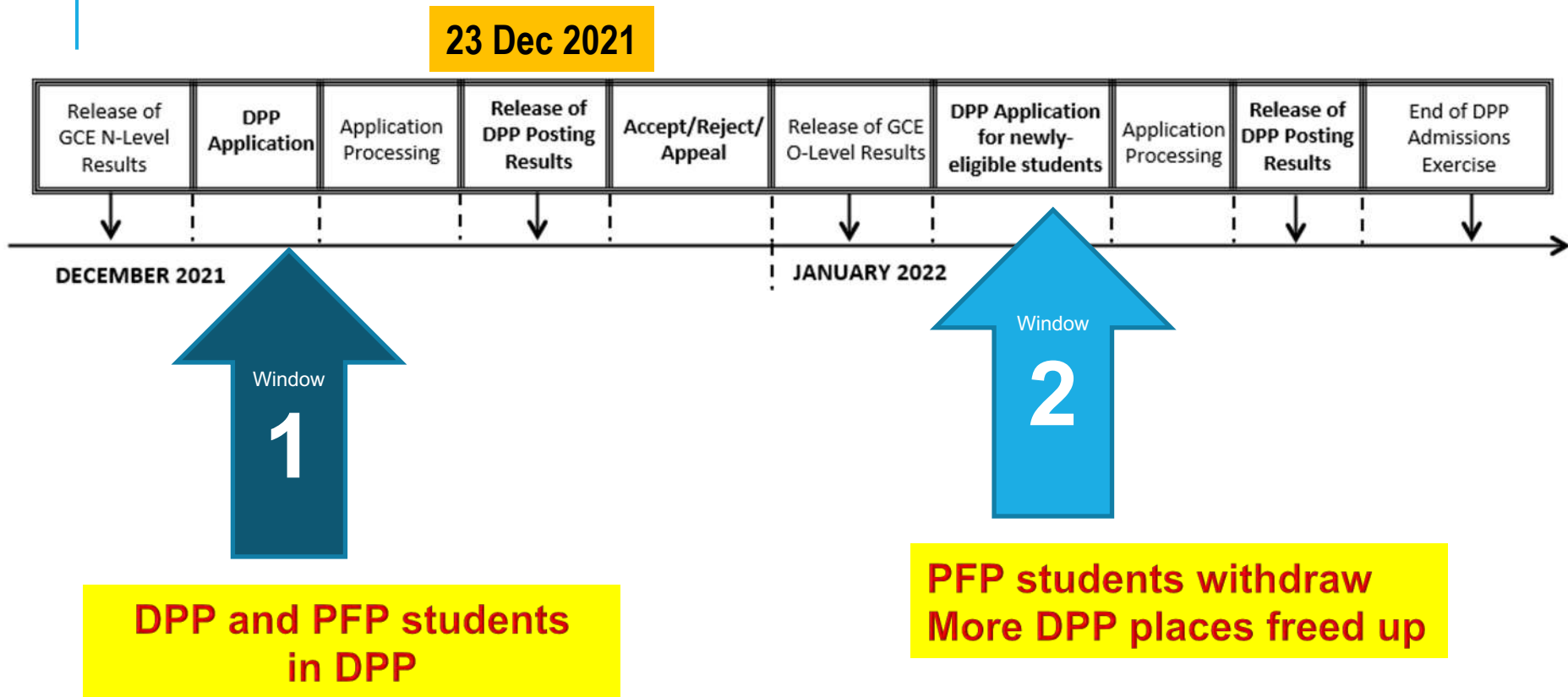
Module-based GPA grading system

- 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 FOR ENTRY TO POLY

- ▶ 2021 O-level
- ▶ Candidature
- ▶ **30,000**

2021 DPP places

1200

WHY CONSIDER DPP?

