Supporting Your Child's Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Journey

For Parents of Sec 3 PL-lites

By Ms Priscilla Chong, ECG Counsellor

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Overview of today's sharing

1. Supporting our students through ECG

2. Available Pathways (use of MOE CourseFinder)

3. Common questions that your child may have

4. Tips and Resources for Parents to support your child's ECG journey

1. Supporting our Students through ECG

What is ECG ?

3 ECG Questions

Who am I?	Where do I want to go?	How do I get there?

ECG Goals

Discovering Purpose	Exploring Opportunities	Staying Relevant

21CC Outcomes

- Self-directed & Lifelong Learner
- Adaptable & Confident Person
- Active Contributor

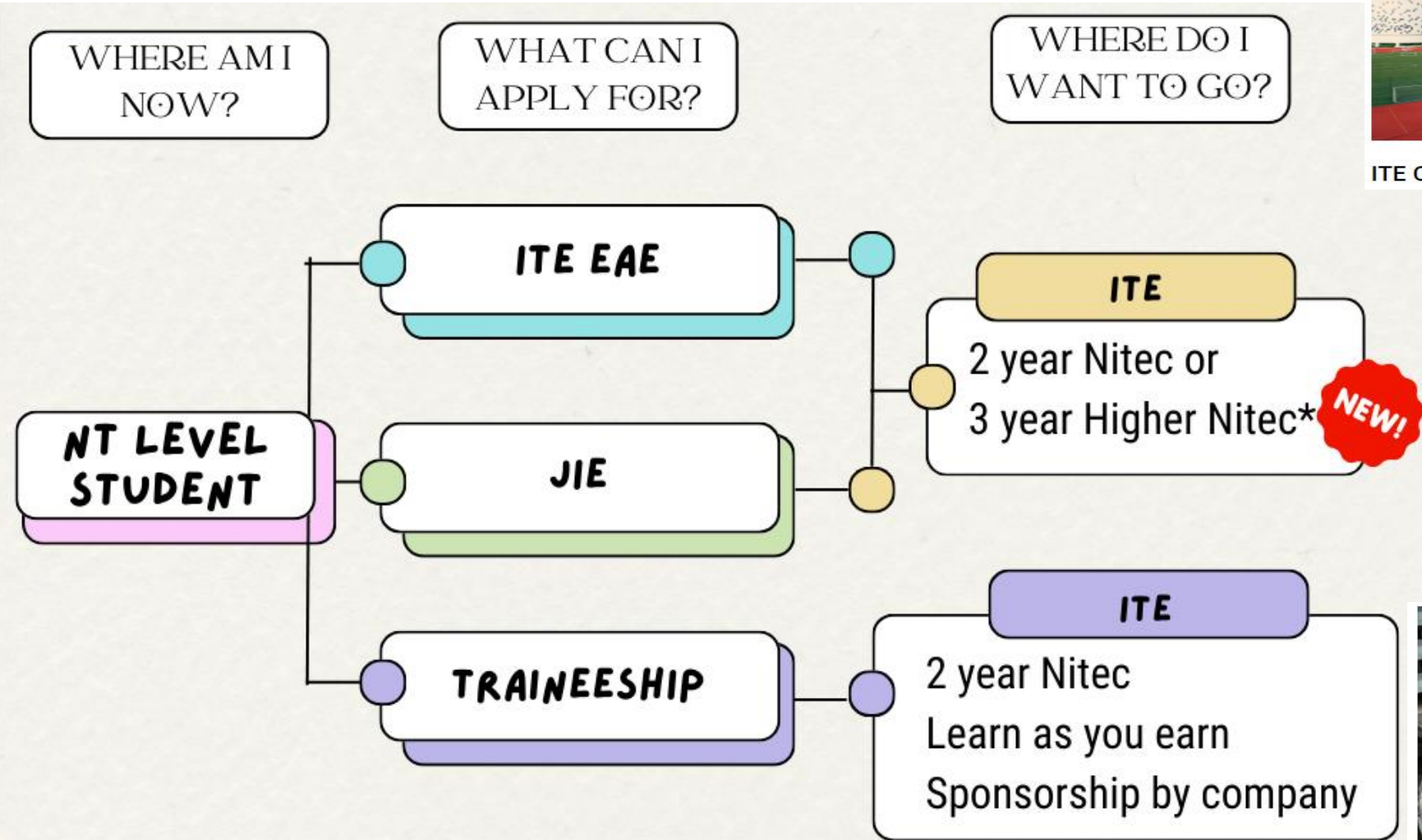# 2. Available Pathways (use of MOE CourseFinder)

