



POST-SECONDARY PATHWAYS

For 2026 Sec 4 and 5 Cohort

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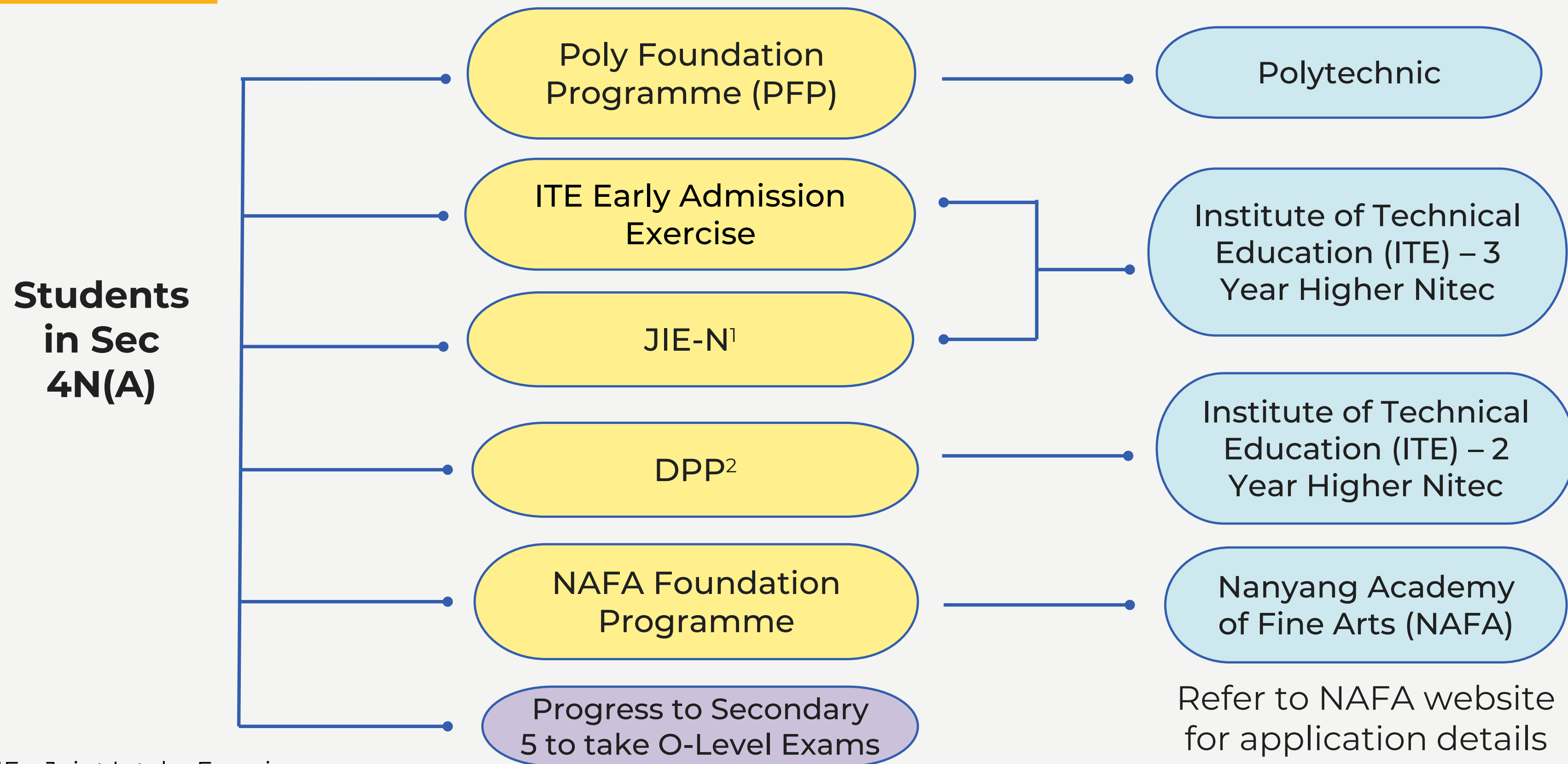
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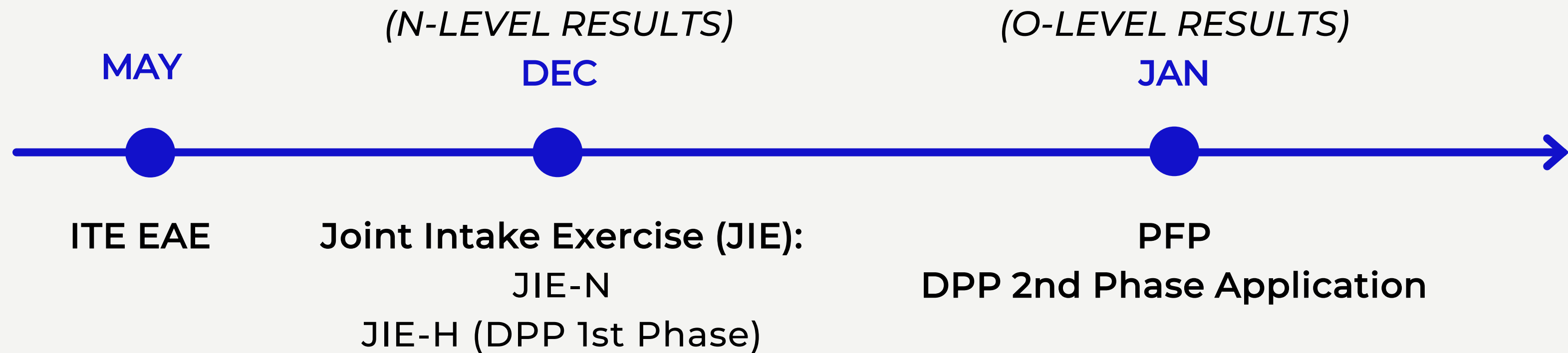
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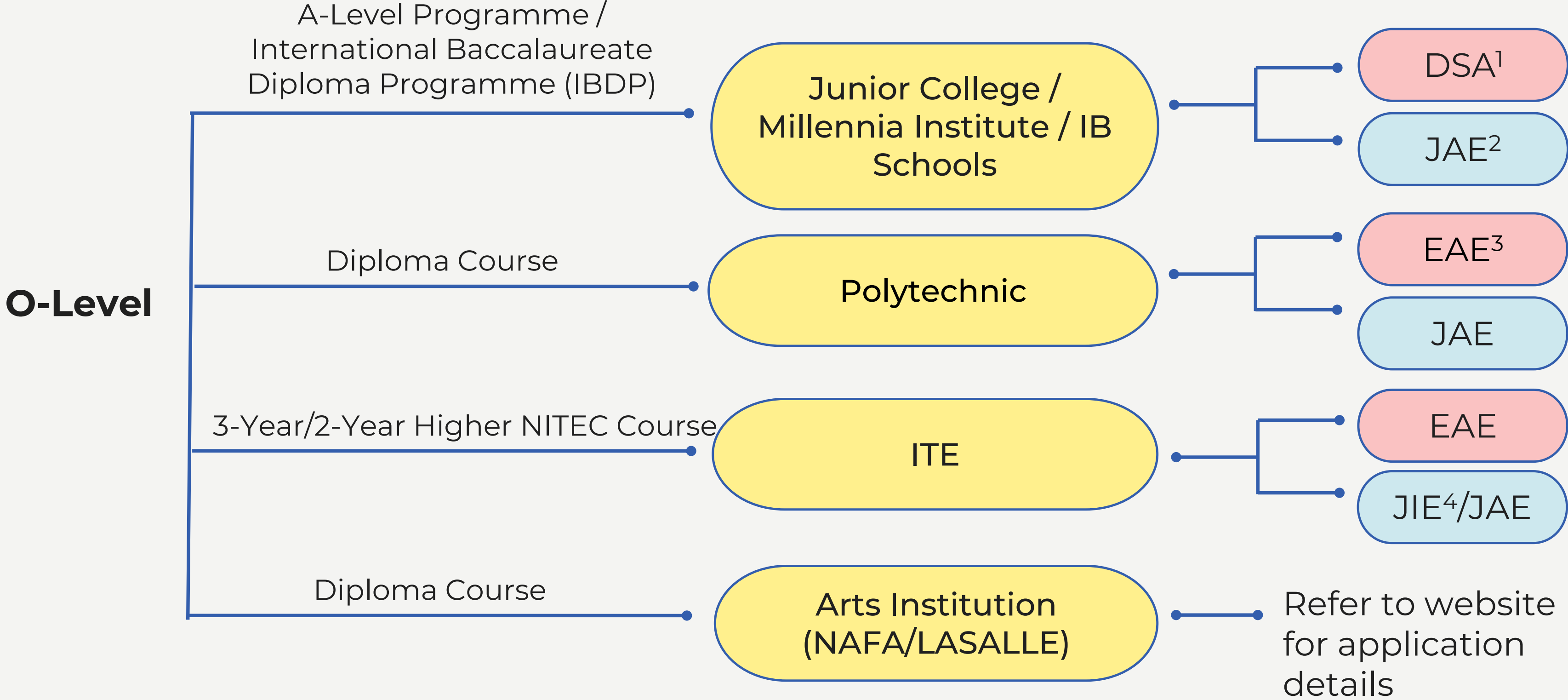
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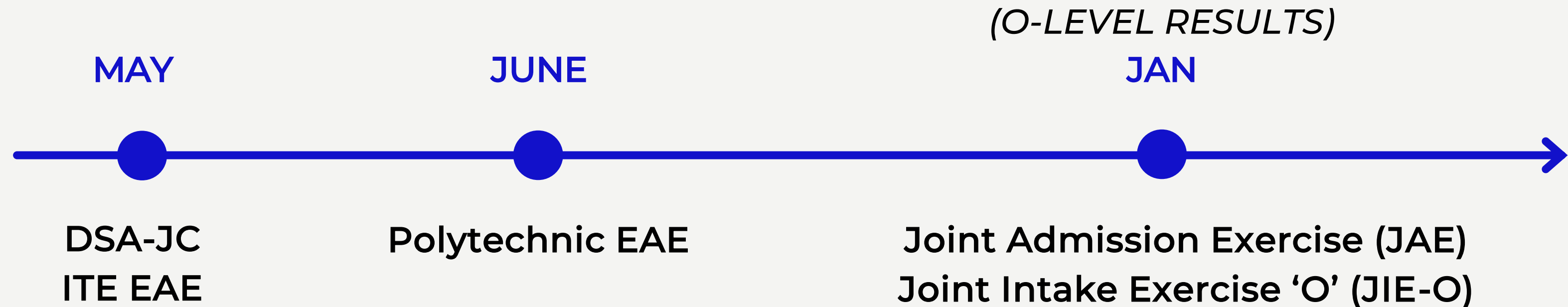
Overview of O-Level Pathways



