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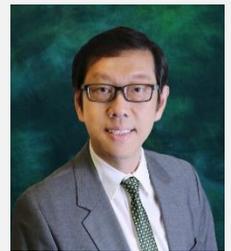
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Message from the Vice-President Dr. CHIANG Chung Lim, Vico

Since the past two years, there have been waves of the COVID-19 outbreak in Hong Kong. Despite the extreme difficulties and limited resources, nurses and all other healthcare professionals persist in protecting and caring for the society during the pandemic. Nurse educators and researchers have also confronted with vast challenges in nursing education and research like no other time in the past, and they take up additional clinical services to fight the outbreaks with all healthcare workers together. The Hong Kong College of Nursing Education and Research in Nursing (HKCERN) pays high respects to all nurses and healthcare professionals who are selfless in striving with the outbreaks, and contribute largely to the well-being of society during the current disturbance.



The health crisis due to COVID-19 does not impact only on frontline staff and clinical leaders but all systems and communities. The pandemic has already disrupted nursing education and research in academic institutions and universities (Dewart, Corcoran, Thirsk & Petrovic, 2020). Learning and teaching activities, clinical practice, and research progress have been jeopardized, with delay in clinical learning and graduation of new nurses, and research outputs and dissemination. While there have been great difficulties, there are also opportunities for us to think out of the box in getting the services delivered, and continue to advance.

Over these two years, we have actually witnessed and experienced alternative ways for nursing education like the use of learning management systems (LMS), virtual classroom, advanced simulation technologies, expeditiously re-arrange the curriculum to assure opportunities for clinical practicum, and the list carries on. Although there is trust to the newer approaches, the outcomes in a longer term are to be investigated. The situation accelerates the innovation and research of evidence-based practice for more efficient and better nursing education.

Overall, nurse educators and researchers are committed to develop their works, lead the edge in learning and teaching, and draw on evidence-based practice through research excellence in nursing education and quality of care. During the pandemic, we see clearer that the unity across disciplines are powerful conditions for us to safeguard the best we can for the health of our population. There are reasons for nurses to specialize and further professionalize through the advances in nursing education, and to apply evidence-based practice from research for the benefits of our society and mankind, of which are the ultimate goals of HKCERN and the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing. Nurse educators and researchers would continue to strike for the best under our commitment to achieve better nursing education and health of the society in Hong Kong. While we are fighting rigorously with the pandemic and continue to be innovative in the ways on how we manage better, the conventional ways of how we do things may be changed and became more efficient. To this end, registration in Advanced and Specialized Nursing Practice brooks no delay to assure the standard of specialist nursing services and to attain better nursing education and health for our communities.

When there is light at the end of tunnel, it may never be the same again in the landscape for nursing education after the pandemic, as it has not been the same for the time being. The pandemic has highlighted the threats as well as opportunities of nurse educators to continue planning for an uncertain future. From these challenges, new perspectives have been discovered and experienced, and to research, to reform the nursing curricula and to implement new strategies in clinical learning. All these maneuvers would drive nursing education forward to innovate, and could shape new approaches to implement contents and competence which are in tune with the societal needs for better care from advanced practice (Tomietto, Comparcini, Simonetti & Cicolini, 2020).

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Activities and Highlights

HKCERN spoke at “Healthpedia 精靈一點”

[9 November 2021]

Our president Prof. LI Ho Cheung, William and fellow Prof. Lam Ching, Simon represented HKCERN to attend a radio program “Healthpedia 精靈一點” on RTHK Radio 1. Touching stories about nursing education were shared with the hosts of the program.



HKCERN representatives joining the National Dinner to celebrate the 72nd Anniversary of the Founding of the PRC

[24 September 2021]



Certification Examinations for Ordinary Members

[26 August 2021 & 11 Dec 2021]

With the new pathway of HKAN, HKCERN conducted 2 certification examinations for Ordinary Members who are interested to become HKCERN fellows. 25 nominations were submitted to HKAN for endorsement.

HKSAR 2021 Legislative Council Election Campaign

HKCERN sincerely thanks Dr. CHAN Chi Chung and his team's to run for the election. Although Dr. CHAN was not being elected, we believe that it has successfully increased the awareness to the public about HKAN.