Post N(T) level Pathways
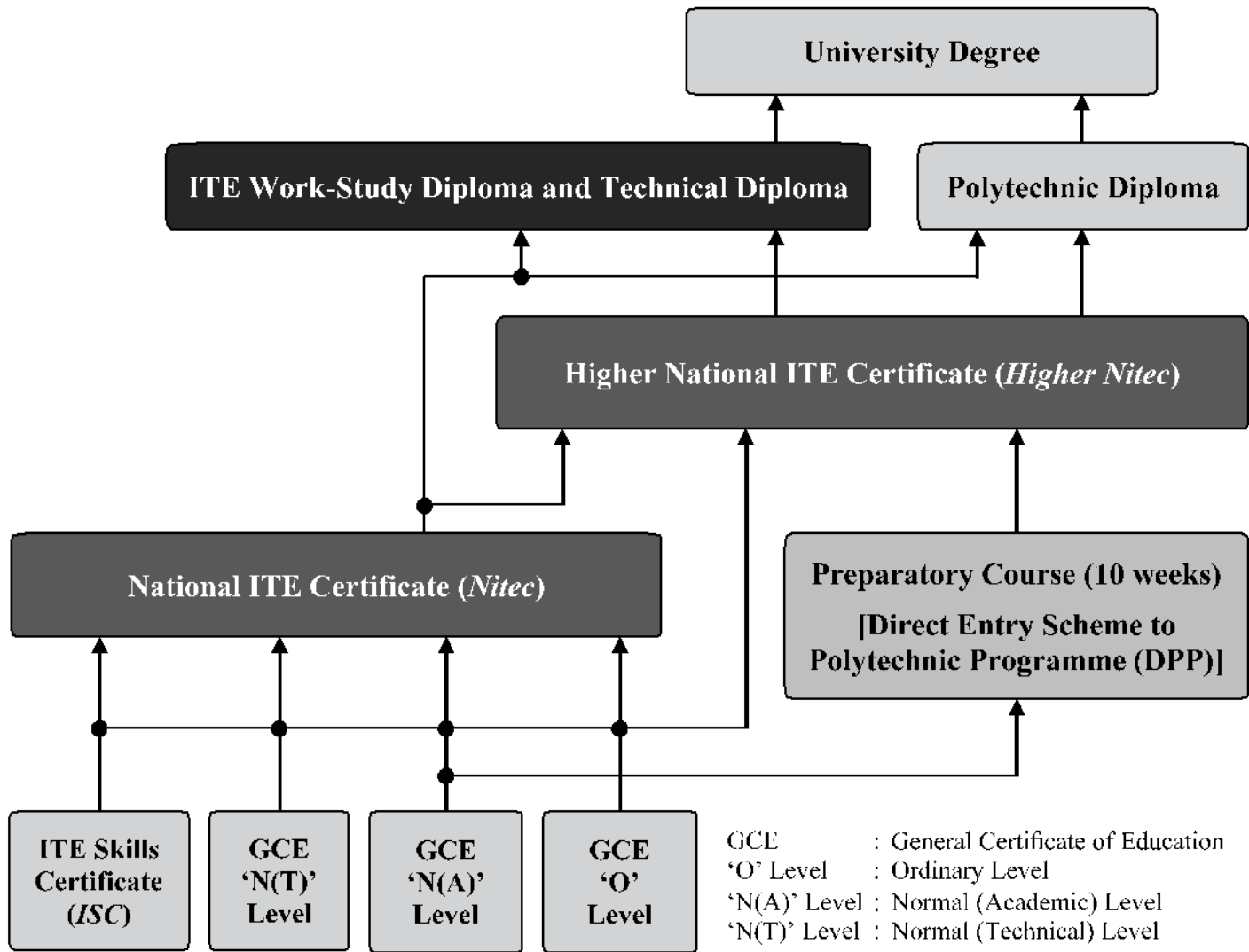

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ITE College West

ITE College East

WHERE AM I NOW?

WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR?

WHERE DO I WANT TO GO?

NT LEVEL STUDENT

ITE EAE

JIE

ITE
2 year Nitec or
3 year Higher Nitec* NEW!

TRAINEESHIP

ITE
2 year Nitec
Learn as you earn
Sponsorship by company

*By AY2026, all 2-year Nitec courses will be streamlined
into a 3 year Higher Nitec Programme under the enhanced ITE Curriculum.

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University Degree

ITE Work-Study Diploma and Technical Diploma

Polytechnic Diploma

Higher National ITE Certificate (*Higher Nitec*)

National ITE Certificate (*Nitec*)

Preparatory Course (10 weeks)

[Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)]

ITE Skills Certificate (*ISC*)

GCE 'N(T)' Level

GCE 'N(A)' Level

GCE 'O' Level

GCE : General Certificate of Education
'O' Level : Ordinary Level
'N(A)' Level : Normal (Academic) Level
'N(T)' Level : Normal (Technical) Level

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Education Pathways for Sec 4NA

PFP Polytechnic Foundation Programme	DPP Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme	Sec 5N GCE 'O' Level	3-year Higher Nitec ITE Courses	NAFA NAFA Foundation Programme
ELMAB3 ≤ 12 (5 Subjects) Must meet subject criteria	**ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (5 Subjects)** Must meet subject criteria	**ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (5 Subjects)**	**Best 4 N-Level (4 Subjects)**	**ELMAB3 ≤ 15 (5 Subjects)**
Polytechnic 1 yr Foundation (in Poly) + 3 yrs Diploma	**ITE** 10-week preparatory prog + 2 yrs Higher Nitec	**Sec School** 1 yr O-Level	**ITE** 3 yrs Higher Nitec	**NAFA** 1 yr Foundation (in NAFA) + Diploma
	GPA ≥ 2.5 or GPA ≥ 3.0			
	Polytechnic 2-3 yrs Diploma	**Various** ITE / JC / Poly / Arts Institution	**Polytechnic** 2-3 yrs Diploma	

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O-LEVEL PATHWAYS

JC/MI

- **JC: L1R5 ≤ 20**
- **MI: L1R4 ≤ 20**
- Posting by merit is based on:
  JC: Net L1R5 / MI: Net L1R4
- Meet Subject Requirements for JC/MI admission:

Subject	Requirement
Eng Lang	A1 to C6
Mother Tongue	A1 to D7
Higher MT	A1 to E8
MT Syllabus 'B'	Merit or Pass
Math/A Math	A1 to D7

Students who do not meet the subject requirements may still be eligible for conditional admission to JC/MI, subject to other requirements.

