

CHANGES TO THE POLYTECHNIC FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (PFP) STARTING FROM 2026 INTAKE

The PFP is a one-year diploma-specific programme that offers eligible 'N' Level (Academic) students a practice-based preparatory pathway to a polytechnic education. From the Academic Year (AY) 2026 intake onwards, the PFP will be restructured to a cluster-based programme. Instead of entering PFP for a specific diploma, you will gain admission to the PFP in 3 broad clusters:

- Sciences
- Humanities, Art, Media and Business (HAMB)
- Design, Engineering and Technology (DET)

After PFP, students will be posted to a specific diploma course within the cluster based on their choices and PFP results.



CLUSTER-BASED PROGRAMME

Design, Engineering and Technology (DET) Cluster		
Aeronautical Engineering	Computer Engineering	Interior Design
Aerospace Electronics	Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics	Landscape Architecture
Applied AI & Analytics	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Marine Engineering
Architecture	Engineering with Business	Maritime Business
Civil Engineering	Facilities Management	Mechanical Engineering
Common Engineering Programme	Information Technology	Mechatronics & Robotics
Common ICT Programme	Integrated Events & Project Management	Nautical Studies*

*Diploma in Nautical Studies (DNS) students will have to go through medical tests and interviews during their PFP year.

Sciences Cluster		
Applied Chemistry	Common Science Programme	Optometry
Biomedical Science	Food Science Technology	Perfumery & Cosmetic Science
Chemical Engineering		

Humanities, Art, Media and Business (HAMB) Cluster		
Accountancy	Business Administration	Human Resource Management with Psychology
Banking & Finance	Common Business Programme	Media, Arts & Design

- Information up to date as of Feb 2025
- For more information on Full Subject-Based Banding and the PFP restructure, visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/pfp-2026-intake>

PFP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (AY2026 INTAKE)

- Sat for GCE 'N'-Level examination in the preceding year as a Secondary 4N(A) school candidate
- Obtained a raw ELMAB3 (English, Mathematics, Best 3 subjects) aggregate score of 12 points or better, excluding CCA bonus points
- Met the following subject-specific requirements:

N-Level Subjects		Grade Requirement
English Language Syllabus A		3
Mathematics Syllabus A/ Additional Mathematics		3
One of the following relevant subjects:		3
<i>Sciences Cluster and DET Cluster:</i>	<i>HAMB Cluster:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design & Technology Food & Nutrition / Nutrition & Food Science Science (Chemistry, Biology) Science (Physics, Biology) Science (Physics, Chemistry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Geography History Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) Humanities (Social Studies, History) Humanities (Social Studies, Literature in English) Literature in English Principles of Accounts 	
Any two other subjects excluding CCA*		4

*CCA points will be considered in the posting to a course

PFP@SP CURRICULUM

SP's PFP curriculum differs based on the 3 clusters:

Module Type	Module Type	Total Hours	Weekly Hours
Either DET/Sciences/HAMB Cluster			
Design, Engineering & Technology (DET) Cluster	Fundamentals of Innovation by Design	60	9
	Fundamentals of Digital Skills	60	
	Physics in Daily Life	75	
	Fundamentals of Project Management	75	
Sciences Cluster	Cell Biology & Microbiology	60	9
	Fundamentals of Digital Skills	60	
	Principles of Chemistry	75	
	Physics in Daily Life	75	
Humanities, Art, Media & Business (HAMB) Cluster	Fundamentals of Business	120	9
	Fundamentals of Digital Skills	60	
	Introduction to Media	45	
	Fundamentals of Psychology	45	
AND Common Modules			
Common Modules	English Language & Communication	210	18
	Foundation Mathematics	180	
	Essential Life Skills	90	
	Health & Fitness	60	
Total		810	27