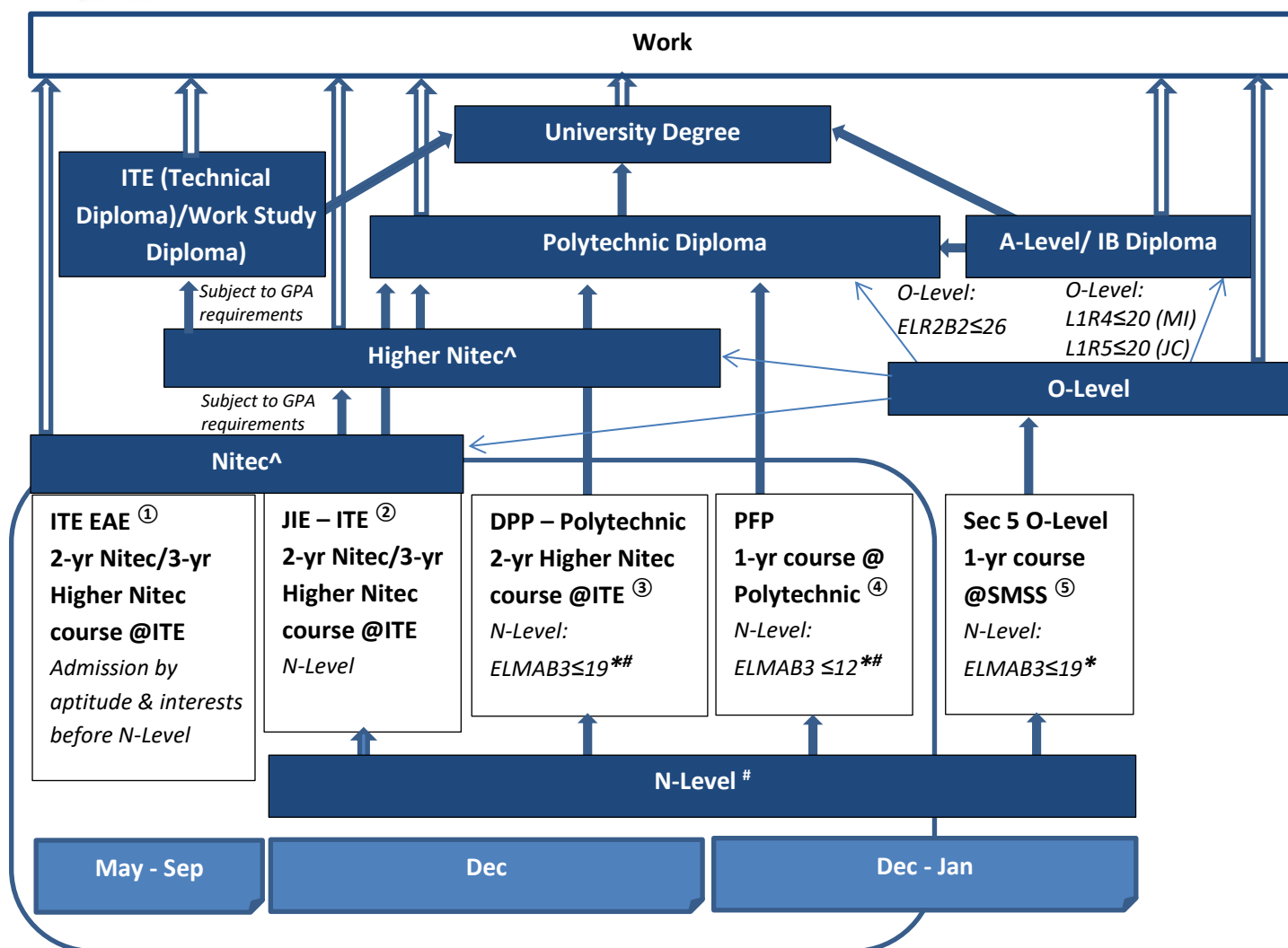


# Options after N-Levels



\* With subject specific requirements

# Grades of O-Level results can be converted for DPP and PFP application

<sup>^</sup> ITE Traineeship Programme is offered in some Nitec or Higher Nitec courses