LASALLE/NAFA

LASALLE
- **4 GCE O-Level subjects, excluding English ≤ 25**
- English - Grade C6 or better

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
- **4 GCE O-Level subjects, excluding English ≤ 25**
- English – D7 or better for Dance and Music courses, and C6 or better for all other courses

*Students should submit their applications directly to these institutions.

O-LEVEL STUDENT

POLYTECHNIC

- **Net ELR2B2-A/B/C/D ≤ 26**
  (except **Diploma in Nursing ≤ 28**)
- Meet Minimum Entry Requirements (MER) of the course selected
- Posting by merit is based on:
  Net ELR2B2-A/B/C/D, depending on the course selected
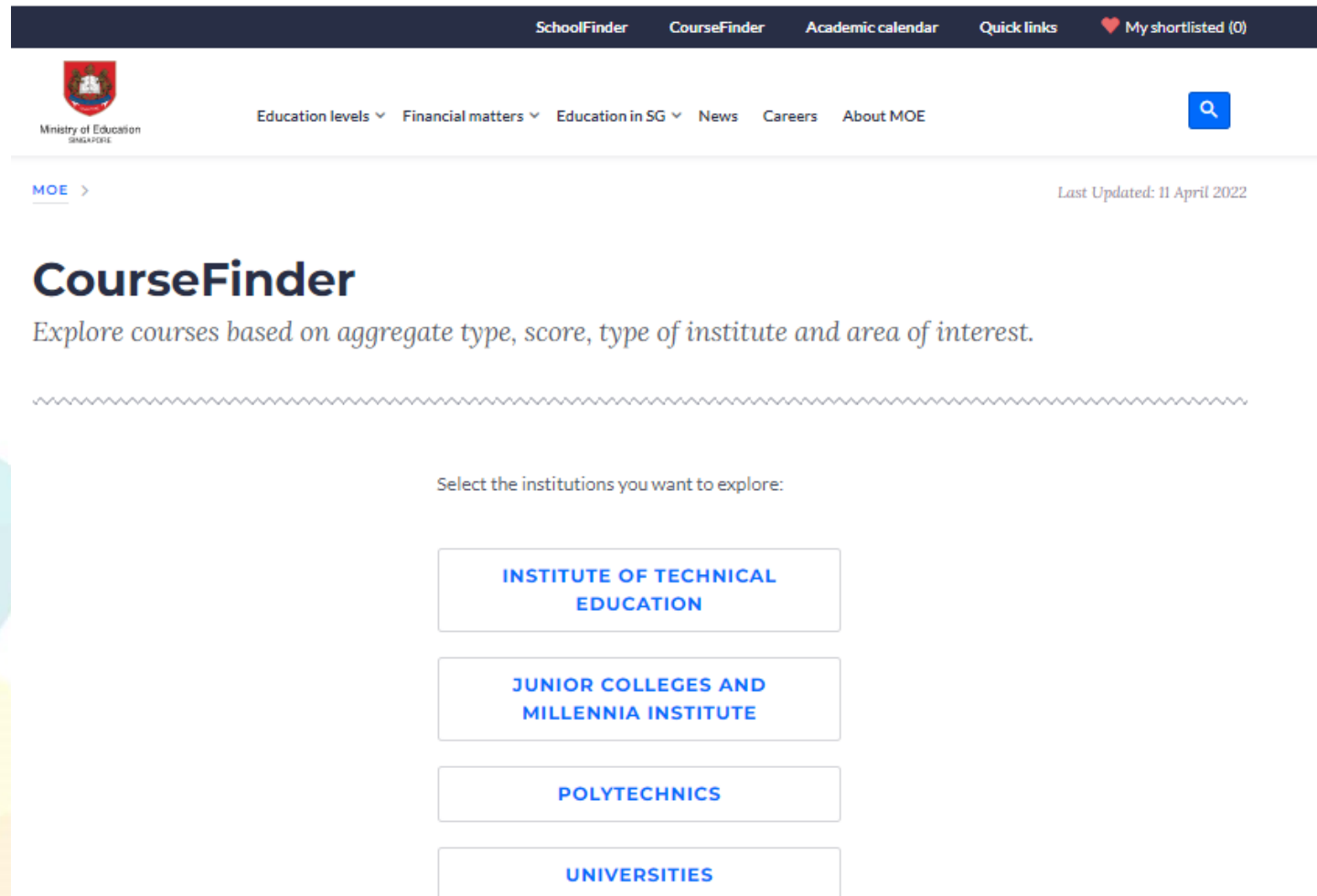
ITE 2-YEAR HIGHER NITEC

- **Meet Minimum Entry Requirements (MER) of the course selected**
- Posting by merit is based on:
  Net ELB4-A, ELR1B3-B, ELR2B2-C, depending on the course selected

*There are 3-year Higher Nitec Courses available.

Please refer to the MOE JAE Portal for details. In case of discrepancy, information in the MOE JAE Portal and/or relevant website(s) shall prevail.

A useful resource: MOE CourseFinder

https://go.gov.sg/moe-coursefinder

- *Live demonstration by ECGC*

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3. Common Questions your child may have

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Common Questions Your Child May Have

Sec 3 PL-lite

"ITE Full time studies or Traineeship?"

"PFP, DPP or Sec 5?"

"A-Levels or Poly or IBDP?"

What is EAE and how can I prepare for it?

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Qn:
"ITE Full-time studies or Traineeship?"

