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INTERMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM CARE – UPGRADING PROGRAMME (ILTC-UP)

Overview

The Intermediate and Long-Term Care – Upgrading Programme (ILTC-UP), an initiative under the Healthcare Productivity Fund and funded by the National Productivity Fund (NPF), is a scholarship programme for care professionals in the Community Care sector to pursue a Degree in Nursing or Allied Health disciplines. The programme is administered by the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) since 2012.

The ILTC-UP supports capability building for Community Care professionals and provides opportunities for Community Care staff and institutions to expand their job functions. It also opens up more opportunities for Community Care staff to continuously upgrade their skills, in tandem with the growing importance of the sector as our population ages. Through these opportunities, employees are able to further develop their skills and grow in their profession.

To date, there are about 60 ILTC-UP awardees since the programme started.

Eligibility Criteria

- Singaporeans or Permanent Residents (PRs)
- Preferably have two years of relevant work experience in healthcare or the Community Care sector
- Supported by the employing Community Care institution.
- Are full-time or part-time employees of:
 - a) Institutions that are government-owned or operated by voluntary welfare organisations (VWOs) registered as charities under the Charities Act (Cap 37), and providing Community Care healthcare services¹; or
 - b) Institutions that are operated by voluntary welfare organisations (VWOs) registered as charities under the Charities Act (Cap 37), and receiving subvention funding from MOH for the provision of Community Care social services²; or

¹ Community Care healthcare services includes community hospital, hospice, chronic sick hospital, nursing home, hospice home care, day rehabilitation centre, home medical, home nursing, dementia day care centre, ex-mentally ill day care centre, ex-mentally ill sheltered home and ex-mentally ill rehabilitation home and dialysis centres.

² Community Care social care services includes home help service (HHS), senior home care (SHC) and day care centre (DCC), caregiver support, case management and co-ordination services, and programmes to integrate the elderly and disabled back in the community.

- c) Institutions that receive Ministry of Health (MOH) or Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) programme funding for Community Care healthcare and social services; or
- d) Private providers receiving portable subsidies from MOH for the provision of Community Care healthcare and social services; or
- e) Third-party service providers with Institutions of Public Character (IPC) status, providing supporting healthcare services to VWOs providing Community Care healthcare services.

Eligible Courses

This scholarship supports two categories of degree programmes:

- a. Nursing degree programmes which are accredited by Singapore Nursing Board (SNB)
- b. Allied Health degree programmes such as Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy.

The list of pre-approved degree programmes for ILTC-UP is available on the AIC Learning Institute's portal at www.aic-learn.sg/iltcup.

Evaluation of Applications

All applications will be evaluated by an ILTC-UP Selection Committee. Evaluation of the application is based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, working experience and qualifications of the applicant, applicant's performance and career potential, benefits of the degree programme towards the applicant and supporting Community Care institution, and recommendations from employing Community Care institutions.

Funding Support

Successful applicants will have up to 90% of their tuition and compulsory fees funded, with the remaining 10% to be co-funded by the Community Care institutions. Community Care institutions which qualify for the Community Silver Trust (CST) will be allowed to tap on the CST for the remaining co-funding amount.

In addition, a one-time study allowance of S\$2,000 will be provided to fund purchases required in the course of the studies. To further encourage Community Care institutions to send their employees for training, support for locum funding (capped at 75%, up to 12 months) can also be provided as part of the award.

A bond to the Community Care institution is required upon the completion of the programme. The duration of the bond will be determined by the length and cost of the course. The possible bond periods are:

Type of Training Qualification/Training Cost	Bond Period (Minimum Service Period/MSP)
<u>Full-time</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of degree programme (number of months) x 2 • Capped at a maximum of 4 years
<u>Part-time</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training cost of more than \$50,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 2.5 years

Enquiries

To find out more about ILTC-UP programme, please visit www.aic-learn.sg/iltcup. Interested candidates can submit their applications to iltc.up@aic.sg.