

# Getting on the right track

Depending on individual strengths and inclinations, there are five career tracks that SingHealth nurses can choose from: clinical, management, education, research and informatics.

## CLINICAL

Kamini Devi  
Magesparan, 35

SENIOR STAFF NURSE,  
INFECTION PREVENTION  
AND CONTROL,  
SINGAPORE GENERAL  
HOSPITAL (SGH)

9 YEARS IN NURSING



2008

**ENROLLED NURSE**  
● *Nitec in Nursing*

I joined SGH's Internal Medicine ward as an Enrolled Nurse. After 10 months, I pursued a diploma at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

2011

**STAFF NURSE**  
● *Diploma in Nursing*

I became a Staff Nurse in the General Surgery, Trauma ward but put my career on hold to pursue a bachelor's degree at the National University of Singapore (NUS).

2017

**SENIOR STAFF NURSE**  
● *Bachelor of Science (Nursing)*

After graduating from NUS in 2013, I was posted back to the General Surgery, Trauma ward. Subsequently, I also had the chance to work in the Centre for Digestive and Liver Diseases for a year before being given an opportunity to join the Hospital Executive Programme, where I was posted to the Accreditation & Licensing Department. In 2017, I started specialising in Infection Prevention and Control. My work centres on patients and staff. I give education talks to staff and hold workshops. I also conduct audits to ensure staff comply with infection prevention guidelines and practices. My primary role is to keep patients and staff safe!

## MANAGEMENT

Wong Wei Yui, 51

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,  
NURSING,  
CHANGI GENERAL  
HOSPITAL (CGH)

30 YEARS IN NURSING



1989

**STAFF NURSE**

After my GCE A levels, I trained for three years at the School of Nursing to become a registered nurse. I spent my first nine years in nursing in the Orthopaedic ward at SGH and left as a senior staff nurse.

1998

**SENIOR STAFF NURSE**

After moving to the Acute Medical ward at CGH, I also studied part-time for a nursing degree at the Singapore Institute of Management, completing it in 2000. I wanted more exposure, so in 2002 I joined the Cardiac Catheterisation Lab.

2007

**NURSE CLINICIAN**  
● *Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)*

I was promoted to Nurse Clinician in 2007, and in 2010, I received the CGH Formal Education Award to pursue a Master's in Health Administration (Flinders University, Adelaide) at Parkway College.

2013

**SENIOR NURSE MANAGER**  
● *Master of Health Administration*

At the Cardiac Catheterisation Lab, I managed nurses, and oversaw operations and nursing services. Three years later, my managerial scope expanded to include the Cardiology ward.

MAY 2018

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NURSING**

I now provide leadership, guidance and support to Same-Day Admission and Day Surgery wards and specialty procedure areas such as the Cardiac Catheterisation Lab and Endoscopy Centre.

## EDUCATION

Chua Lee Kheng, 44

ACTING ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR, NURSING  
(NURSING DEVELOPMENT  
UNIT), NATIONAL HEART  
CENTRE SINGAPORE

21 YEARS IN NURSING



1997

**STAFF NURSE**  
● *Diploma in Nursing*

I cared for patients recovering after heart and thoracic surgery in the Cardiothoracic Surgery and Cardiovascular Medicine High Dependency Unit and General ward. In 1998, I pursued a part-time Bachelor's in Health Science (Nursing) and graduated in 2000.

2000

**SENIOR STAFF NURSE (CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR)**  
● *Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)*

While precepting junior nurses, I found my passion in teaching and chose my career path as a Clinical Instructor. In 2004, I pursued my Master's in Health Science (Education).

2006

**NURSE EDUCATOR**  
● *Master of Health Science (Education)*

In addition to teaching, I am responsible for curriculum development for basic and advanced skills nursing programmes.

2011

**SENIOR NURSE EDUCATOR**  
● *Graduate Diploma in Healthcare and Leadership*

My role expanded to include managerial duties and supervising Nurse Educators, Nurse Clinicians and Clinical Instructors.

2018

**AG ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NURSING (EDUCATION AND TRAINING)**

I oversee training and education matters, such as staff training and development, clinical attachment, and orientation programmes for new nurses.

## RESEARCH

Ang Mei Qi, 30

ASSISTANT NURSE  
CLINICIAN,  
DELIVERY SUITE,  
KK WOMEN'S AND  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

8 YEARS IN NURSING



2010

**STAFF NURSE**  
● *Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Honours)*

When I was a final-year student nurse, I conducted a research study on the relationship between a woman in labour and her midwife. I went on to present the findings at two conferences after I joined KKH's Obstetrics and Gynaecology wards as a Staff Nurse.

2014

**SENIOR STAFF NURSE**  
● *Advanced Diploma in Midwifery*

One research project led to another. During my three years at KKH's Delivery Suite, I led a study on how applying a warm perineal pack can bring comfort to women in labour.

2017

**ASSISTANT NURSE CLINICIAN**

Under the KKH Nursing Research Fellowship Programme, I have protected time to carry out research to improve patient care. I am now Principal Investigator of a new study that explores the beliefs and self-care behaviour of women with gestational diabetes in Singapore. The findings aim to develop effective intervention to influence positive behavioural change, hence reducing the risk of the condition progressing to type 2 diabetes in the future.

## INFORMATICS

Lee Chen Kim, 30

SENIOR STAFF NURSE,  
NURSING INFORMATICS,  
SINGAPORE GENERAL  
HOSPITAL

9 YEARS IN NURSING



2009

**STAFF NURSE**  
● *Diploma in Nursing*

I started in the Urology ward, caring for patients after surgery. I was also the Informatics Liaison Nurse for the ward, supporting the roll-out of the Knowledge-Based Medication Administration system, which uses bar-code technology to reduce medication errors and improve patient safety.

2014

**SENIOR STAFF NURSE (INFORMATICS)**  
● *Bachelor of Science (Nursing)*

I am part of a team that actively finds IT solutions to improve productivity and patient safety. I have worked on projects including the Electronic Nursing Documentation, which allows nurses to document and track patients' conditions in real time, and lets them conduct electronic handover to the next shift. I also worked on the Nurses' Pal App version 2.0, which serves as a quick reference guide for diagnoses, treatment and patient education to aid nurses in decision-making.