Singapore

New ITE curriculum from 2022 to let students get Higher Nitec in 3 years instead of 4 years

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The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) will introduce a new curriculum that allows its students to achieve a Higher Nitec (Higher National ITE Certificate) in three years instead of four. Melissa Goh and Tan Si Hui with the...see more
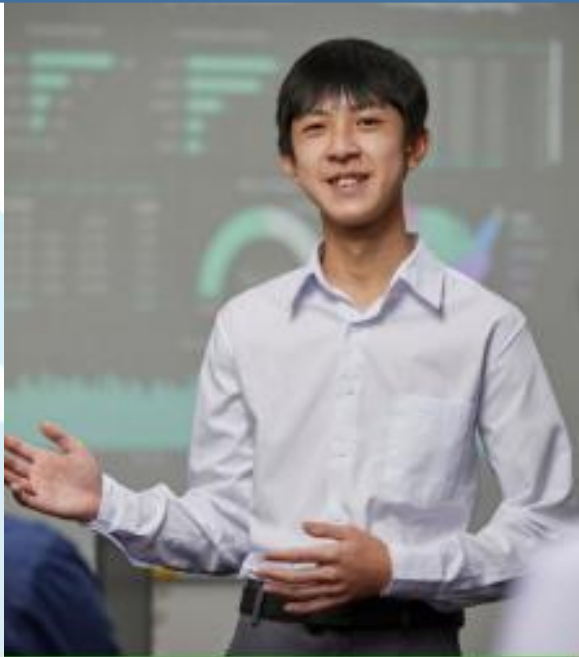
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3-YEAR PATHWAY LEADING TO *HIGHER NITEC*
*Streamlined curriculum and integrated Industry Attachments (IA)
for deeper work-ready skills and future upgrading*

Year 3
- **Career Specialisation modules** for continued deeper learning
- **6-month IA** that builds on previous IA experience in Year 2, and develops stronger workplace competencies

Year 2
- **Cluster Specialisation modules** for deeper learning
- **3-month IA** to experience authentic workplace learning

Year 1
- **Broad-based Foundation modules** to expose students to fundamental skills needed for the relevant industry sector

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2023 (11 courses)

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- AI Applications
- Data Engineering
- Immersive Applications & Game

2024 (25 courses)

+

- Biochemical Technology
- Applied Food Science
- Chemical Process Technology
- Nursing
- Community Care & Social Services
- Opticianry
- Human Resource & Financial Services
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management
- Tourism
- Retail & Online Business
- Event Management
- Passenger Services
- Beauty & Wellness Management
- Hairdressing & Salon Management

2022 (8 courses)

- Accounting
- Sport Management
- Electronics Engineering
- Security System Integration
- IT Systems & Networks
- Cyber & Network Security
- Business Information Systems
- IT Applications Development

Progressive Implementation towards 2026...

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Courses that offer Traineeship (2024)

AUTOMOTIVE
07 *Nitec* in Automotive Technology

BEAUTY & WELLNESS
08 *Nitec* in Beauty & Wellness
09 *Nitec* in Hair Fashion & Design

BUILDING SERVICES
10 *Nitec* in Built Environment (Mechanical & Electrical Services)

BUSINESS & SERVICES
11 *Nitec* in Business Services
12 *Nitec* in Retail Services
13 *Higher Nitec* in Service Management

HEALTH CARE
14 ITE Skills Certificate (ISC) in Health Care (Home Care)
14 *Nitec* in Dental Assisting
15 *Nitec* in Dental Technology

HOSPITALITY
16 *Nitec* in Hospitality Operations

MARINE FABRICATION
17 *Nitec* in Fabrication Technology (Hull & Structures)
17 *Nitec* in Fabrication Technology (Marine Pipe)
18 *Nitec* in Marine Technology
18 *Nitec* in Marine Electrical Technology

Qn:
"*PFP, DPP or Sec 5?*"
(for students in NA stream)

What is the Poly Foundation Programme (PFP)?

- **One- Year** Foundation Programme that prepares well-performing Sec 4N(A) students for progression into respective polytechnic diploma courses.

- Practice-oriented curriculum taught by polytechnic lecturers

- **Alternative** to Sec 5

- Students must **pass all PFP modules** in order to progress to their respective diploma courses.

- Offered by all **5 Polys**

What is the
Direct Entry Scheme to Diploma Programme (DPP)?

- The DPP prepares Secondary 4 N(A) students **for progression into selected polytechnic diploma courses <u>without</u> going through the O-Levels** via a **<u>2-year Higher Nitec</u> programme at the ITE.**

- Under the DPP, students who successfully complete their Higher Nitec course and attain the minimum qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) are **<u>guaranteed a place</u> in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to their Higher Nitec course.**

- Applicants may choose up to 12 choices

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Question
A-Levels or Poly?

A Levels vs Poly

	'A' Levels	Poly Diploma
Overview	• **2-year** (3-year MI) curriculum emphasising **depth** within each subject discipline	• **3-year** curriculum emphasising **practical-based learning**
Purpose	• Prepares one for **university**	• Prepares one for **work and university**
Curriculum	• **7 subjects: 3 H2 & 1 H1/H2 subjects _(with at least 1 contrasting subject)_** • **Core H1s :** GP, PW, MTL	• **25-30 bite-sized modules** specific to your course of study • Industry Attachment
Assessment & Grading	• **Exam Format** JC1: MTL (external), PW (internal) JC2: 3H2, 1H1 & GP • **Letter Grade System** H1 & H2: A-E, S, U (with each grade allocated a fixed Uni Admission score, and H1 sub half of H2 scores) Max Score: 70 (based on 3H2 & 1H1)	• **Modular Assessment** based on quiz, written exams, group projects, assignments, presentations, final year project. • **Grade Point Average(GPA)** accumulated over the 3 years Max GPA: 4

Is A Levels Or Poly more suitable for your child?