- TIME AND EFFORT REQUIRED TO BRIDGE O-LEVEL

Sec 4 / 5 Assessment Schedule

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Common Test Week 7	Prep Exam Week 6 - 8 30 May - GCE O-Level MT Exam	Prelims O-Level Prelims Week 8 - 10	O-Level Exam Starting Week 6

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 70 to 76) of 2022 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 2021

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

O-Level Grade Conversion Table:

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



DPP PHASE 1 APPLICATION

17 – 21 DEC 2021

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

Phase 1 DPP for January 2020 Intake

- Application will open from **Thu 17 Dec 2021 (2.30pm) to Mon 21 Dec 2021 (5pm)**.
- The main application results will be released from **Wed 23 Dec 2021 (9 am)**.
- Eligible students are allowed to **submit up to 12 DPP course choices** in their application.
- Please refer to the following for timeline
 - 2022 Admission Booklet Page 6 or
 - <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp>

DPP PHASE 2 APPEAL

23 – 28 DEC 2021



Upon receiving DPP Phase 1 posting results on 23 Dec 2021, students will have to indicate in the online system whether they are

(a) accepting

(b) rejecting

(c) appealing from 23 Dec – 28 Dec

(d) appeal results on 30 Dec – 4 Jan

Please refer to 2022 Admission Booklet Page 6

DPP PHASE 3 APPLICATION

MID JAN 2021



After the release of 2021 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 19 Jan – 21 Jan 2022**

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: 17 – 21 Dec 2021

Results: 23 Dec 2021

DPP Appeal/Appl Phase 2:

Application: 23 – 28 Dec 2021

Results: 30 Dec 2021

DPP Phase Final Phase 3:

Application: Jan 2022* (TBC)

Results: 19 Jan to 21 Jan



1200 DPP Places

**1200 – x
DPP Places**

**1200 – x – y
DPP Places**

*Refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/dpp> for application schedule

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



[Home](#) > [Intake Exercises](#) > [Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme \(JIE 'H'\) \(Jan 2022 Intake\)](#)

Full-Time 3-Year *Higher Nitec* / 2-Year *Nitec* Courses (Jan 2022 Intake) ▾

Full-Time 3-Year *Nitec* Courses (JIE 'E') (Jan 2022 Intake)

Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (JIE 'H') (Jan 2022 Intake)

Full-Time Technical Diploma Courses (Apr 2022 Intake)

Application period is from **Fri 17 Dec 2021 (2.30pm)** to **Tue 21 Dec 2021 (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' Level examinations in 2021 will be considered for application to the DPP 2022 intake.

Admission to the courses is based on merit and choice.