① <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/ite-eae>

② <https://www.ite.edu.sg/apply-for-ITE-courses/full-time-3-year-higher-nitec-and-2-year-nitec/for-qce-n-applicants>

③ <https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/higher-nitec-dpp>

④ [https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp\\_introduction.html](https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_introduction.html)

⑤ <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/jae>

## About the Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

ITE courses suit students with an aptitude for hands-on learning in three mega-campuses. Upon completion of ITE courses, students will receive work ready qualifications. Nitec stands for 'National Institute of Technical Education Certificate'. Higher Nitec qualifications command stronger recognition by the industry than Nitec qualifications. The Grade Point Average (GPA) scores, which represent students' performance in the programme of study, are considered for students'

progression to Higher Nitec. Different Nitec courses allow progression to different Higher Nitec and Diploma courses.

Under the ITE Traineeship Programme, students are offered real-life work experience and a traineeship certification. This programme, which runs between one and two years, bridges theory and practice by allowing students to work full-time and attend classes. At the end of the programme, the student earns a Nitec Traineeship/ Higher Nitec Traineeship. For details relevant to the programme, refer to <https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/traineeship-courses>.

Pathway	Duration	Target Group	Eligibility & other details
<b>ITE – EAE</b> ITE Early Admission Exercise	2-year Nitec or 3-year Higher Nitec course	<p>Sec 4N students are admitted to ITE based on aptitudes and interests before the release of N-Level results.</p> <p>Selection focuses on course-specific aptitudes and interests. Non-course-specific achievements, e.g. talents in sports/ performing arts, leadership, also considered.</p> <p>There are various modes of assessment, e.g. interviews, aptitude tests, portfolios.</p>	<p>Sec 4N students are required to meet minimum entry requirements.</p> <p>Conditional offers will be automatically confirmed if the criteria are met. If the conditional offer is revoked, student can take part in other admissions exercises.</p> <p><b>Students who have accepted their ITE EAE offer are eligible for DPP and PFP.</b></p> <p>Students who receive a DPP offer will be required to decide between the DPP or ITE EAE offer. The DPP offer will be automatically confirmed and ITE EAE offer released if the student does not decide by a stipulated deadline.</p> <p>As applications to the PFP open in January, students with confirmed ITE EAE or DPP offers may progress to ITE first before applying for PFP when applications open. They may then subsequently withdraw from ITE if they receive a PFP offer.</p>
<b>JIE – ITE</b> Joint Intake Exercise-ITE	2-year Nitec or 3-year Higher Nitec course	<p>Students, who show the inclination towards hands-on and skills-based training, are admitted to ITE using their N-Level results.</p> <p>Starting with selected courses from Academic Year 2022, the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) will introduce a new enhanced three-year curricular structure leading directly to a Higher Nitec certification. The enhanced curricular structure seeks to equip ITE graduates with deeper industry-relevant skills for employment, as well as provide a stronger foundation for further education and skills upgrading over the course of their careers.</p>	<p>Sec 4N students are required to have sat for their N levels.</p> <p>Sec 4N students are admitted to the courses based on best 4 GCE 'N' subjects including prerequisite subjects and bonus points.</p> <p>Under the Enhanced ITE curricular structure, students who enter ITE will be able to complete a Higher Nitec in three years for selected courses. This is possible due to the streamlining of the Nitec and Higher Nitec curricula to remove overlapping competencies. Students will also experience two Industry Attachments (IA), one in Year 2 and another in Year 3. The two IA stints will be better integrated in terms of learning outcomes and the honing of workplace competencies. For more details on the Enhanced ITE Curricular Structure, please visit <a href="https://go.gov.sg/enhanced-itecs">https://go.gov.sg/enhanced-itecs</a>.</p>