'A' Levels	Poly Diploma
Interested in a **broad range of academic subjects** and like to **delve deep** into individual subject **before deciding on a specialisation**.	Interested about **a specific area** related to her **career aspiration**. Ready to **specialise**.
Prefer learning that is more **conceptual** and **theoretical** (lecture-tutorial based).	Prefer to learn in a more **applied** manner where there is **direct relevance between study and work.**
Prefer a **structured** time table.	Prefer to have **freedom** to decide how to plan and use her time.
Prefer the **regiment and routine** in a school setting.	Prefer to be treated like a **self-directed** young adult.
Prefer to **work on her own** other than PW Prefer to stay with the **same group of people** throughout the school years.	Prefer to **work on projects** and with **different people.**
Able to do well under **exam format**	Able to do well **consistently** under the **cumulative GPA**

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Question
A-Levels or IBDP?

A Levels **VS** IB Diploma

	'A' Levels	**IB Diploma**
Overview	• 2- year (3-year MI) curriculum emphasising **depth** within each subject discipline	• 2-year curriculum emphasising **breadth** across a **wider** range of subjects
Subject Coverage	• **4 Content Subjects:** Languages, Humanities & the Arts, Mathematics & Sciences • **Knowledge Skills:** GP/ KI, PW • CCA	• **6 Disciplines:** English & Literature; Other Language; Individual & Societies; Experimental Science; Mathematics; the Arts • **3 Core Requirements:** ToK, EE, CAS
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Is A-Levels or IBDP Suitable for your Child?

A Levels	IB Diploma
• Prefer to study in **depth** the 3 or 4 academic subjects that she has strong interest & aptitude in	• Interest in **many disciplines** – Prefer **breadth** rather than in-depth study across more disciplines
• Prefer a **discrete** *(distinct & separate)* type of education	• Want to have an international understanding & **holistic** education
• **Know the broad direction** she wants to go further into (e.g. Science or Arts)	• **Strong command of the English Language**; more of an **all-rounder**
• Prefer **exam format**, a pragmatic test of academic ability	• Prefer the format of **internal and external assessments** • Keen to develop **strong learning skills** like inquiry, philosophical thinking, creative, oral presentation & critical thinking skills

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Qn:
"What is EAE and how can I start preparing for it?"

Jump-starting her career: How teen lands dream poly course even before her O-level exams

Through the Early Admissions Exercise, she is now building a strong educational foundation at Republic Polytechnic

While most people of her age are just starting to think about their future careers, this teenager is already paving the path towards her dream job of becoming a video game concept artist. When she was in Secondary 2, Siti Nur Khadijah set her sights on pursuing her passion in video games and art, and decided that she wanted apply for a diploma course at Republic Polytechnic (RP) via the Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) in her graduating year.

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Recognising all-rounded students

The EAE is an admissions exercise that lets students apply and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnic courses prior to receiving their final exam grades. Applicants are evaluated based on their aptitude and interests, thus

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What is Early Admissions Exercise (EAE)?

- An **aptitude-based admissions exercise** that allows students to apply for and receive *conditional* offers for admission to Polytechnics OR ITE courses **prior** to receiving their O or N level results.

- It allows the polytechnics and ITE greater flexibility to select and **admit students based on their aptitudes and interests, apart from academic grades**, thus allowing a wider range of talents to be recognized.

How can I start preparing for Poly/ITE Early Admissions Exercise?

1. Personal Statement Write-up

[600 characters for Poly; 100 words for ITE] → Based on your Interests, Evidence and Aspirations

2. Portfolio Building

3. Interviews

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- E-portfolio samples from PL alumni who were successful in EAE application
- Please make an appointment with our ECG counsellor for guidance.

What is DSA (JC)?

- Direct School Admission(DSA) allows students to apply to a JC **before** taking the GCE O-Level examinations.

- For students who are <u>strong in academic</u> and have <u>outstanding records</u> in either CCAs, leadership qualities, or in specific academic areas

- DSA Talent Area for various JCs can be found on their respective websites or **MOE Course Finder**

4. Tips and Resources for Parents to support your child's ECG journey

What can Parents do to support their child's ECG Journey?

Created by Juan Pablo Bravo
from Noun Project

3 Key Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Questions

WHO AM I?	WHERE AM I GOING?	HOW DO I GET THERE?

Discovering who you are

Knowing where you want to go

Knowing how to get there

Who am I?

The more I know about what I value, what I am interested in, and what I am good at, the more likely I will be able to make informed choices in my education and career explorations.

Where do I want to go?

Many pathways are worth taking, and there are opportunities for continuous learning and recognition.

How do I get there?

There are no dead ends. I can continue to pursue my aspirations.

Have a <u>Two-way</u> Conversation with your Child

- **Listen** and find out the "whys" behind your child's preferences.

