

DIRECT ENTRY SCHEME TO POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME (DPP)

For students who have performed well in the GCE 'N' (Academic) Level examination and would like to benefit from a more hands-on preparation at ITE, you may first enrol in a 2-year *Higher Nitec* course at ITE. You will subsequently be assured of a place in a related polytechnic course, provided you achieve the qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) score in your 2-year *Higher Nitec* course.

The DPP caters only to Secondary 4 'N' (Academic) students of the preceding cohort, i.e. only scores received by Secondary 4 'N' (Academic) students at the GCE 'N' Level examinations in 2025 will be considered for application to the DPP 2026 intake.

Upon release of the GCE 'N' (Academic) Level results, Secondary 4 'N' (Academic) students may apply for the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) based on their GCE 'N' (Academic) Level final examination results and school-based 'O'-Level preliminary examination results (if applicable). Students can also combine their GCE 'N' (Academic) Level results and school-based 'O' Level preliminary examination results to apply for the DPP. Successful applicants will enrol in ITE in January 2026 for a 10-week preparatory course, before joining the 2-year *Higher Nitec* course in April 2026. In order to be assured of a place in the polytechnics, students must meet the qualifying 2-year *Higher Nitec* GPA shown in the Table below.

Qualifying 2-Year *Higher Nitec* GPA for Progression to Polytechnics under DPP

Courses	Progress to first-year in relevant Polytechnic Diploma course*	Progress to second-year in relevant Polytechnic Diploma course*
Applied Sciences 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses[#]	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>2.5 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	N.A.
Engineering or Info-Communications Technology 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses[#]	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>2.5 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>3.5 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])
Business & Services 2-year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>3.0 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])	ITE raw GPA \geq <u>3.5 points</u> (excluding CCA bonus points [^])

[#] For 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses in Applied Sciences, Engineering or Info-Communications Technology, in addition to meeting the qualifying GPAs, students are required to take up and pass a Mathematics elective at ITE to be eligible for articulation into polytechnic courses under DPP. GCE 'N' (Academic) holders with at least a grade C in GCE 'O' Level Mathematics will be exempted from this requirement.

[^] CCA grades will be used for computing the students' net GPA at ITE for selection and posting to a Polytechnic Diploma course.

* DPP students who successfully complete the 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses and attain the required minimum qualifying 2-year *Higher Nitec* Grade Point Average (GPA) scores are guaranteed a place in the 1st Year relevant polytechnic diploma courses that are mapped to their 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses. Students who meet the minimum qualifying GPA for 2nd Year entry are not guaranteed admission into Year 2 of one of the mapped courses. Admission is based on merit, subject to vacancies in the courses.

GCE 'N' (Academic) Level holders who have been offered a place under DPP and accepted the course offer will not be provided a place in Secondary 5 Normal (Academic) studies.

**Mapping of 2-Year *Higher Nitec* Courses to Polytechnic Diploma Courses
(for Students Admitted to the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme in AY2026)**

Students admitted to 2-year *Higher Nitec* DPP courses in AY2026 are guaranteed a place in one of the polytechnic diploma courses mapped to their 2-year *Higher Nitec* course, provided they meet the minimum qualifying GPA scores upon the completion of their 2-year *Higher Nitec* course.

For information on the mapped courses, you may scan the QR code below:



<https://for.edu.sg/dpp-to-poly-mapping>

FULL-TIME 2-YEAR *HIGHER NITEC* WITH 10 WEEKS PREPARATORY COURSES AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS UNDER DPP

To be eligible for admission consideration to 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses under DPP, GCE Normal (Academic) Level applicants must obtain 19 points or less for the raw ELMAB3 aggregate score (i.e. English Language, Mathematics and best 3 other subjects, excluding CCA bonus points) **and** meet the minimum entry requirements as shown in the table below.

The “2025 JIE ‘H’ ELMAB3” in the table below shows the net ELMAB3 aggregate score of the lowest ranked students who were admitted to these courses through the 2025 Joint Intake Exercise JIE ‘H’ based on net **ELMAB3 including CCA bonus points**. These aggregate scores are meant as a reference for applicants applying to these courses and **do not** constitute the admission scores for subsequent admission exercises.