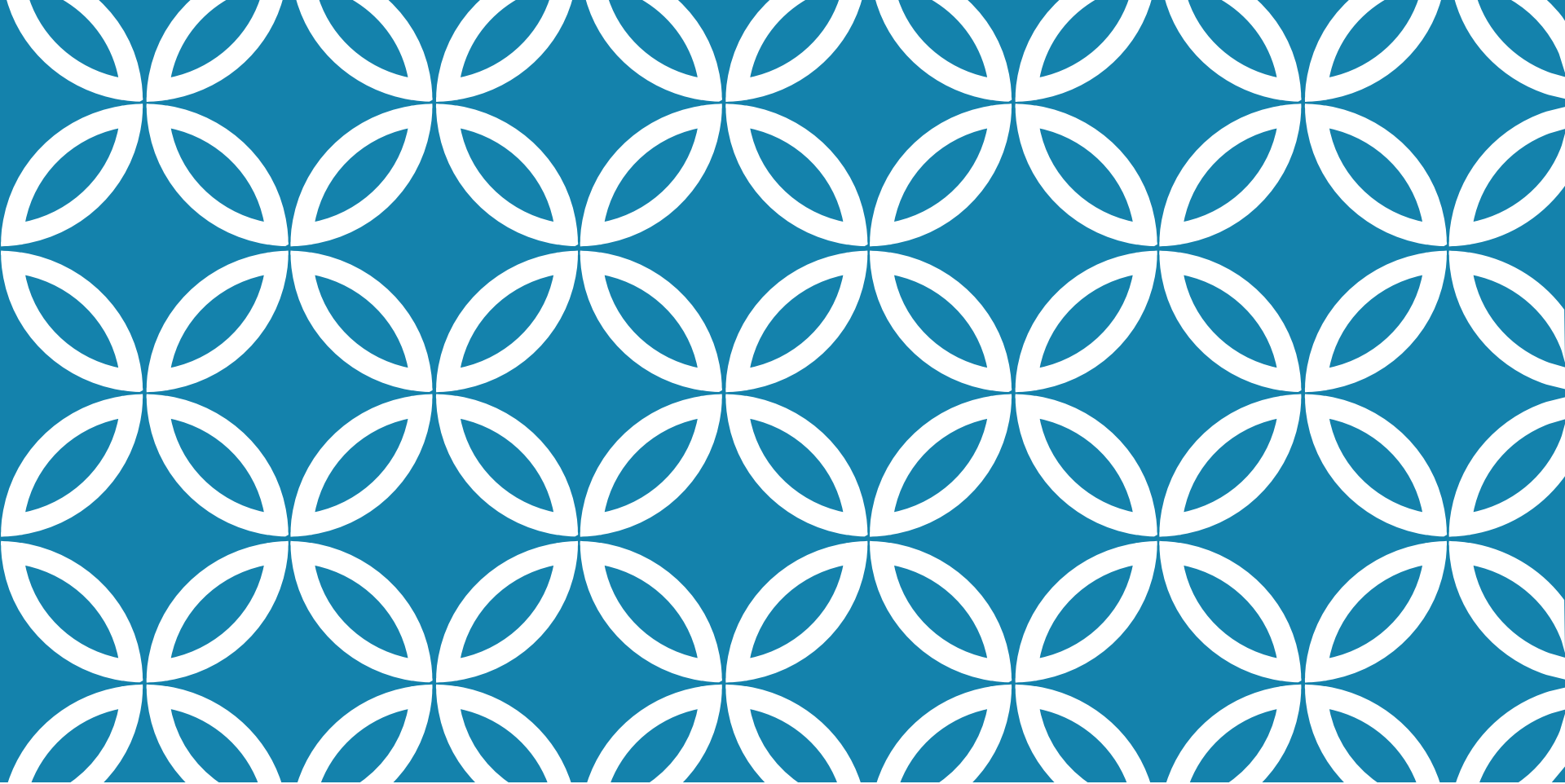
Eligible GCE N(A) applicants can apply for both 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses under JIE 'H', and *Nitec* / 3-year *Higher Nitec* courses under JIE 'N'. An applicant who is successful for a 2-year *Higher Nitec* course under JIE 'H' will not be offered a *Nitec* / 3-year *Higher Nitec* course under JIE 'N'.

If you need help with application, please call or email to any of the ITE Colleges during office hours.



Ask Jamie @ ITE





FAQS |

I am not interested in moving on to Sec
5NA but I am interested in
both PFP & DPP.

What should I do, given that
application for DPP is in Dec &
PFP is in Jan?

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 2021
2. Progress to DPP on 10 Jan 2022 (*don't buy uniform yet*)
3. Apply for PFP upon release of the GCE O-Level examination results in Jan 2022

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.

