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NTU Singapore's Nanyang Business School ties up with polytechnics on university accelerated pathway programme

Polytechnic students taking business and business-related diploma programmes in Singapore will be able to accelerate their studies by taking undergraduate modules at **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)**, starting in the 2026 academic year.

Under the **University Accelerated Pathway Programme (UAPP)**, polytechnic students studying business courses will be able to take up to two selected undergraduate modules conducted at NTU's **Nanyang Business School (NBS)**. This provides polytechnic students with early exposure to university-level education.

Students who go on to matriculate at NTU and meet required performance criteria may transfer the grades of these completed modules to fulfil NTU graduation requirements, allowing them to graduate faster.

This is the first of such an initiative between NBS and all five polytechnics in Singapore where polytechnic students can expand their academic opportunities through early access to NTU's undergraduate learning environment.

The partnership aims to support efforts to attract and strengthen the talent pipeline, particularly in the Accountancy and Banking and Finance sectors.

NBS Dean Professor Jun Yang said: "The University Accelerated Pathway Programme not only lets polytechnic students earn credit recognition but also allows them to have a first taste of the breadth of NTU's vibrant co-curricular student life. This programme reaffirms that the polytechnic pathway is a strong and attractive route to university and strengthens the talent pipeline for industry. It also enables NTU to engage promising students early and nurture future leaders through an experiential showcase of our holistic education."

Mr William Lim, Director of Ngee Ann Polytechnic's School of Business & Accountancy, said: "As the Lead for the Accountancy and Financial Services Sector, and on behalf of the polytechnics' business schools, we welcome this collaboration

with NTU. This initiative marks a significant milestone in strengthening ties between a local university and the polytechnic sector. Beyond giving students the opportunity to take university-level modules during their diploma studies to broaden academic horizons and enhance career readiness, this programme creates a more seamless pathway for our graduates to embrace wider prospects in today's dynamic economic landscape."

Mrs Chia-Tern Huey Min, Chief Executive of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) and co-chair of the Implementation Committee for Accountancy Workforce Development, said: "ACRA welcomes NTU's UAPP initiative, which offers polytechnic students in accountancy and business courses accelerated pathways to university education through early university-level learning. This collaborative approach supports the goal of Implementation Committee for Accountancy Workforce Development in attracting and building a sustainable talent pipeline for the accountancy profession."

The university has signed Memoranda of Understanding with **Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic** and **Temasek Polytechnic** to kickstart the collaboration between NBS and them on the UAPP.

NTU has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with **Singapore Polytechnic (SP)** to partner on the programme. SP students studying for a diploma in Accountancy, Banking and Finance, Business Administration, and Human Resource Management with Psychology are eligible for the accelerated pathway programme with NBS.

This agreement also covers similar pathways between SP and other NTU schools and Colleges, such as NTU's engineering schools, School of Biological Sciences, and its College of Computing and Data Sciences.

NBS will host its inaugural batch of UAPP students in August 2026.

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 35,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Business, Computing & Data Science, Engineering, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Medicine, Science, and Graduate colleges.

NTU is also home to world-renowned autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

Ranked amongst the world's top universities, the University's main campus is also frequently listed among the world's most beautiful. Known for its sustainability, NTU has achieved 100% Green Mark Platinum certification for all its eligible building projects. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a medical campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

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