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Singapore to expand healthcare professional conversion programmes

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The Ministry of Health (MOH) and Workforce Singapore (WSG) are expanding the Healthcare Professional Conversion Programmes (PCPs) with the introduction of a new degree-entry accelerated PCP at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT).

This is in line with the strategies under the Healthcare Industry Transformation Map (ITM), to build a strong local core in healthcare by providing multiple pathways for mid-career Singaporeans to join this growing sector.

The Healthcare PCPs are jointly offered by MOH and WSG in partnership with various training partners to provide training pathways for mid-career locals to acquire the relevant training to join the healthcare sector. Healthcare PCPs are available for mid-career locals to be trained in healthcare professions such as Enrolled Nurse (EN); Registered Nurse (RN); Physiotherapist (PT); Occupational Therapist (OT); and Diagnostic Radiographer (DR).

Since 2003, close to 1,500 mid-career locals have participated in the Healthcare PCPs, of whom around 1,200 were in Nursing and close to 300 were in Allied Health Professions (AHPs).

The new Professional Conversion Programme for Physiotherapists (Accelerated) (PCP-PT (Acc)) is targeted at mid-career locals with a prior degree qualification in a science-related field. It provides this group of individuals with an additional pathway to pursue a mid-career switch into physiotherapy.

This new programme underscores MOH and WSG’s committment to provide additional pathways for mid-careerists hoping to make a switch into a meaningful career in healthcare, which is a growing sector.