NOTE THAT FOR PFP & DPP

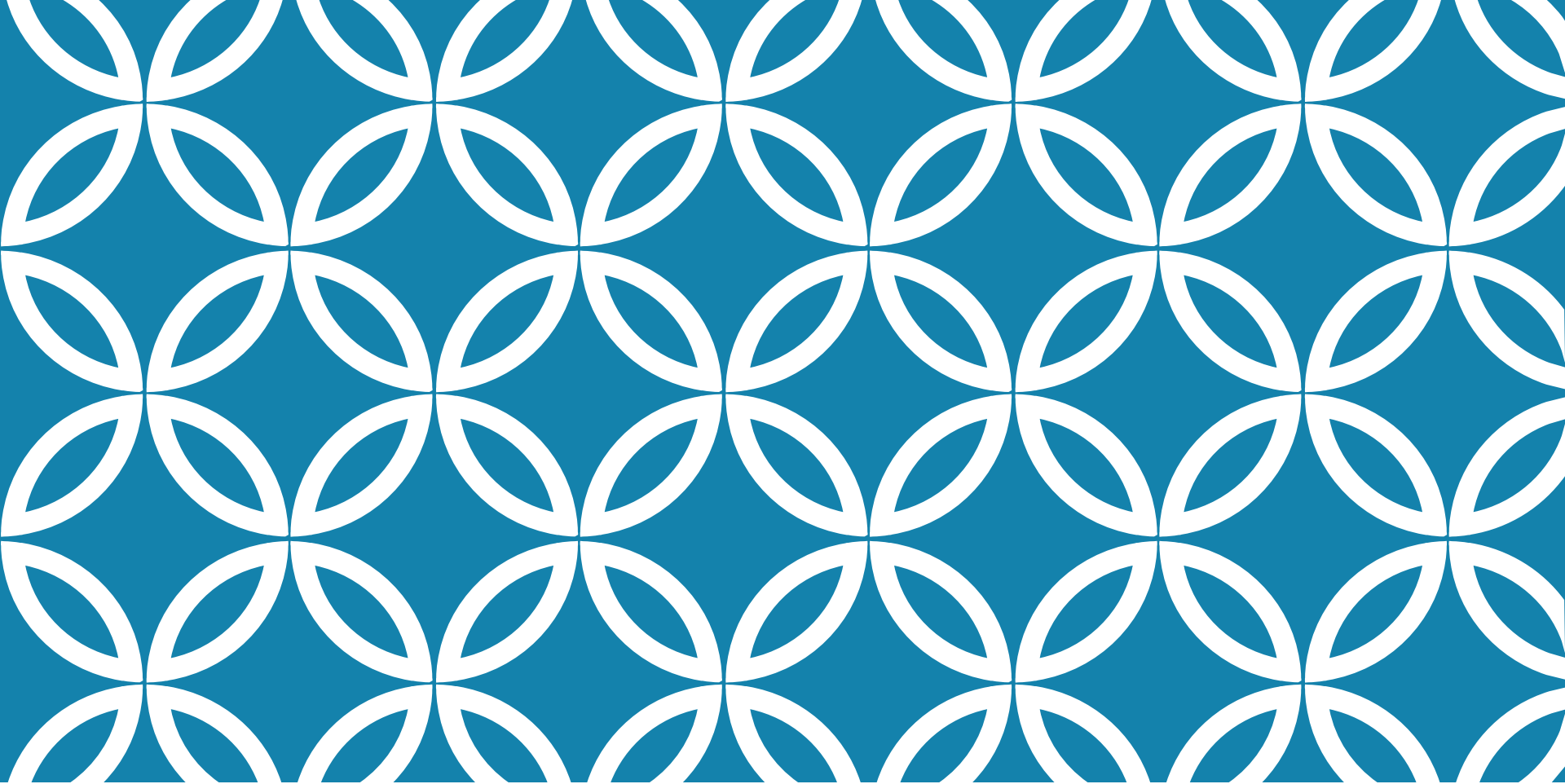
Eligibility does not guarantee placement in a PFP/DPP course.

Placement is subject to the **availability of vacancies** and in open competition with other eligible applicants **based on merit**.