1. DSA – Direct School Admission
 2. JAE – Joint Admissions Exercise

3. EAE – Early Admissions Exercise
 4. JIE – Joint Intake Exercise

Timeline of Key Admission Exercises for O-Level Students



Aptitude-Based Admissions

- Direct School Admissions (DSA)
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Post-Secondary Education Institutions

- Institute of Technical Education
- Polytechnic
- Junior College / Millennial Institute

Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

~49 course choices in 6 schools across 3 ITE Colleges



School of Applied &
Health Sciences



School of Business &
Services



School of Design &
Media



School of Electronics &
Info-Comm Technology



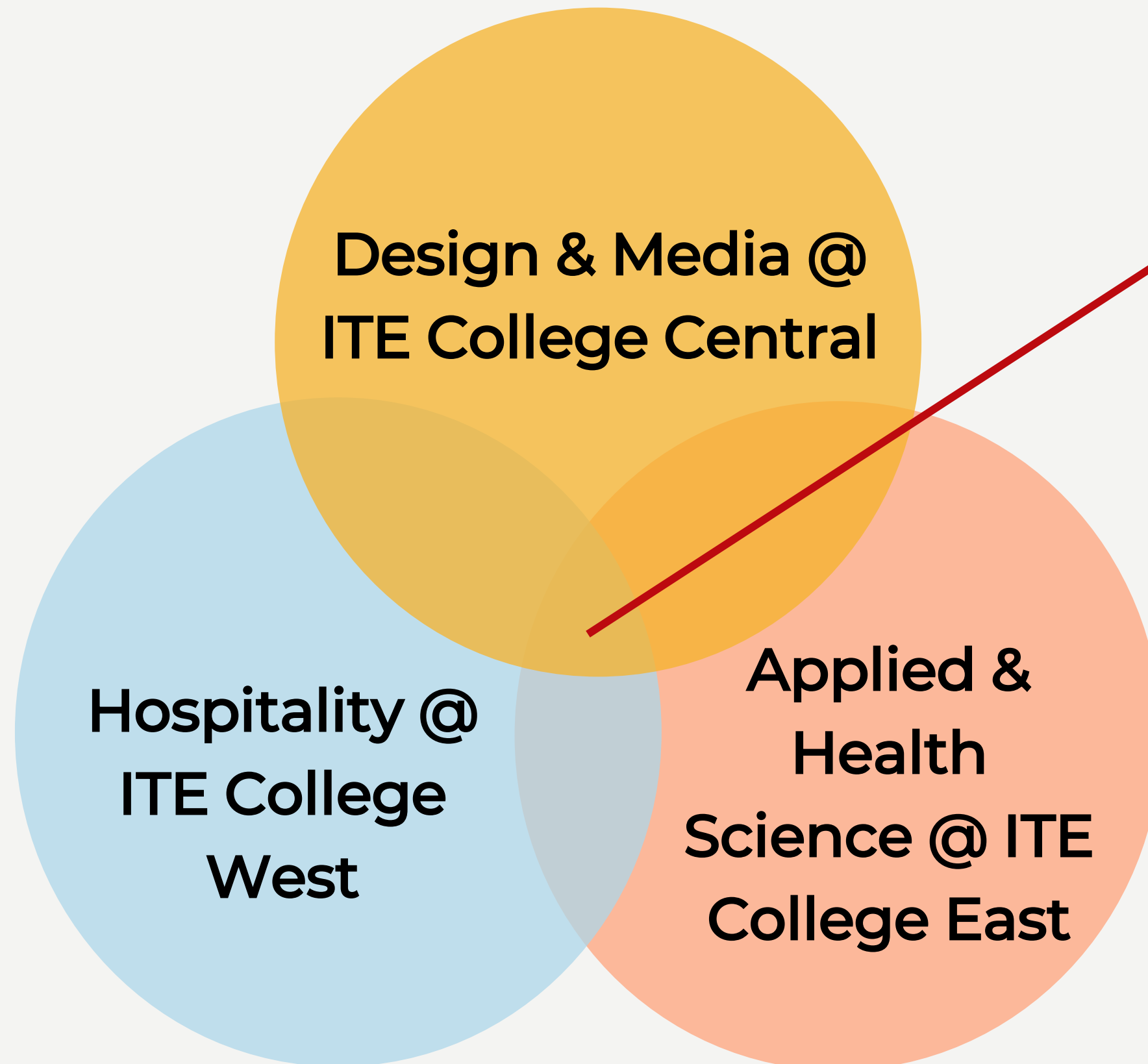
School of
Engineering



School of Hospitality

Hands-on and practice-based learning experience in various fields of study

Course Clusters in ITE



@ ITE College Central, East & West:

- Electronics and Info-Comm Technology
- Business & Services
- Engineering

ITE: 3 Year Higher Nitec

Aggregate computation is based on **Best 4 GCE N-Level subjects**, including prerequisite subjects and bonus points (if applicable)

Prerequisites: Meet the minimum entry requirements of the course

Entry Requirements	E.g. of 3 Year Higher Nitec Courses
3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in English, Math and one other subject	Nursing (Shortlisted applicants need to pass an admission interview)
3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in English and two other subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Business Administration • Sport Management + • Pastry & Baking +
Completed GCE 'N' Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Design* • Facilities Management & Engineering • Interior & Product Design*

Other course related requirements

*Applicants must be free from colour appreciation deficiency

+Applicants must pass a prescribed medical examination

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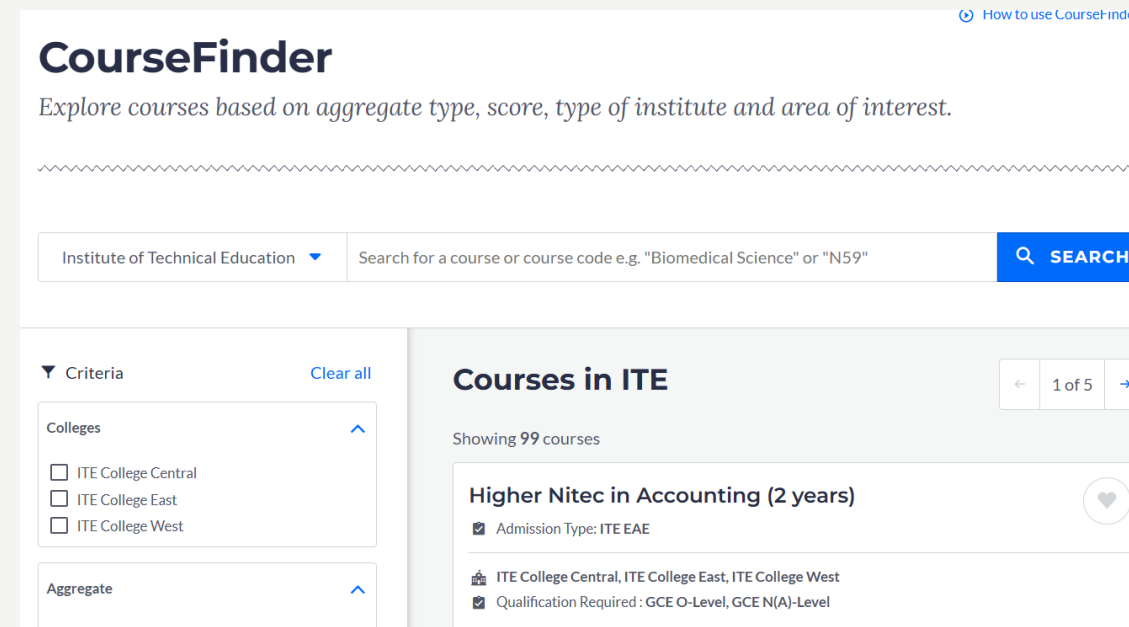
Check out CourseFinder or the 2026 ITE course booklet for more information

2026 ITE Course Booklet



<https://go.gov.sg/2026-ite-course-booklet>

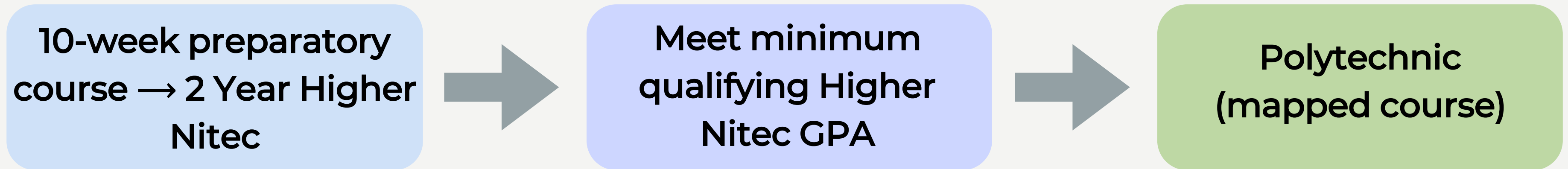
CourseFinder



www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder

ITE: Direct-Entry-Scheme to Poly Programme (DPP)

- Eligible 4NA students may enter the 2-year Higher Nitec programme and, with the minimum GPA, secure a mapped polytechnic diploma place



Eligibility Criteria:

- Meet **raw ELMAB3 ≤ 19** (excluding CCA bonus points)
ELMAB3 = EL + Math + Best three other subjects
- Meet grade for subject requirements of course

See the 18 courses offered under DPP:



go.gov.sg/dpp-dec2025

ITE: 3 Year / 2 Year Higher Nitec

O-level students are also eligible to apply for 3 year Higher Nitec course and 2 year Higher Nitec course

For O Level Students	Admission Exercise	Aggregate computation
2 Year Higher Nitec	Joint Admission Exercise (JAE)	5 'O' Level Subjects required Three different aggregate score types: <i>ELB4-A, ELR1B3-B, ELR2B2-C</i> (depending on the course applied for)
3 Year Higher Nitec	Joint Intake Exercise 'O' (JIE-O)	Best 5 'O' Level Subjects

ITE: Progression Opportunities



1) Progression to Polytechnic

- Admission to a mapped poly course will be guaranteed to all Higher NITEC students with a minimum raw GPA of 3.5
- Those who wish to progress to an unmapped course can also seek admission through the Early Admissions Exercise

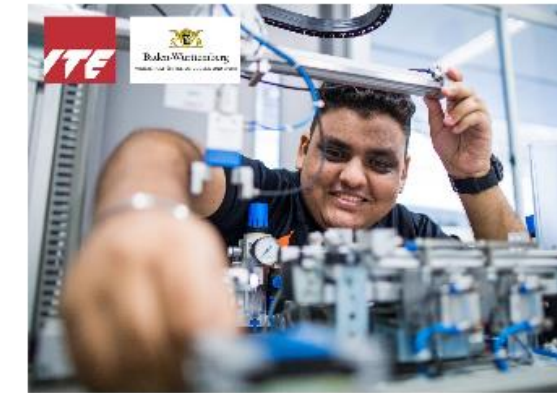
ITE: Progression Opportunities

2) ITE Diploma

- **ITE Work-Study Diploma (WSDip)** offers ITE grads an opportunity to jumpstart their careers while working towards a nationally recognised diploma
- **Technical Diploma** in collaboration with international institutions