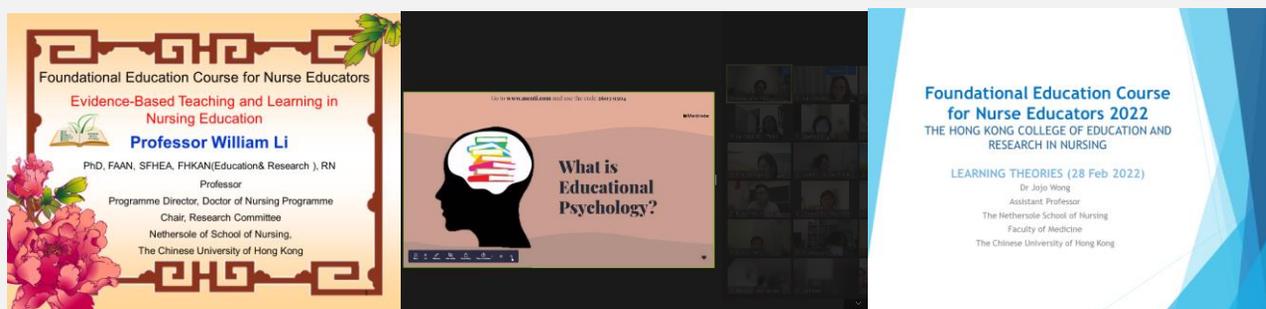


Professional Developments

Foundational Education Course for Nurse Educators 2022

The course aims to address the need for in-service education for nurse educators and promote advancement of nursing education and quality of educational practices among nursing professionals. The course is offered to HKCERN members for free, and to be conducted over 10 weeks from February to April 2022. With an overwhelming response from HKCERN members and new associate members, 95 registrations was received. Details of the course could be found on

<https://www.hkcern.org/event-details/foundational-education-course-for-nurse-educators-2022>



Online Article to Obtain CNE Point

HKAN has been offering online learning activities with CNE accreditation. Interested members can refer to the information provided on <https://www.hkan.hk/main/en/on-line-articles-to-grant-cne>.

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Voluntary Scheme on Advanced and Specialised Nursing Practice

In line with the global trend to promote advanced and specialised nursing practice, the Food and Health Bureau has invited the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (NCHK) to formulate a voluntary scheme on advanced and specialised nursing practice with a view to pave the way for setting up a statutory registration system in the long run.

Applications are now accepted for all the 16 specialties. Apply now to receive the recognition early. For more details, please refer to the Nursing Council website.

https://www.nchk.org.hk/en/advanced_specialised_nursing_practice/index.html

Membership Updates

HKCERN welcomes 28 new fellow members

Chan Kor Yee	Kong Hoi Mei	Pang Tsz Ha Michelle
Charm Yee Chong	Kwan Wing Gi Sharis	Poon Wai Sha
Cheuk Yuet Ying	Kwan Yiu Cho	Pun Wai Ming
Cheung Pui Han	Lam Kam Ki	See Lok Man Mary
Cheung Pui Yu	Lam Kwun Yu	Wong Lai Ming Alice
Cheung Sze Ki	Law Yee Shui	Yang Wai Lam Caroline
Chow Wai Nei	Ling Cheuk Chi	Yu Quinai S
Chung Yuk Seng	Lo Hoi Shan	Yuen Wai Yee Grace
Ho Hok Man	Lo Ka Yee	
Ko Hiu Ki	Ng Lai Han	

New Fellows
 (admitted in 2022)

Application and Examination Progress

With the new pathway of HKAN, 2022-2023 membership application will following the below timeline:

	Round 1	Round 2
Application for ordinary membership	<i>Closed</i>	N/A
• Admission interview	<i>Completed</i>	N/A
• Endorsement by HKAN	30 Apr 2022	N/A
Application for fellow membership		
• Orientation briefing		July 2022
• Certification examination (Part I)		August 2022
• Certification examination (Part II)		December 2022
• Endorsement by HKAN		January 2023

Member Status (as of March 2022)

- Fellow Members – 98
- Ordinary Members – 4
- Associate Members – 53



**Having considered the continuous disturbance of business due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the HKAN has decided to further extend the deadline for 22-23 membership renewal to October 2022. It is hoped that such extension can allow members more time to attend to the membership renewal exercise.*

News and Congrats

Congratulations to Prof. CHAN Wai Chi, Sally



Prof. Sally CHAN was awarded the Honorary Fellow of the HKAN in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to nursing practice and education. The conferment ceremony is scheduled to take place in October 2022.

HKAN Fellowship Conferment

The Fellowship Conferment for fellows admitted after 2020 is scheduled to take place in October 2022. Save the date to celebrate with your family and friends.



HKAN 10th Anniversary Symposium



Together with the HKAN Fellowship Conferment, the HKAN 10th anniversary symposium will be held in October 2022.



HKCERN 9th Annual General Meeting

The HKCERN 9th AGM will be held on 7 May 2022 via Zoom. We need your support and valuable opinion, and most importantly work together to strive to cross new frontiers in nursing education and research. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 9th AGM will be conducted via ZOOM. Please kindly register for attending the AGM via the below link:

<https://forms.gle/irz5o2wqN75s2y6f7>



Members are welcome to submit their recent news to the HKCERN newsletter. We are happy to hear from you!
Please contact us at info@hkcern.org