Each year

Total DPP places – 1,200 only

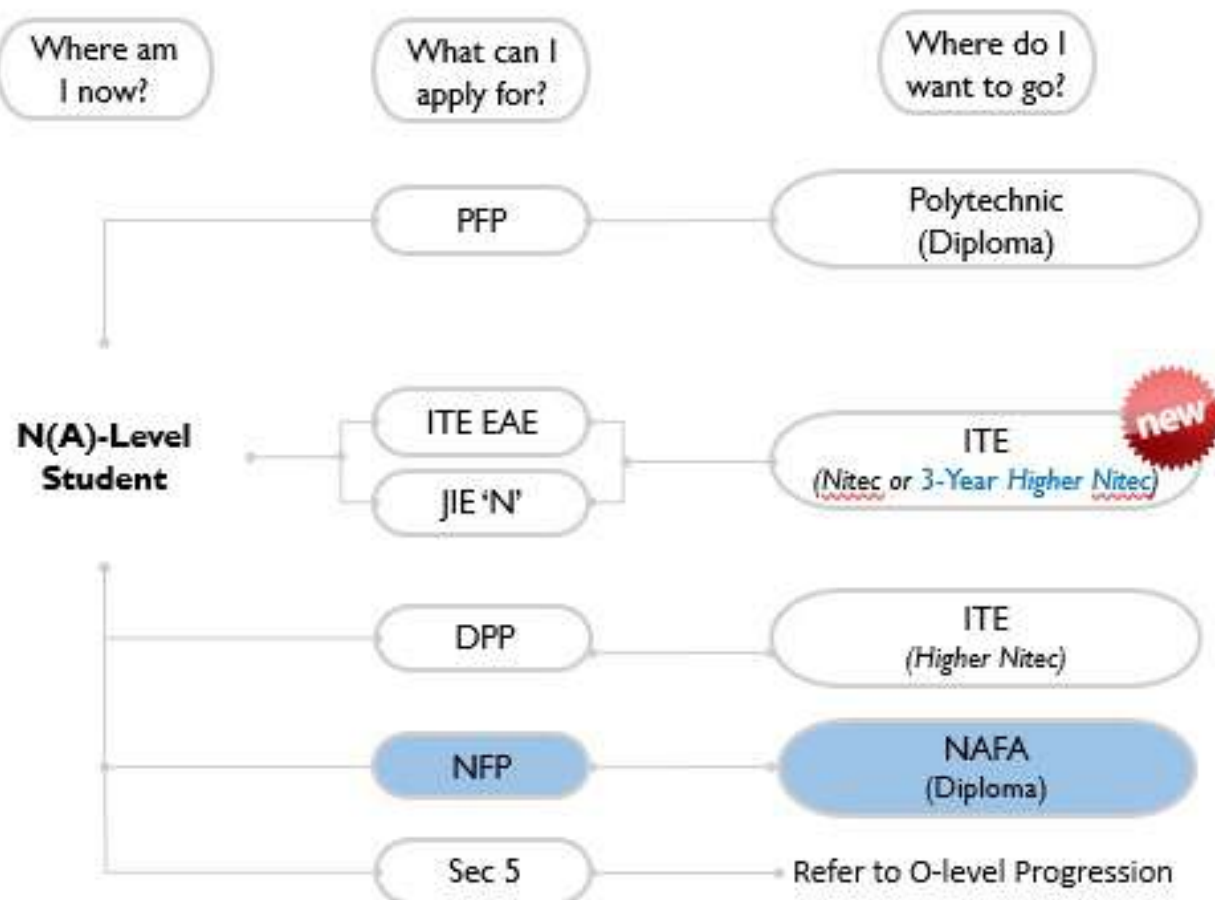
Total PFP places – 1,500 only. More than 80% of Polytechnic Diploma courses will be offered under the PFP.



NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (NFP)