Technical Diploma in Culinary Arts with Restaurant Management



Technical Engineer Diploma in Machine Technology



Technical Engineer Diploma in Automotive Engineering



Technical Diploma in Beauty & Wellness Management

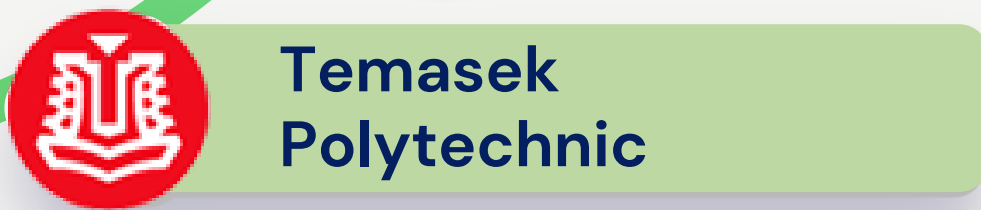
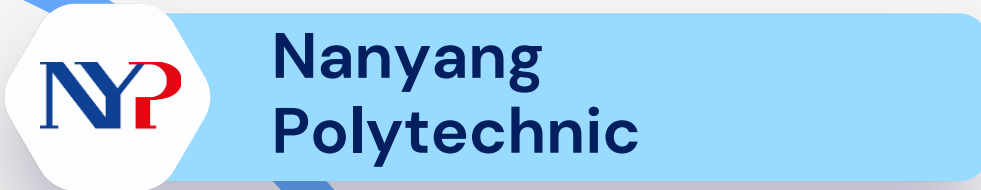


Technical Diploma in Hospitality & Hotel Management



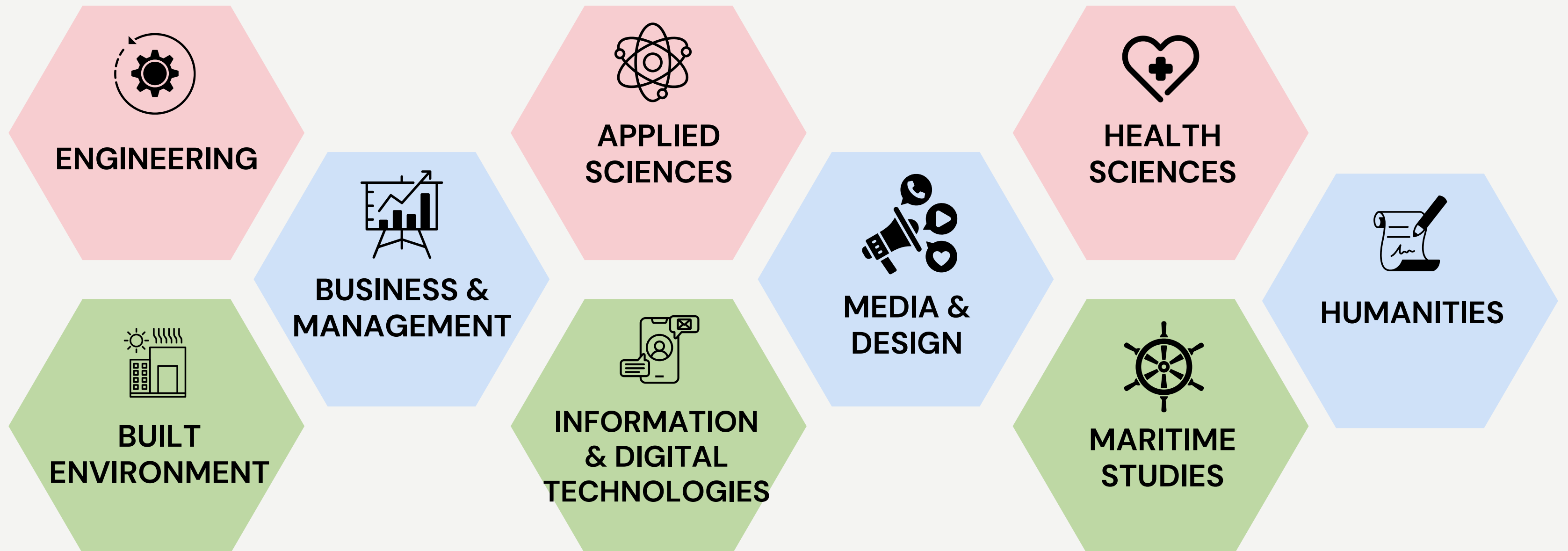
Technical Engineer Diploma in Civil & Structural Engineering

Polytechnics



- Equip students with relevant skills for the workplace
- Students graduate with a Diploma in a specific area of study

9 Course Clusters in Polytechnic



Poly: Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

1 Year programme, practice-based preparatory pathway to a polytechnic education

Students apply to a cluster except for certain specific diplomas. Temasek Polytechnic and Nanyang Polytechnic have 2 sub-clusters under DET.

	NP	RP	SP	NYP	TP
Cluster					
Sciences	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Humanities, Art, Media, Business (HAMB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design, Engineering, Technology (DET)	✓	✓	✓		
Design (sub-cluster)				✓	✓
Engineering & Technology (sub-cluster)				✓	✓
Specific Diploma					
Nursing	✓			✓	
Early Childhood Development & Education	✓				✓
Tamil Studies with Early Education	✓				

At the end of the PFP year, students will then apply to a specific diploma course. Posting will be based on their PFP performance (merit) and course choice.

Poly: Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)

Eligibility Requirements

1) Meet **raw ELMAB3 \leq 12** (excluding CCA bonus points)

ELMAB3 = EL + Math + Best three other subjects

2) Meet grades for pre-requisite subject for each cluster

3) Meet any other additional requirements specific to course

E.g. Relevant Subject Requirements

Sciences Cluster

Subject	Minimum required grade
English Language Syllabus A	3
Mathematics Syllabus A or Additional Mathematics	3
Any 1 relevant subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and Technology • Food and Nutrition/Nutrition and Food Science • Science (Chemistry, Biology) • Science (Physics, Biology) • Science (Physics, Chemistry) 	3
Any other 2 subjects (excluding CCA)	4



Scan to find more information about the clusters and entry requirements for courses.

Poly: Poly Year 1 Entry





Eligibility Requirements for Poly Year 1 Entry

1) Obtain a net **ELR2B2 \leq 26** (including CCA bonus points)
except for Nursing \leq 28

EL	R2	B2
English	2 Relevant Subjects	2 Best Scoring Subjects

Poly: Poly Year 1 Entry

Students will need relevant subjects depending on course type.

ELR2B2-A	ELR2B2-B	ELR2B2-C	ELR2B2-D
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Humanities● Media & Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Business & Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Applied Sciences● Built Environment● Engineering● Health Sciences● Information & Digital Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Built Environment● Media & Design



Access this QR code to find out the relevant subjects that constitute R1 and R2 for the different aggregate score types.