- Give your child the **space to communicate freely** with you to understand her better
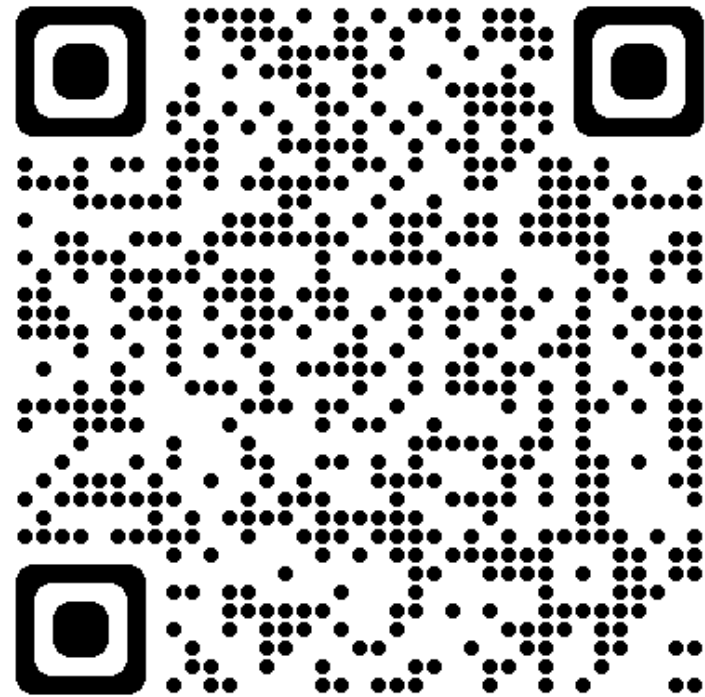
USEFUL RESOURCES
*My*SKILLS*Future* *Portal*

MySkillsFuture Student Portal

https://go.gov.sg/mysfsec

For O level students: Courses Offered In 2024 JAE

Scan QR code for PDF booklet
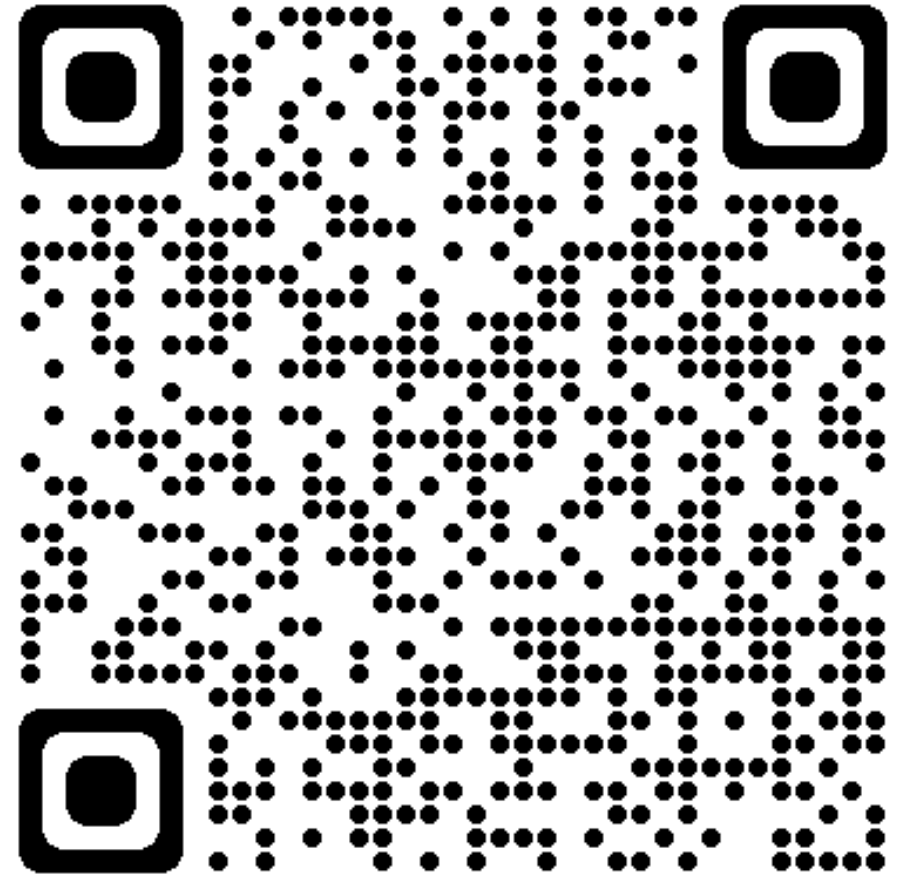
- includes previous year's cut-off scores

https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/post-secondary/2024-jae/2024-jae-courses.pdf

For O level students:
Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) portal