<b>DPP</b> Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme	2-year Higher Nitec course at ITE	<p>DPP provides a route for Sec 4NA students to selected diploma courses, in polytechnics, via a 2-year Higher Nitec course at the ITE.</p> <p>DPP provides students with hands-on and skills-based training before they progress to the mapped diplomas.</p> <p>DPP students who successfully complete their Higher Nitec course and attain the required minimum qualifying Higher Nitec GPA scores are guaranteed a place in one of the Polytechnic diploma courses that are mapped to their Higher Nitec course.</p>	<p>Students are offered DPP courses based on their NA-Level results: <math>ELMAB3 \leq 19</math> with subject specific requirements. (see details below)</p> <p>Eligible Secondary 4NA students submit their application for DPP using their N-Level results and school-based O-Level preliminary examination results, if applicable.</p> <p>Students must indicate acceptance of DPP offer by end December in the same year, failing which the offer will lapse and the place will be offered to another student.</p>
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**To be eligible for DPP**

- (i) Obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of 19 points or better (excluding CCA bonus points); and  
(ii) Met the following course-specific requirements:

Applied Sciences, Engineering and Info-Communications Technology courses		Business & Services Courses	
EL	4 or better	EL	3 or better
Math / A Math	4 or better	Math / A Math	4 or better
Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5 or better	Any three other subjects excluding CCA	5 or better

**Computation of ITE Aggregate for admission to Higher Nitec with 'O' level subjects in DPP**

GCE 'O' Level Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
1 - 3	1
4 - 6	2
7	3
8	4

**Bonus Points in DPP**

CCA Bonus Points will be considered for posting based on merit subject to eligibility for courses.

CCA Grades	No of Bonus Points
1 - 2	2 points
3 - 6	1 Point

The GCE 'O' Level grade of F9 and GCE 'N(A)' grade of 6 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.

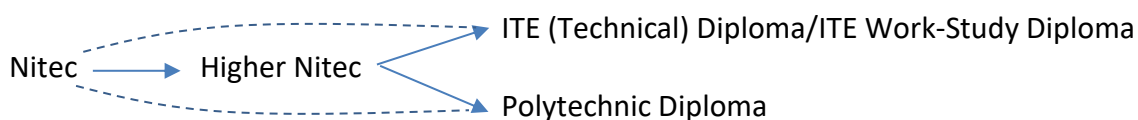
**Computation of ITE Aggregate Points for admission to Nitec with NA Subjects in JIE – ITE**

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

**CCA and Pre-requisite Subjects Bonus Points in JIE – ITE**

Types of Bonus Points	No of Bonus Points awarded
CCA Grade of 1-2	2 points
CCA Grade of 3-6	1 point

O-Level Grade F9, N(A)-Level Grade 6 and N(T)-Level Grade E will not be allowed for fulfillment of Minimum Entry Requirements for prerequisite subjects for ITE's Nitec or 3-year Higher Nitec courses. Students with these grades can opt for courses without these prerequisite subjects as their Minimum Entry Requirements.

**Progression from Nitec to Higher Nitec and Diploma Courses**

Upon completion of Nitec course and meeting the GPA requirement, students may progress to a Higher Nitec course. Upon completion of the Higher Nitec course and meeting the GPA requirement, students may progress to a Diploma course in ITE or Polytechnic under the Joint Polytechnic Admissions Exercise (JPAE) exercise. NITEC holders with strong GPAs may progress directly to Polytechnic courses. Students are strongly encouraged to refer to [www.ite.edu.sg](http://www.ite.edu.sg) for mapped and unmapped ITE Higher Nitec Courses.

Details on	Website
JPAE	<a href="https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg/">https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg/</a>
Polytechnic Course Entry Requirements for Higher Nitec (Non-DPP) Graduates	<a href="https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg/App/StaticPage/Higher%20Nitec.html">https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg/App/StaticPage/Higher%20Nitec.html</a>
Polytechnic Course Entry Requirements for Nitec Graduates	<a href="https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg/App/StaticPage/Nitec.html">https://jpae.polytechnic.edu.sg/App/StaticPage/Nitec.html</a>

### About the Polytechnics

There are five polytechnics in Singapore, namely, Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP), Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP), Republic Polytechnic (RP), Singapore Polytechnic (SP) and Temasek Polytechnic (TP). They offer a variety of courses in different fields which lead students to fulfilling careers, as well as preparing them for further studies. One of the features of polytechnic education is the strong emphasis on practice-based learning. Work attachments with industry partners are part of the curriculum and can vary in duration from six weeks to six months or longer for selected courses.