Poly: Poly Year 1 Entry

How different aggregate types are computed - ELR2B2-A/B/C/D

Aggregate Type		ELR2B2-A	ELR2B2-B	ELR2B2-C	ELR2B2-D
EL		English			
R2	1st Group of Relevant Subjects	Art Business Studies Combined Humanities Economics Geography Higher Art Higher Music History Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Chinese) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Malay) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Tamil) Humanities (Social Studies, History) Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) Intro to Enterprise Development Literature in English Literature in Chinese Literature in Malay Literature in Tamil Media Studies (English) Media Studies (Chinese) Music		Additional Mathematics Mathematics	
	2nd Group of Relevant Subjects			Additional Mathematics Art Business Studies Chinese Combined Humanities Creative 3D Animation Design & Technology Design Studies Economics Food & Nutrition/Nutrition & Food Science Geography Higher Art Higher Chinese Higher Malay Higher Music Higher Tamil History Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Chinese) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Malay) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Tamil) Humanities (Social Studies, History) Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) Intro to Enterprise Development Literature in English Literature in Chinese Literature in Malay Literature in Tamil Malay Mathematics Media Studies (English) Media Studies (Chinese) Music Principles of Accounts Tamil	Art Business Studies Combined Humanities Economics Geography Higher Art Higher Music History Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Chinese) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Malay) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in Tamil) Humanities (Social Studies, History) Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) Intro to Enterprise Development Literature in English Literature in Chinese Literature in Malay Literature in Tamil Media Studies (English) Media Studies (Chinese) Music Principles of Accounts

For the full list, go to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/jae/polytechnics>

Poly: Poly Year 1 Entry

2) Meet Subject-Specific Minimum Entry Requirements

Applied AI & Analytics

The course aims to nurture the next generation of AI & Analytics professionals, equipped to develop innovative AI applications and adept at implementing solutions across a range of organisational and business challenges.

- 📄 Course code: S30
- 🏫 Singapore Polytechnic
- 📄 Admission type: JAE, DAE, JPAE, Poly EAE, PFP
- 📄 2026 JAE ELR2B2-C net aggregate: 5 - 8
- 📅 Course duration: 3 years

Aggregate Type



Learn more on:

- [Course details](#)
- [Minimum entry requirements](#)
- [Modules](#)
- [Internship](#)
- [Career prospects](#)
- [How to register](#)

Subject	Grade
English Language	1-7
Additional Mathematics or Mathematics	1-6
Any one of the 2nd group of Relevant Subjects for the ELR2B2-C Aggregate Type	1-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Biotechnology • Chemistry • Computing/Computer Studies • Creative 3D Animation • Design & Technology • Exercise & Sports Science • Food & Nutrition/Nutrition & Food Science • Electronics/Fundamentals of Electronics • Exercise & Sports Science • Physics • Science (Chemistry, Biology) • Science (Physics, Biology) • Science (Physics, Chemistry) 	



CourseFinder

Explore courses based on aggregate type, score, type of institute and area of interest.

Poly: Progression Opportunity



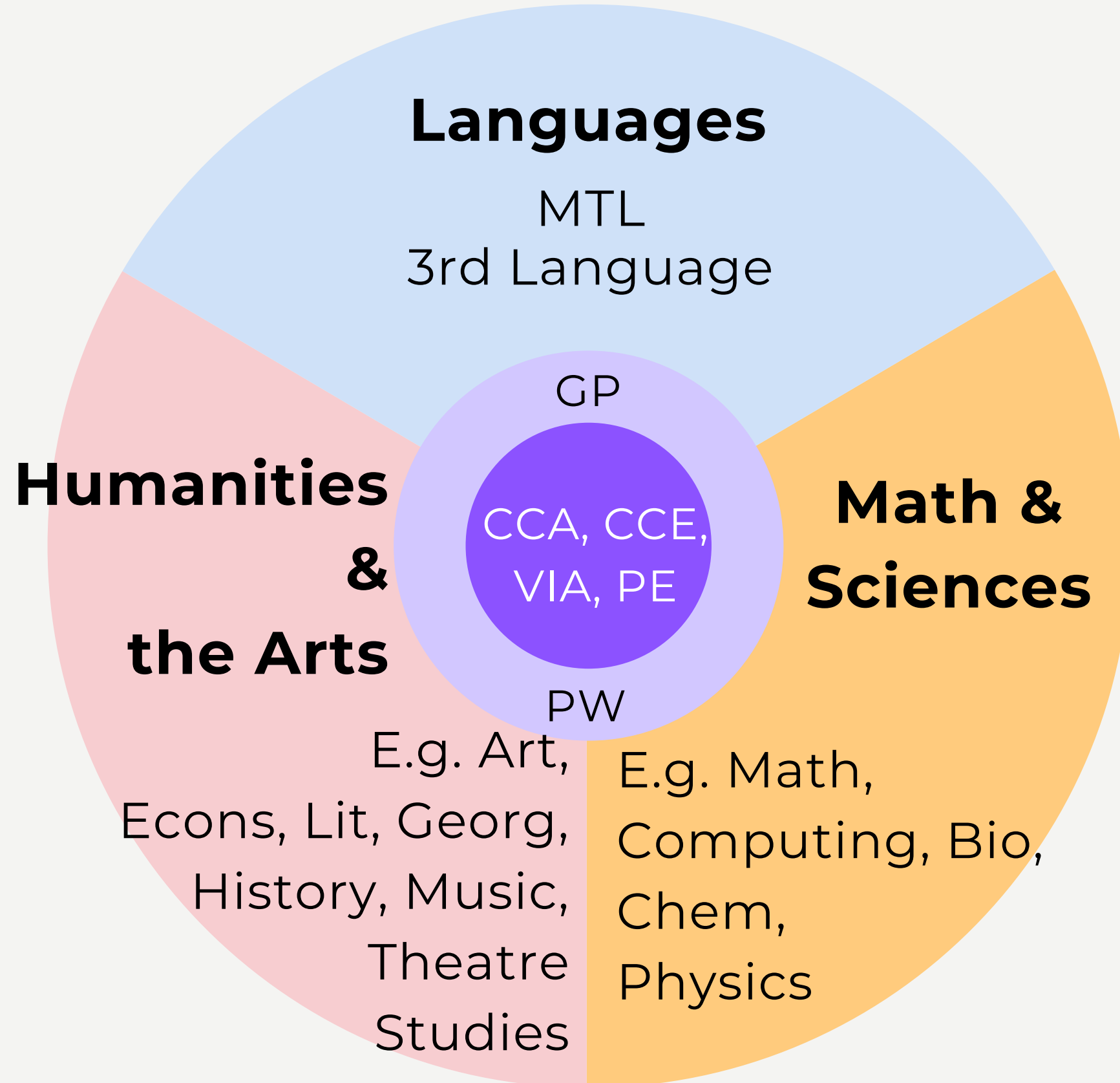
- About **1 in 3 poly grads** matriculate at universities here, up from around one in four in 2015.
- Around **8,000** polytechnic graduates were admitted to the six universities in 2024, making up more than 40 per cent of the intake.
- There is **no quota** on the number of places given to polytechnic graduates.