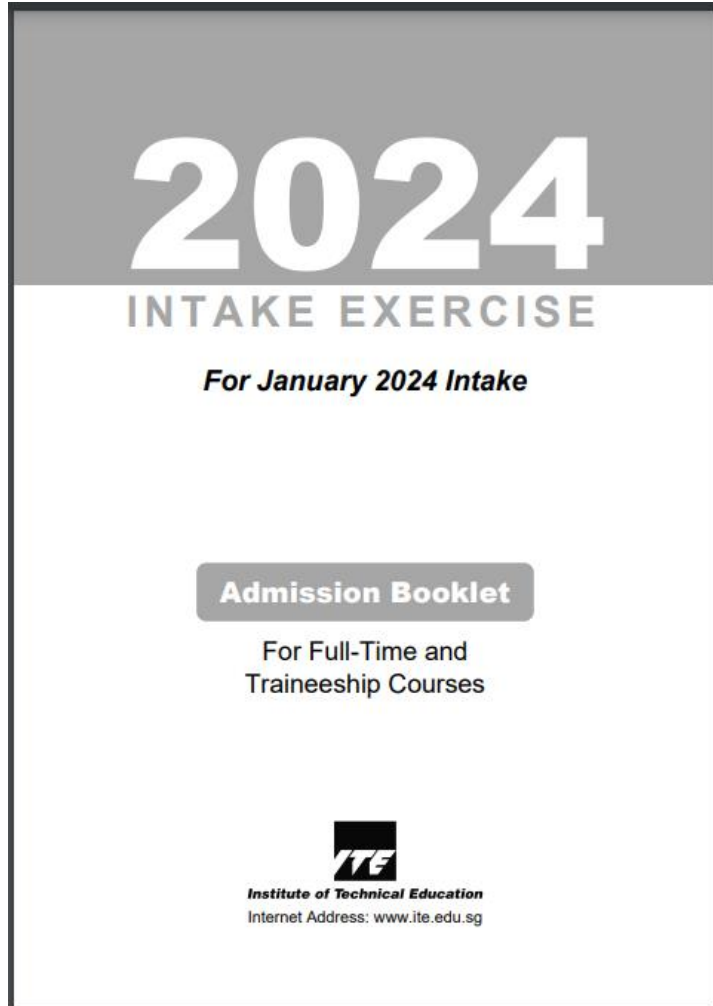Scan the QR code for:
Information on JAE

how to prepare and apply

Aggregate Computation (L1R5, ELR2B2-A/B/C/D, ITE Aggregate points)

https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/jae/

For N level students:
Joint Intake Exercise Booklet

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Information on JIE

how to prepare and apply

Aggregate Score Computation

Previous year's cut-off scores

2024
INTAKE EXERCISE
For January 2024 Intake

Admission Booklet

For Full-Time and Traineeship Courses

ITE
Institute of Technical Education
Internet Address: www.ite.edu.sg

https://www.ite.edu.sg/docs/default-source/admissions-docs/full-time/publications/admission-booklet/gce-n-admission-booklet-2024.pdf

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For January 2024 Intake

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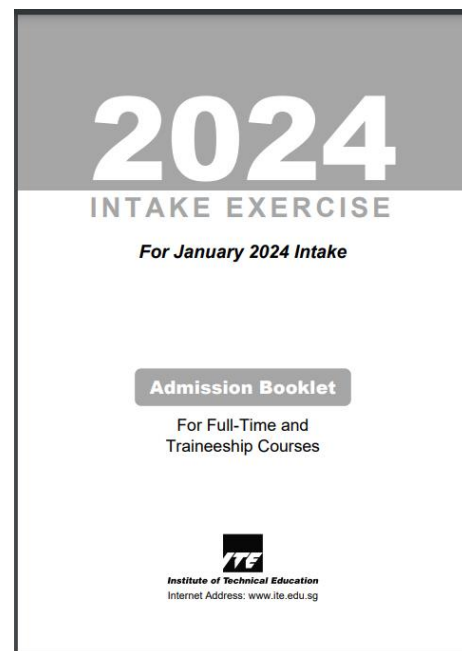
Computation of ITE Aggregate Points for Normal (Technical) Subjects

Normal (Technical) Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
A	1
B	2
C	3
D	4
E / U	5

Computation of ITE Aggregate Points for Normal (Academic) Subjects

Normal (Academic) Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
1, 2, 3	1
4	2
5	3
6 / U	4

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

GCE 'O' Level Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
A1 – D7	1
E8	2
F9	3

CCA Bonus Points

The table below provides details for the computation of bonus points available. Please note that these bonus points are not taken into account when considering whether applicants are eligible for courses. The 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 b) Good or Grades of B3 - C6	2 points 1 point

Use **SchoolFinder** at *www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder* to explore junior colleges and Millennia Institute.

Use **CourseFinder** at *www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder* to explore courses in polytechnics and ITE.

MOE ECG Resources

JOURNEYING WITH OUR CHILDREN, SUPPORTING THEIR ASPIRATIONS

An Education & Career Guidance Handbook for Parents

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
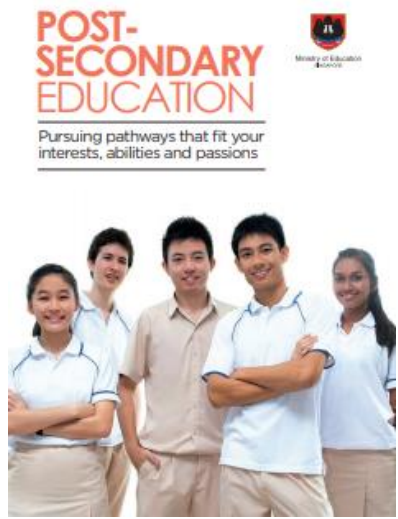
Pursuing pathways that fit your interests, abilities and passions

WHAT'S NEXT

Education & Career Guidance

TAKING MY NEXT STEP FORWARD AFTER MY GCE O-LEVEL

WHAT'S NEXT

Education & Career Guidance

TAKING MY NEXT STEP FORWARD AFTER MY GCE N-LEVEL

THE NEXT STEP FORWARD

NAVIGATING YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER PATHWAYS

https://go.gov.sg/journeying-with-our-children

https://go.gov.sg/post-sec-edu

https://go.gov.sg/whats-next-olevel

https://go.gov.sg/whats-next-nlevel

https://go.gov.sg/thenextstepforward

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Other Updates – for those considering A level track

- From 2026, the fourth content-based subject will be included in the computation of UAS only if it improves the UAS. This will allow JC/MI students room to choose their fourth content-based subject by interest without being overly concerned by examination grades.

- Change Project Work (PW)'s grading to "Pass/Fail" means that it will be removed from the computation of UAS. Hence, from 2026, the maximum UAS will become 70 points.

Other Updates – for those considering PFP

- From the AY2026 intake, admissions to the PFP will be **restructured to a cluster-based approach.** Students in the PFP will enter one of three key broad clusters: (i) Sciences (ii) Design, Engineering & Technology or (iii) Humanities, Art, Media and Business, before posting to a specific diploma course based on their interest and PFP performance.