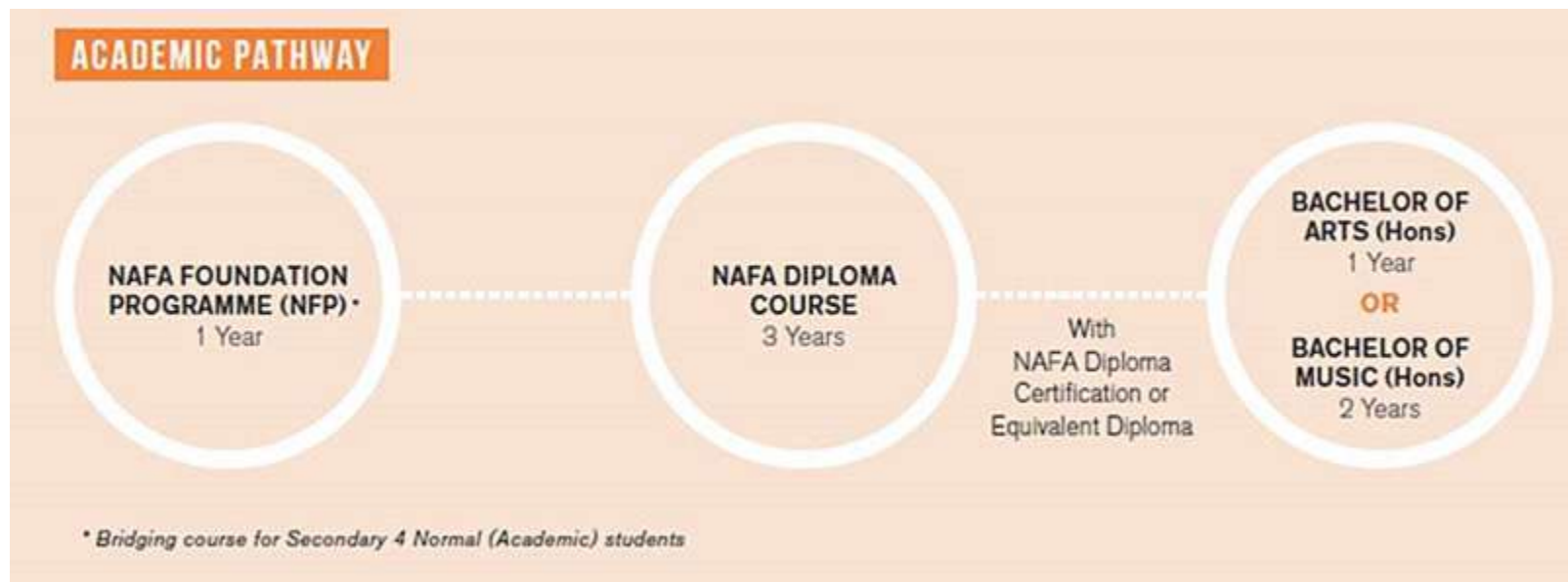


NAFA: Merit Based Admission (NFP)



What is NFP?

1 Year Bridging Course + 3 Years Diploma at NAFA



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NFP: Eligibility

- Raw / Gross Score **ELMAB3** \leq **15 points**
- Excluding CCA Bonus Points
- **English** \geq **4** will be required to attend an interview.
- There may be an admission test or audition, depending on their selected course of study.
- Applicants may be asked to attend an interview.

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NFP: Application

When?

- Application Opens **15 to 31 Dec 21**. (please check website for updates)

How?

- Application is done online **directly** to NAFA
- Verified copies of Academic Results, CCA Records, Music Qualifications and other documents as specified on website
- Audition &/or Interview