Pathway	Duration	Target Group	Eligibility & other details
<b>PFP</b> Polytechnic Foundation Programme	1-year course at Polytechnic	<p>PFP, generally extended to the top 15 percent of the Sec 4NA cohort, offers students provisional places in diploma programmes in the polytechnics.</p> <p>Students are prepared for entry into the relevant Polytechnic Diploma courses. They are required to pass all modules in the 1-year polytechnic foundation course before proceeding to the 3-yr polytechnic diploma programme.</p>	Students are offered PFP courses based on their NA-Level results: $\text{ELMAB3} \leq 12$ points with subject requirements. (see details below)

### To be eligible for **PFP**

- Obtained an ELMAB3 aggregate of 12 points or better (excluding CCA bonus points); and
- Met the following course-specific requirements:

Group 1 Courses		Group 2 Courses	
EL	3 or better	EL	2 or better
Math / A Math	3 or better	Math / A Math	3 or better
One of the following - Design and Technology - Nutrition and Food Science - Science (Chem, Bio) - Science (Chem, Phy) - Science (Phy, Chem)	3 or better	One of the following - Art - Humanities (Social Studies & Elective Geography/History/Literature) - Geography - History - Literature in English - Principles of Accounts	3 or better
Any two other subjects excluding CCA	4 or better	Any two other subjects excluding CCA	4 or better

Details on	Website
Introduction of the PFP	<a href="https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_introduction.html">https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_introduction.html</a>
Eligibility for the PFP	<a href="https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_eligibility.html">https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_eligibility.html</a>
Polytechnic diploma courses offered under the PFP	<a href="https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_courses.html">https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_courses.html</a>

**Computation of Aggregate for PFP with 'O' level subjects**

Sec 4NA students are allowed to combine their 'N'- and 'O'-Level examination results to compute their eligibility. If a student takes the same subject at both 'N' and 'O' Levels, only the better grade will be computed into his or her aggregate. The following GCE 'O'-Level Grade conversion matrix will be adopted during the computation of aggregates.

'O'-Level Grade	Aggregate Point for PFP
A1 - B3	1
B4 - C6	2
D7	3

**About taking the O-Level in Sec 5**

Pathway	Duration	Target Group	Eligibility & other details
<b>O-Level</b> In Sec 5	1-year course at SMSS	<p>Students who enjoy the academic rigour and wish to use their O-Level results to apply for Junior College (JC), Millennia Institute (MI), polytechnic and ITE courses.</p> <p>Students can also consider Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE), an aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows them to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnics prior to receiving their final grades.</p>	Students can be promoted to Sec 5 based on their NA-Level results: $ELMAB3 \leq 19$ points with at least a Grade 5 in all subjects used in the computation of ELMAB3.

Students who proceed to Sec 5 will take the O-Level examination in St. Margaret's Secondary School the year after their N-Level. Progression to institutes of higher learning is dependent on students' O-Level performance. As the O-Level is academically more rigorous than the N-Level and admission to JC/MI and polytechnic can be competitive, students need to be committed to the school programme to gain a competitive edge in their next course of study.

For more details on previous year's Cut-Off-Points to JCs/MI and Polytechnic, refer to the links below.

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

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder>

**Other Post-Secondary Educational Institutions or Private Schools**

MOE registers private schools, the courses they offer, the teachers conducting the registered courses. Registration by MOE does not in any way represent an endorsement or accreditation of the quality of the courses offered. Prospective students of private schools are advised to find out more about the private school, the quality of the courses and the background of the local organisation that facilitates the delivery of the courses before making a decision to enrol in the course of study. Refer to <https://www.ssg.gov.sg/cpe/pei.html/> for details.