- For more details, refer to MOE press release:
  - https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20230301-learn-for-life-forging-our-collective-future-nurturing-diverse-talents-and-expanding-pathways

ANNUAL ECG CONFERENCE

PLMGSS ECG CONFERENCE 2023

Ms. Cheong Ming Fang

Serving with Passion and being Adaptable with Resilience and Keenness

ECG conf '23

An annual event that seeks to encourage PL-lites to explore various career possibilities and pathways, while discovering their strengths, interests and passions.
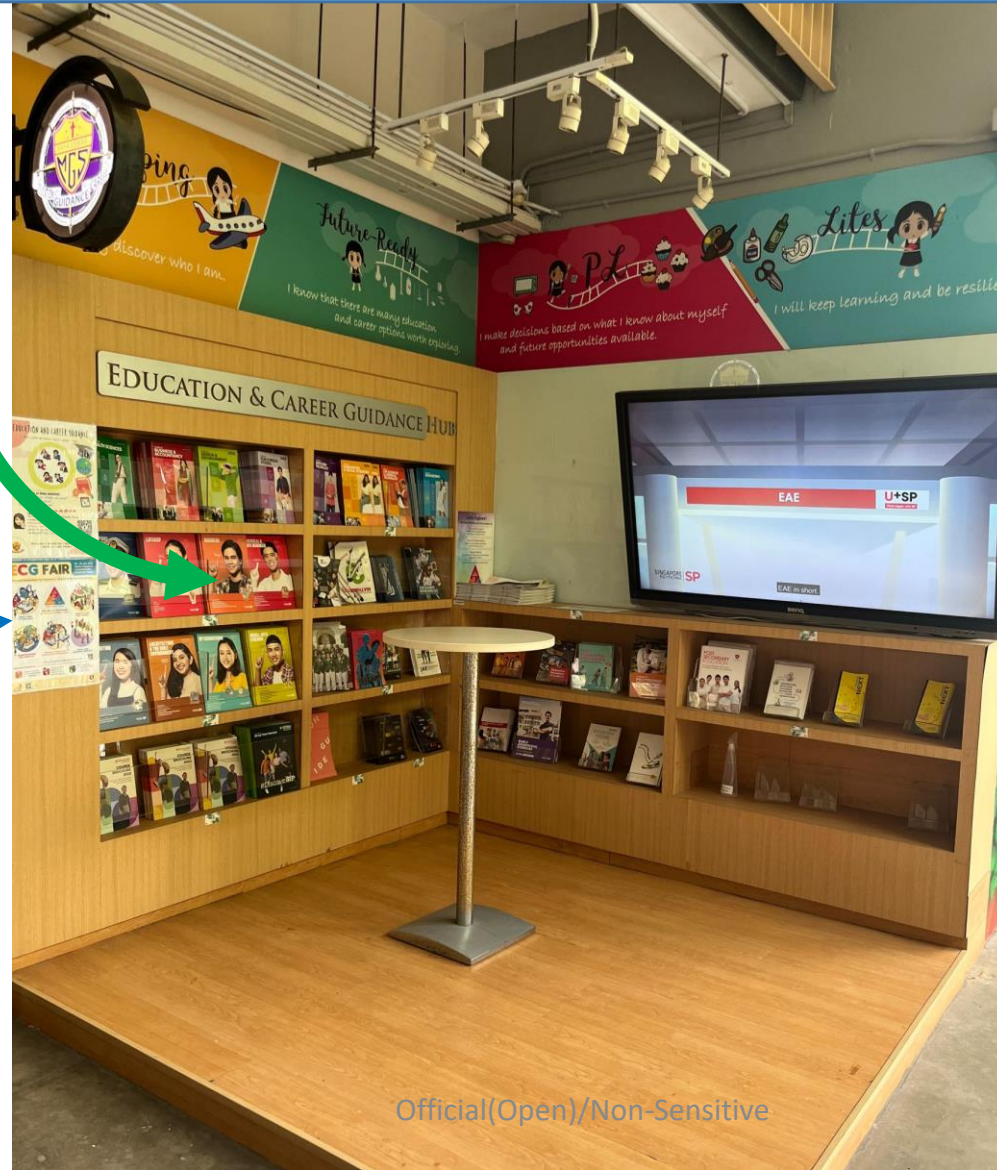
Students will get to interact with invited speakers from various industries. More details will be provided at a later date.

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Where to find more information?
ECG Hub near Canteen/Carpark

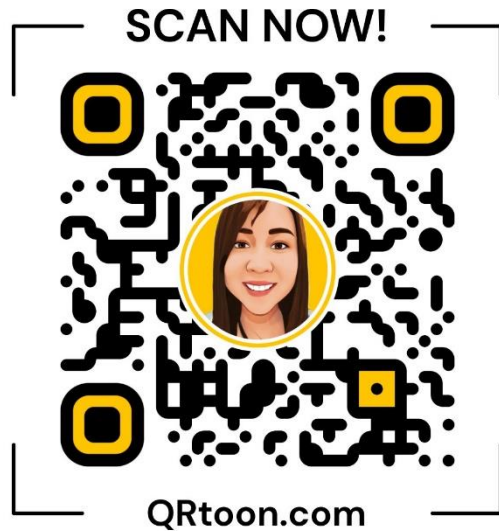Information booklets from Post-Sec institutions (Polytechnics, Junior Colleges, ITE, Laselle, NAFA etc)

ECG counsellor, Ms Chong's contact information

Videos of different ECG-related content, updated termly

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