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Graduate Programmes

**S R NATHAN SCHOOL OF  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
COMMUNITY  
LEADERSHIP AND  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**





## **Programme Overview**

The Graduate Diploma in Community Leadership and Social Development (GDCLSD) aims to impart skills and knowledge to those who are interested in the multidisciplinary understanding of the issues and challenges in the practice of community leadership. This is particularly useful for those working in the civil and social service sectors, and we hope that this programme will help support community leaders to play a progressive role in Singapore's social development.

## **Unique Features of the Programme**

- Attractive and stimulating range of courses with focus on community leadership, social capital and sustainable social development
- Taught by experienced, well-qualified academics and professionals (local and international)
- Classes scheduled to suit the needs of working adults

## **Whom is this for?**

This programme will be especially relevant to those seeking to develop advanced knowledge and expertise in community leadership and social development for occupations within the civil and social services, the social sciences, and those who wish to obtain a specialised qualification for their current professions.

## **Career Prospects**

Graduates will be able to apply their knowledge and skills in a wide range of careers within the civil service or non-profit sectors, especially those that require community leadership and an in-depth understanding of socio-cultural, political and economic issues. Students who are already in such careers will add value to their existing work with this specialised qualification and professional upgrading. This programme also provides those who wish to switch careers with expanded options in the field of community leadership and social development.

## Programme Structure

This programme provides participants with different pathways and exit points to cater to different professional goals, needs and interests.

Participants can exit with the graduate certificate and return to earn a higher qualification at a later time.

If the courses are taken consecutively, the programme will stretch over two semesters or one year. However, students will have flexibility in scheduling their studies and will graduate as long as they meet programme requirements within a maximum of a two-year candidacy.

Modular courses may also be taken individually, via the Centre for Continuing and Professional Education (CCPE), and recognized for credits when applying for admission to the GDCLSD and other graduate programmes, if applicable.

To graduate with the GDCLSD, students are required to complete a total of 30 credit units (cu) consisting of six core courses. All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.

- Building Communities and Forging Identities
- Community Engagement and Facilitation
- Community Leadership and Organizational Development



**Graduate Certificate in Community Leadership and Social Development<sup>1</sup>**



- Advanced Social Research Methods and Design
- Economic and Political Development for Social Well-being
- Civil Society, Leadership and Capacity Building



**Graduate Diploma in Community Leadership and Social Development<sup>2</sup>**

### Explanatory Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Need a min. cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 to be awarded Graduate Certificate in Community Leadership and Social Development.

<sup>2</sup> Need a min. CGPA of 2.5 to be awarded Graduate Diploma in Community Leadership and Social Development.

For more information on our Graduate Diploma in Community Leadership and Social Development, please visit [suss.edu.sg/GDCLSD](http://suss.edu.sg/GDCLSD)

# ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

## Admission Criteria

Applicant must possess an undergraduate degree or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

For SUSS graduate programmes that are conducted in the English Language, you must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR)\* **if** your undergraduate degree is not awarded by an English-medium university, **or** your undergraduate degree is awarded by an English-medium university but the language of instruction was not English.

*\* at least an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5, or a TOEFL score of 580 (paper-based) or 85 (internet-based), or a PTE Academic score of 58, or C1 Advanced score of 180 [score must be obtained within the last 2 years at point of application].*

Applicants with an undergraduate degree that was conducted in English but awarded by a non-English medium university must produce an official letter from the university to certify as such in order to seek waiver of the ELPR requirement.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to undergo one or more interviews and/or take such written admission or other evaluation tests as may be prescribed by SUSS from time to time.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. Admission is solely at the discretion of SUSS and the decision is final and binding. SUSS reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

## Tuition Fees

The amount of course fees you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. The course fees cover all study materials, classes, tutor supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include fees for textbooks and other additional items specified by SUSS from time to time.

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