Source: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/more-spore-university-places-likely-for-fresh-school-leavers-and-adult-learners-in-2025>

Junior College (JC) / Millennial Institute (MI)

**A-Level curriculum
focuses on 3 areas:**

- Life Skills
- Knowledge Skills
- Subject Disciplines



JC/MI: Typical Subject Combination

Content-Based Subjects

At least one subject is from a contrasting discipline

3 H2 + 1 H1

OR

4 H2

General Paper (GP)
Project Work (PW)
Mother Tongue (MT)*

**3 Compulsory
H1 Subjects**

* Exempted if student scored at least D7 for Higher MT at O levels

Contrasting Subject

Mathematics & Sciences

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Computing

Contrasting

Humanities & Arts

- Economics
- History (EL/CL)
- Geography
- Literature
- Music
- Art
- Theatre Studies & Drama
- English Lang & Linguistics
- CL/ML/TL Lang & Lit
- China Studies (EL/CL)

Note: Not all subjects are offered in all JCs

Junior College (JC)

L1R5 ≤ 20 (before bonus points)

L1R5	Subjects
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue Language
R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Math or Science
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Math or Science
R4, R5	Any 2 best-scoring subjects (except Religious Knowledge)

Millennial Institute (MI)

L1R4 ≤ 20 (before bonus points)

L1R4	Subjects
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue Language
R1, R2	Any 2 best-scoring subject from Humanities, Math or Science
R3, R4	Any 2 best-scoring subjects except Religious Knowledge

Meet grade requirements for these specific subjects

Subject	Grade Requirement
English	A1 to C6
E Math or A Math	A1 to D7
Mother Tongue Language	MTL or MTL-in-lieu: A1 to D7 Higher MTL: A1 to E8 'B' Syllabus: Merit or Pass

JC & MI – Bonus Points

Maximum of 4 bonus points from a combination of any of these types:

Type of bonus points	No. of bonus points
CCA Grade – Excellent	2
CCA Grade – Good	1
EL and Higher Mother Tongue Language Grade • A1 to C6	2
Chinese (Special Programmes) or Malay (Special Programmes) or Bahasa Indonesia Grade • A1 to C6	2
Affiliated JC • Selected as your 1st choice (bonus points only apply to this choice) • Selected as your 1st and 2nd choice (bonus points only apply to these 2 choices) <i>Bonus points would not be applied for your remaining choices.</i>	2

Additional 2 bonus points if you have applied and got selected for one of the following programmes at a JC:

Chinese Language Elective Programme, Malay Language Elective Programme, Tamil Language Elective Programme

Aptitude Based Admissions

- ITE Early Admission Exercise
- Poly Early Admission Exercise
- Direct School Admission-JC



ITE Early Admission Exercise

- Opportunity to secure a place in ITE course based on **aptitude and interests**
- Assessed through different modes, **e.g. interviews, aptitude tests**, depending on the course applied for

How to Apply?

On the [ITE EAE portal](#), select up to 3 choices in order of preference, and submit a write-up:

- 100 words
 - Why do you want to apply for the course?
- Supporting documents relevant to the information provided in the write-up

ITE EAE Timeline

(Actual dates yet to be released. Based on 2025 dates)



- Apply via the ITE EAE portal
- 3 choices in order of preference, one write-up for each course

- Interview
- Portfolio
- Aptitude Test

Poly Early Admission Exercise



- Opportunity to secure a place in the Polytechnic, based on **interests and aptitude**
- Select up to **3 choices** in order of preference, and submit **write-ups**:
 - 1. 600 characters - compulsory**
 - To show aptitude and interest in the course
 - 2. 1000 characters - optional but highly recommended**
 - To include other achievements and talents
- Submit **portfolio and relevant documents**, if required
- Undergo **interviews and aptitude tests**, if shortlisted

Poly EAE Timeline

(Actual dates yet to be released. Based on 2025 dates)



Early Admission Exercises



Tips on supporting your child

Research with your child

CourseFinder

ITE / Poly Websites

EAE Assessment Criteria

University Websites

MySkillsFuture Portal

Discussion points:

- Reasons for choosing the course
- Evidence of related activities
- Next steps after ITE / Poly
- Purpose, long-term goals, career aspirations
- Possible further education course and requirements
- What exactly will they be learning
- Strengths & weaknesses (with examples)

Direct School Admission-JC



- Apply through individual JC's website - based on student's **talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas** that may not be demonstrated at the O-Level examinations.
- Submit **personal statement, portfolio, school results and CCA records** etc if required.
- Undergo **selections and interviews**, if shortlisted.
- Different JCs have different DSA domains, timelines and requirements.

Direct School Admission-JC

*(Actual dates yet to be released.
Based on 2025 dates)*

Students may cancel their Phase 1 acceptance during this stage if they wish to accept a Phase 2 offer.

PHASE 1 - ALL SCHOOLS



***Participating schools: ASRJC, ACJC, CJC, JPJC, NYJC, SSP, SAJC, TMJC, YIJC**

You can still apply for a school in Phase 2 if you:

1. Missed the Phase 1 application.
2. Did not receive an offer after your Phase 1 application.

PHASE 2 - 9 SCHOOLS*



Each school will have **its own deadline** for applications. Check schools' websites for details.

Direct School Admission-JC



Tips on supporting your child

Research with your child

SchoolFinder

JC Websites

DSA Application Requirements

University Websites

MySkillsFuture Portal

Discussion points:

- Reasons for choosing the school
- Does the school have the subject combination your child is interested in?
- Will your child be able to cope with the demand of the DSA domain and academics?
- Evidence of their pursuit of the DSA domain
- Purpose, long-term goals, career aspirations
- Possible university courses and requirements

Things to note for aptitude admission exercises

May participate in DSA-JC, Poly EAE & ITE EAE concurrently but can only accept one offer

DSA-JC

- Offer is conditional. Need to meet JC eligibility requirements of L1R5 \leq 20 and subject requirements

Poly EAE

- Only one Poly course offer will be given
- Offer is conditional. Need to meet eligibility requirements of EL2R2B2 of \leq 26 points and minimum entry requirements of the course

ITE EAE

- Only one ITE course offer will be given
- Offer is conditional. Need to meet minimum entry requirements of the course

- Students whose conditional offers are confirmed are **not allowed to transfer** schools/switch courses or participate in the Joint Admission Exercise.
- Sec 4NA students who accepted their ITE EAE offer and are eligible after N-level exams **can still proceed to apply for DPP, PFP or Sec 5.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS





What other support is available to help students learn more about post-secondary institutions and aptitude-based applications?











Upcoming ECG Programmes for Sec 4

- ECG Cluster Day: 9 March
- Learning Fest: 10 – 12 March
- DSA / EAE Prep Workshop coming up in April 2026
- Make an appointment to speak to the ECG Counsellor

What are some important skills for future careers?



Top 10 skills on the rise

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1.  Creative thinking | 6.  Systems thinking |
| 2.  Analytical thinking | 7.  AI and big data |
| 3.  Technological literacy | 8.  Motivation and self-awareness |
| 4.  Curiosity and lifelong learning | 9.  Talent management |
| 5.  Resilience, flexibility and agility | 10.  Service orientation and customer service |

Type of skill

 Cognitive skills  Self-efficacy  Management skills  Technology skills  Working with others  Engagement skills

Source

World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Report 2023.