2-Year <i>Higher Nitec</i> Courses	Course Code	College Code	2025 JIE ‘H’ ELMAB3	Entry Requirements
Duration: 2¼ Years (10 weeks of preparatory course followed by 2 years Higher Nitec training)				<p>A total of 19 points or less for English Language, Mathematics and 3 other subjects (ELMAB3) in the GCE ‘N(A)’ examinations</p> <p>For the ELMAB3 aggregate score, you must get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 1-4 in English Language• Grade 1-4 in Mathematics• Grade 1-5 in the 3 other subjects
APPLIED SCIENCES				
Bio-Chemical Technology ②	FPCHT	CE-SM	7	
ENGINEERING				
Civil & Structural Engineering Design ②	FPCSE	CE-SM	10	
Electrical Engineering ①②	FPELE	CE-SM CW-CK	14 14	
Electronics Engineering ①②	FPECE	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	13 14 14	
Mechanical Engineering ②	FPMEC	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	12 14 14	
Mechatronics Engineering ①②	FPMCE	CC-AM CW-CK	12 14	
INFO-COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY				
Business Information Systems ②	FPBIS	CE-SM	9	
Cyber & Network Security ②	FPNST	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	9 11 11	
Immersive Applications & Game ②	FPIAG	CC-AM	9	
IT Applications Development ②	FPIAD	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	10 11 11	
IT Systems & Networks ②	FPISN	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	11 12 11	
BUSINESS & SERVICES				
Accounting ②	FPACC	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	8 10 9	
Event Management ②	FPBSE	CC-AM	9	
Business Administration ②	FPBNS	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	9 10 7	
Hospitality Operations ②	FPHPO	CW-CK	11	
Logistics & Supply Chain Management ②	FPLIT	CE-SM	11	
Tourism ②	FPLTO	CW-CK	11	
Customer Experience ②	FPBSC	CW-CK	11	

ITE COLLEGES:

CC-AM: ITE College Central
at Ang Mo Kio Drive

CE-SM: ITE College East
at Simei Avenue

CW-CK: ITE College West
at Choa Chu Kang Grove

The 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses are of 2¼ years in duration for successful GCE 'N' (Academic) Level candidates. Students will first undergo a 10-week preparatory course in January 2026 before they start their 2-year *Higher Nitec* training in April 2026.

For general course advising, applicants may make an appointment online with one of our Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Counsellors via <https://for.edu.sg/ecg>.

The offer of an ITE course to applicants is subject to them being physically, medically and mentally fit to pursue the course. This is to ensure that all students can benefit from ITE training in a safe and conducive environment. Applicants or students assessed by ITE as being unfit can be withdrawn from the course. Where appropriate, they may be considered for other courses if there are suitable ones. The Learning Accessibility Office (LAO) at each ITE College will provide support to students with special educational needs in their learning process at ITE. Applicants with special educational needs are strongly encouraged to seek prior academic course advising from the respective College(s) via <https://for.edu.sg/LAO> before selecting their choice of application.

Notes:

- ① Applicants for the following courses must ensure that they do not have colour appreciation deficiency: **Electrical Engineering; Electronics Engineering; and Mechatronics Engineering** courses. Colour vision test will be conducted for applicants enrolled into these courses. Colour Vision Test is available over the Internet at <https://colormax.org/color-blind-test/> and at the ITE Colleges conducting these courses. Please take the test before submitting your application if you are not sure whether you are free from colour appreciation deficiency.
- ② For all courses:
 - (I) The 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses comprise 3 or 6 months of Industry Attachment.
 - (II) As all ITE courses will incorporate online learning as part of lesson delivery, students are advised to have access to a PC/Laptop for their learning. Financial assistance is available to eligible students under ITE Opportunity Fund to purchase PC/Laptop subject to terms and conditions.

For more information on the course structure, progression opportunities and career opportunities of the courses offered under DPP, you may scan the QR code below:



<https://for.edu.sg/dpp-higher-nitec-courses>

POSTING OF APPLICANTS UNDER DPP

GCE 'N(A)' Level holders applying for admission to full-time 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses under DPP must first satisfy the entry requirements, including passes in the pre-requisite subjects for the courses applied. Admission is based on merit, and posting to a course is based on an **aggregate of the student's English Language, Mathematics and Best 3 GCE 'N' (Academic) subject scores (ELMAB3) including CCA bonus points** where applicable and is subjected to availability of vacancies. A lower aggregate point is indicative of better performance.

Normal (Academic) Course

The corresponding ITE aggregate points for Normal (Academic) subject grades, for merit-based admission to full-time 2-year *Higher Nitec* courses under DPP are shown in the table below:

Computation of ITE Aggregate Points for Normal (Academic) Subjects

Normal (Academic) Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

For N(A) students, using their GCE 'O' Level subject grades taken in the same year as the N(A) subjects to apply for DPP, the computation of ITE aggregate points is shown in the Table below:

Computation of ITE Aggregate Points for GCE 'O' Level Subjects

GCE 'O' Level Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7	3
E8	4

The GCE 'O' Level grade of F9 and GCE 'N(A)' grade of 6/U will not be used to determine DPP eligibility. It will not be considered in both the aggregate score (ELMAB3) computation as well as minimum entry requirements.

CCA Bonus Points

The table below shows the bonus points available for CCA participation. Please note that these bonus points will not be taken into account when determining whether applicants are eligible for courses. The CCA Bonus Points will only come into effect when the applicant has been deemed eligible and is being considered for posting based on merit.

Types of Bonus Points	Number of Bonus Points Awarded
For applicants with the following CCA grades:	
a) Excellent or Grades of A1 – A2	2 points
b) Good or Grades of B3 – C6	1 point