

Parkway offers 11 niche courses

FOR the first time, those interested in niche areas of healthcare, such as clinical governance, need not go overseas for their qualifications. This is thanks to Parkway Education launching a slew of such courses yesterday.

Among the 11 courses launched are several new to Singapore's healthcare education landscape, such as the Diplomas in Information Technology and Healthcare Management and Advanced Certificate in Clinical Governance.

The healthcare group will be pioneering the courses through its subsidiary, Parkway College, which was launched in January.

With a healthy demand for nurses here, Parkway College will also be offering a Diploma in Nursing course that has been accredited by the Singapore Nursing Board.

This is the first private diploma course approved by the board. ParkwayHealth will sponsor up to 100 students out of the

120 in the first intake for this course.

Chief executive of Parkway College Mrs Nellie Tang said that nursing students of the school will not just be taught traditional nursing skills.

"We (will also) emphasise service excellence by attaching our students to six-star hotels such as the Ritz-Carlton Millenia," she said.

Parkway College started the nursing programme to cater to the growing needs of Singapore's ageing population that will see an increasing demand for nurses, for which there is already a shortage.

Other approved nursing diplomas in Singapore are run by the Nanyang and Ngee Ann Polytechnics.

Parkway is also awaiting approval by the nursing board for its proposed advanced and specialised diplomas in perioperative nursing and critical care nursing.

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