Note

The skills judged to be increasing in importance most rapidly between 2023 and 2027



JC or Poly? Which is more suitable?

	A Level	Diploma
Learning style	Highly structured environment, in-depth subject content mastery	Applied learning, industry exposure
Focus	Range of subjects	In a specialised area
Assessment	A Level Exam	Continuous assessment

Have a two-way conversation with them using the 3 ECG questions

Who am I?

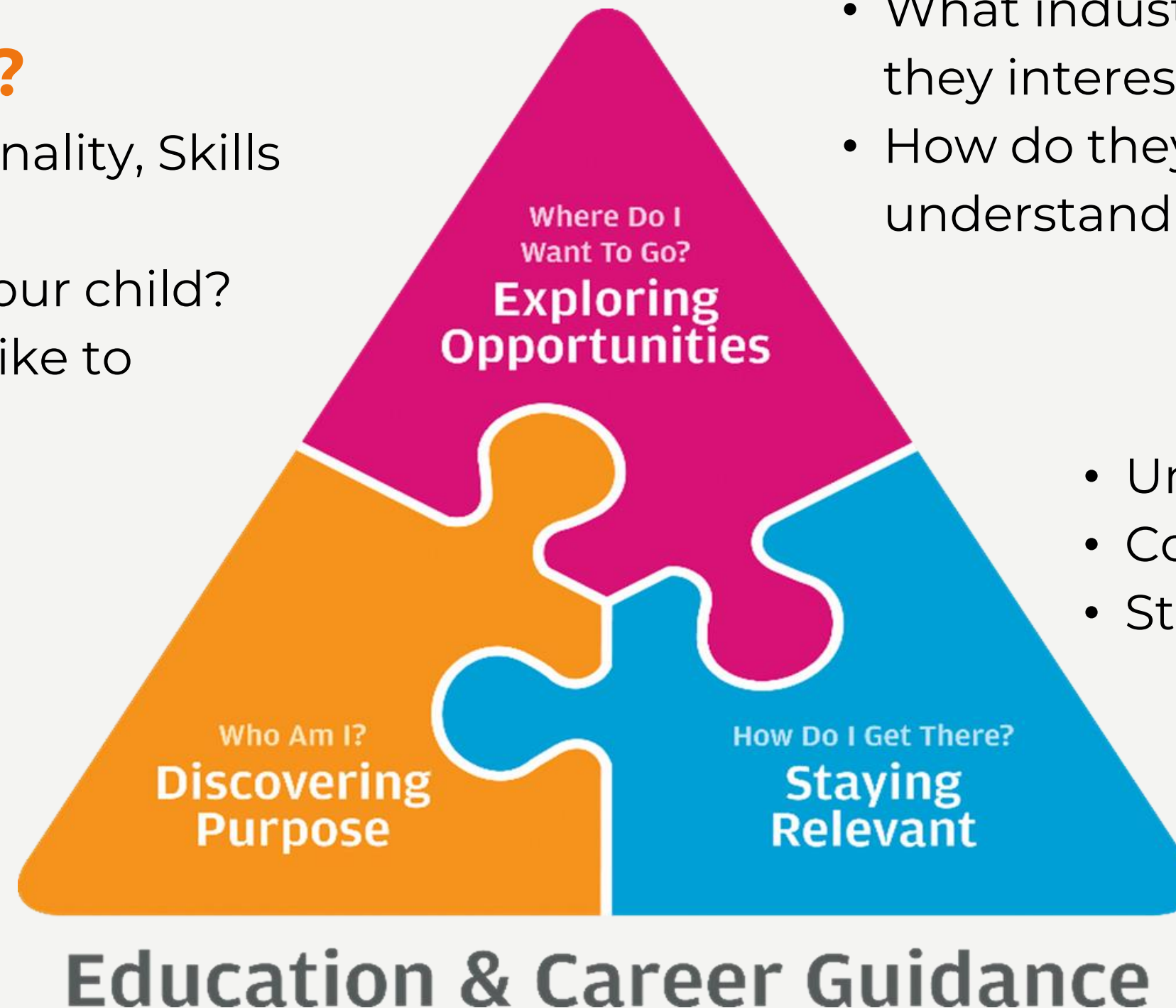
- Values, Interests, Personality, Skills and Strengths
- What is important to your child?
- How would your child like to contribute to society?

Where do I want to go?

- What industries and careers are they interested in?
- How do they align with their self-understanding?

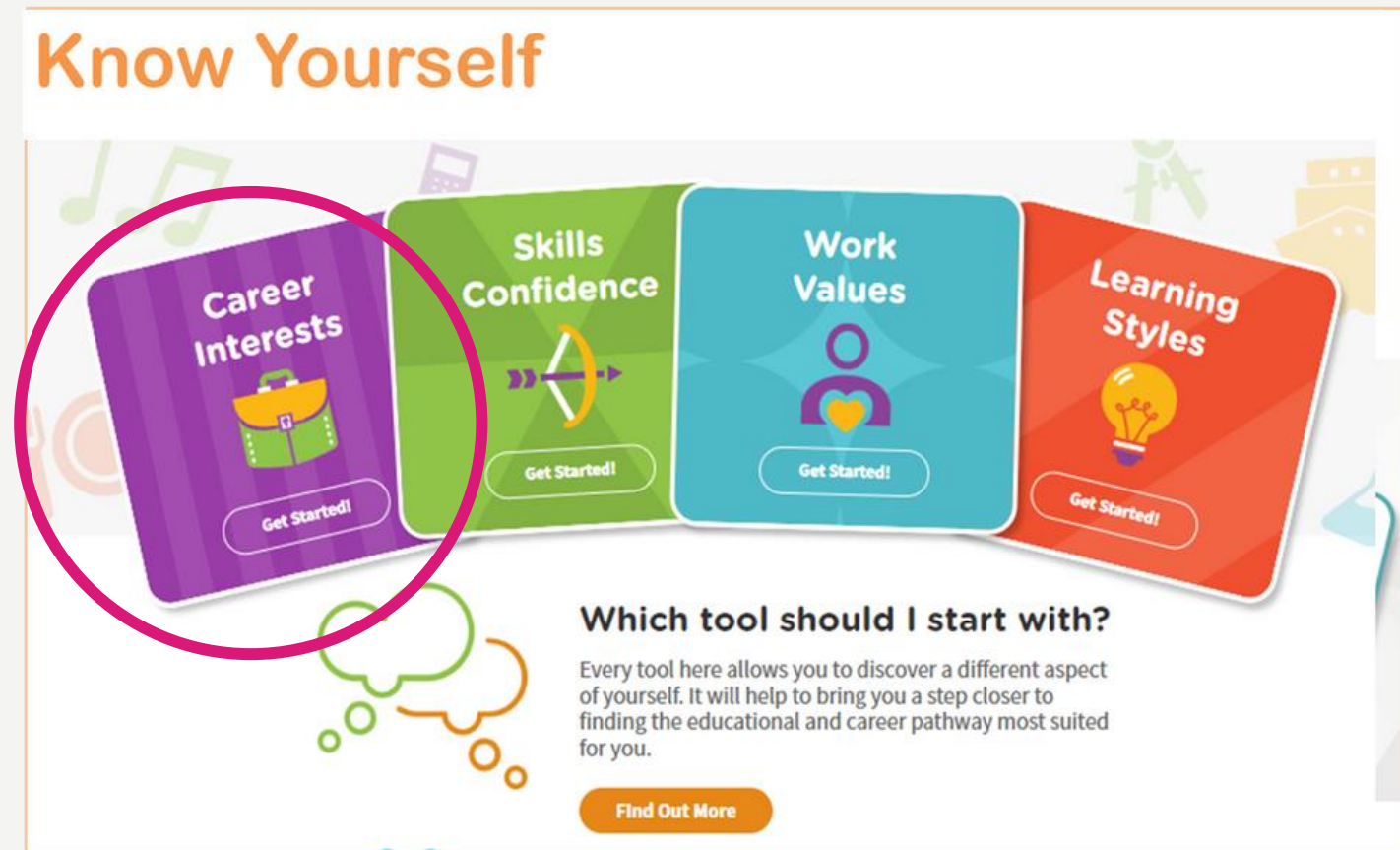
How do I get there?