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) is an art institution in Singapore offering specialist creative arts education to develop students' artistic potential. The diploma courses offered by this institution include visual arts and performing arts. **NAFA Foundation Programme (NFP)** is a bridging course that prepares students for a successful enrolment and completion of a diploma course at NAFA. Students may use their N-Level Preliminary Examination results to apply for NFP. Sec 4NA students who attained an ELMAB3 aggregate score of 15 points or better, excluding CCA Bonus Points, will be eligible to apply for the course. In addition to meeting the education qualification requirements, applicants must pass an admission test or audition, depending on their selected course of study. Successful applicants will be given a conditional offer of admission to the diploma courses. Upon successful completion of the NFP, students will be offered a place in their chosen diploma course in August in the year after the N-Level Examination. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview. Refer to <https://www.nafa.edu.sg/courses/foundation/nafa-foundation-programme> for details.

### Exploring Education and Career Options

Students are encouraged to explore their education and career options using **MySkillsFuture Portal** (<https://www.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/content/student/en/secondary.html>) They may also speak to their teachers and the School ECG Counsellor for advice.

### Possible Scenarios With Different 4NA Results

#### Case 1

EL=4, EM=1, SC=2, SS/G=2, MT=2

EMB3 Aggregate (raw) N-Level subjects = 12

- Not qualified for PFP as EL>3
- Possible Pathways: DPP, Nitec, Sec 5

#### Case 2

EL=1, EM=5, SC=2, SS/H=2, MT=1

EMB3 Aggregate (raw) N-Level subjects = 12

- Not qualified for PFP once EM>4
- Not qualified for DPP once EM>4
- Possible Pathways: Nitec, Sec 5

#### Case 3

EL=4, EM=4, SC=4, SS/G=4, MT=2

EMB3 Aggregate (raw) N-Level subjects = 18

- Not qualified for PFP once EMB3 >12
- Not qualified for DPP-Biz Course once EL>3
- Possible Pathways: DPP- Science Courses, Sec 5, Nitec

*To consider if Nitec/3-year Higher Nitec course can eventually map to desired courses in Polytechnic. Admission to desired courses at ITE will be with reference to last JIE Cut-Off Points.*

Best 4 NA Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
EL: 4	2
EM: 4	2
SC: 4	2
MT: 2	1
7 points	

**Case 4**

EL=6, EM=3, SC=3, SS/H=4, MT=2, CCA=A2  
 EMB3 Aggregate (raw) N-Level subjects = 18

- Not qualified for DPP once EL>4.
- Not qualified for 5NA once EL = 6
- Possible Pathways: Nitec in Engineering or Design courses but not Business Courses or Nursing.

*To consider if Nitec/3-year Higher Nitec course can eventually map to desired courses in Polytechnic. Admission to desired courses at ITE will be with reference to last JIE Cut-Off Points.*

Best 4 NA Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
EM: 3	1
SC: 3	1
SS/H: 4	2
MT: 2	1

5 points

Less 2 pts (CCA bonus points)

**Overall JIE ITE Aggregate points = 3 points**

**Case 5**

EL=3, EM=6, SC=3, SS/G=4, MT=2, CCA=A1  
 EMB3 Aggregate (raw) N-Level subjects = 18

- Not qualified for DPP once EM>4.
- Not qualified for 5NA once EM = 6
- Possible Pathways: Nitec in Business, Science, ICT or Design courses but not **some Engineering-related Courses or Nursing.**

*To consider if Nitec/3-year Higher Nitec course can eventually map to desired courses in Polytechnic. Admission to desired courses at ITE will be with reference to last JIE Cut-Off Points.*

Best 4 NA Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
EL: 3	1
SC: 3	1
SS/H: 4	2
MT: 2	1

5 points

Less 2 pts (CCA bonus points)

**Overall JIE ITE Aggregate points = 3 points**

**Case 6**

EL=5, EM=5, SC=5, SS/H=5, MT=5, CCA=B3  
 EMB3 Aggregate (raw) N-Level subjects = 25

- Not qualified for DPP & Sec 5 once EMB3≥19
- Possible Pathways: Nitec or 3-year Higher Nitec

*To consider if Nitec/3-year Higher Nitec course can eventually map to desired courses in Polytechnic. Admission to desired courses at ITE will be with reference to last JIE Cut-Off Points.*

Best 4 NA Grade	ITE Aggregate Points
EL: 5	3
EM: 5	3
SC: 5	3
MT: 5	3

12 points

Less 1 pt (CCA bonus point)

**Overall JIE ITE Aggregate points = 11 points**