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Helpful Websites

PFP

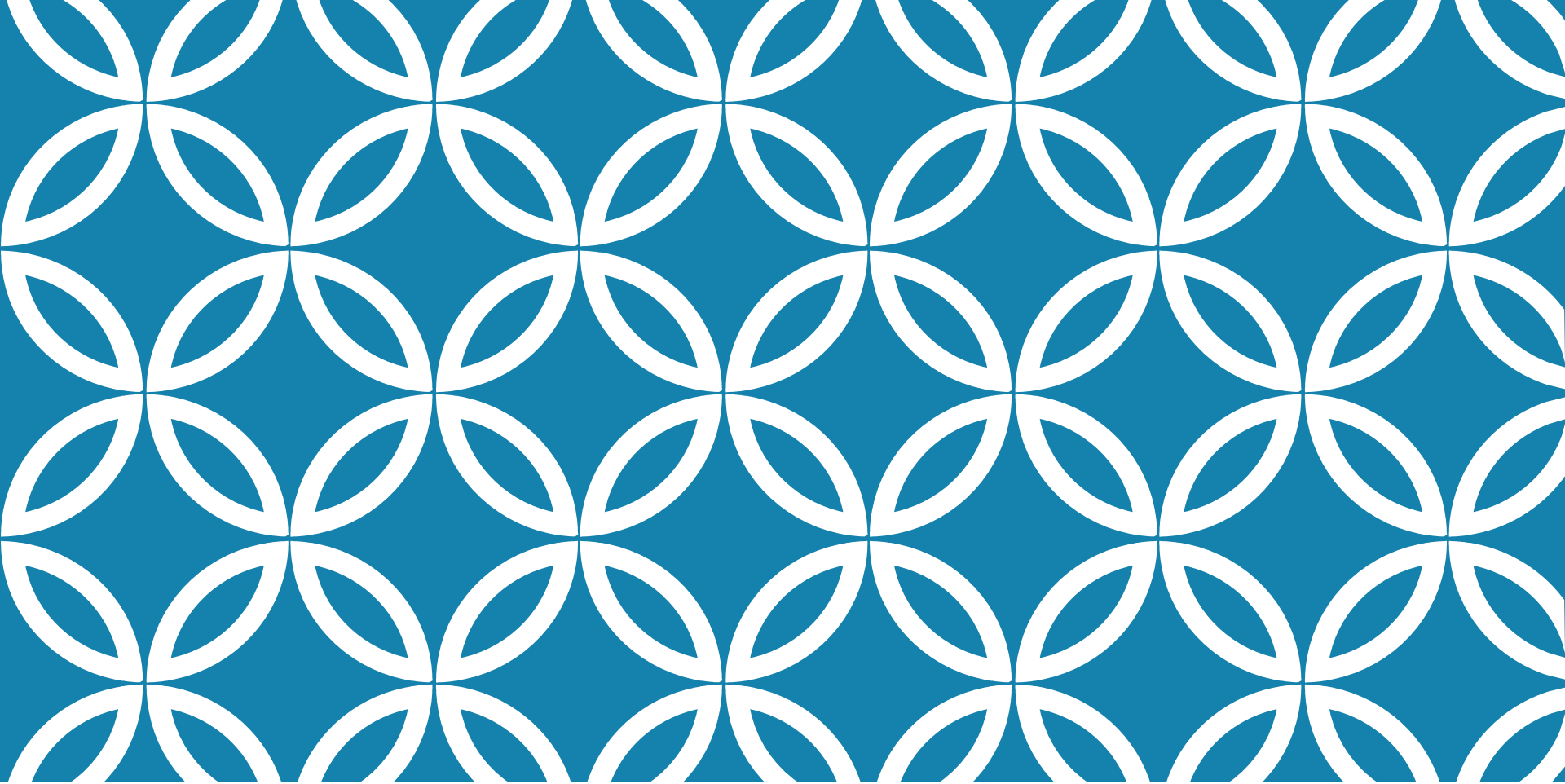
<https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html>

DPP

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

NFP

<https://www.nafa.edu.sg/courses/foundation/nafa-foundation-programme/>



IN A NUTSHELL...



**ALL STUDENTS WHO
QUALIFY FOR PFP
(TOP 10% OF COHORT)
SHOULD
TAKE UP THE OFFER**

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 O-Level results,

MUST report to PLMGS(Sec) on 4 Jan 2022 (Mon) to continue with Secondary 5.

Submit the Letter of Undertaking to the General Office by 12 noon, 21 December 2021

ECG SUPPORT AT PLMGSS

Virtual Consultation with Ms. Ginn, Senior ECG Counsellor

Ms Ginn is available for consultation via Zoom on 18th Dec (Sat) 9am to 1230pm, 20th Dec (Mon) & 21st Dec (Tues) 9am to 5pm.



Email : tiang_ginn_wah@schools.gov.sg

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

Support by School

Ms Das Ruth Hannah, SH ECG

Email : das_ruth_hannah@moe.edu.sg

Online or Phone Counselling by ECG Centre

13 – 24 Dec (Weekdays: 9am to 5pm), 18 Dec (Sat) & 24 Dec (Fri) 9am to 1230 pm).

Contact : 6831 1420, Email: MOE_ECG@moe.gov.sg

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

'N' Levels Support by ITE

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ITE College East | Tel: 6590 2262 | college_east@ite.edu.sg

ITE College West | Tel: 6590 2628 | 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 this ready during the session

- 2022 JIE Booklet
- Result Slip & Form N
- Prelim Result Slip if you are taking O Level Subject(s)

Тяжко!