- Understand the requirements
- Consider gaps
- Stay open-minded and adaptable!



Use tools to facilitate self-understanding

MYSKILLSFUTURE STUDENT PORTAL - Career Interest Profiling Tool



- RIASEC Code: Top 3 dominant interests
- Use this to discover interests and preferences
- Explore possible roles and industries



go.gov.sg/mysfsec

Not a decision-making tool or a prediction of one's future.
Use these tools to facilitate discussion and exploration!

If they have a pathway and/or career in mind, what are the requirements to get there?

E.g. Subject Requirements: JC to NUS

Dentistry/Medicine

H2 pass in Chemistry **AND** either Biology or Physics

Food Science and Technology

H2 pass in **ANY TWO** of the following: Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Computing, Mathematics or Further Mathematics

Pharmacy/pharm science

Very good pass in H2 Chemistry **AND** very good pass in H2 Biology, Physics, Mathematics or Further Mathematics

Please refer to universities' websites for their requirements.

If they have a pathway and/or career in mind, what are the requirements to get there?

E.g. Medicine: Singapore Poly to Nus

Single Degree Programme	Acceptable Diplomas from Singapore Poly	Selection Test/Interview
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Chemistry• Biomedical Science• Biotechnology• Chemical Engineering• Food Science & Technology• Materials Science• ... and more <p><i>Applicants applying for Medicine need to submit a portfolio to NUS Medicine Admissions Portal after completing their undergraduate admissions application.</i></p>	Yes

In summary, encourage your child to...

- 1) Consider their **interests and strengths** and whether the school and course they are interested in align with them
- 2) If there isn't a course that directly fits their interest, think about **courses that are similar in scope** to it or those that could help you springboard into the area
- 3) **Speak to different people**, including teachers, ECG counsellor or seniors who have gone through a similar decision-making process
- 4) If they are considering Early Admission Exercise, **prepare for it early**
- 5) Attend **open houses** to get a sense of the schools they are interested in

Useful Resources

SCHOOLFINDER



Find JC/MI info such as contact details, JAE aggregate score range, subjects offered.

www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder

COURSEFINDER



Explore polytechnic & ITE courses based on aggregate type and area of interest

www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder

Useful Resources

COURSES OFFERED IN 2026 JAE



Full listing of courses offered in
2026 Joint Admission Exercise
(For 2025 O-Level cohort)

<https://go.gov.sg/jae-fullcourses-2026>

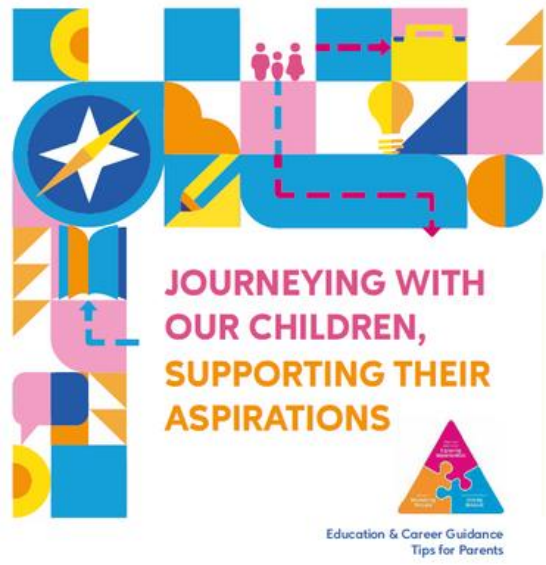
Consolidated Post- Secondary Pathways



Scan to find out more about the
eligibility criteria of the various
pathways.

<https://go.gov.sg/pathways-nov2025>

Useful Resources



This parent resource contains tips and advice on ECG and suggests how parents can support their children throughout their key education stages.

<https://go.gov.sg/tips-for-parents>

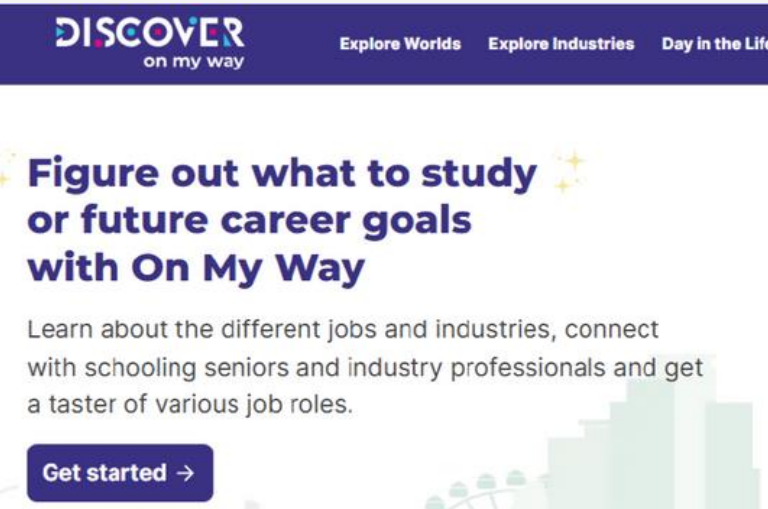


Leverage the Education Guide and profiling tools in the MySkillsFuture portal to help your children plan their next step forward after their secondary education.

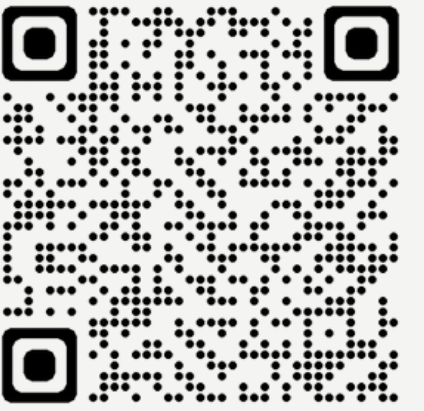
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Accurate as of 6 Feb 2026



Learn more about the different jobs and industries.
<https://discover.nyc.gov.sg/>



Book a consultation with **ECG Counsellor**

Ms Belinda Teo

When: Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Level 2, Guidance@Fairfield

Scan QR code to book appointment or go to

<https://go.gov.sg/book-ecg-fmss>

