CUSTOMISED STUDY PATHWAY
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General

1. **What is the Customised Study Pathway (CSP)?**

   Customised Study Pathway (CSP) is a sector-wide approach to provide greater flexibility for polytechnic students to progress according to their own pace & comfort level. Students can approach their personal tutor to be placed on reduced modular load if they meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

   - Academic Challenges (Failed a module in the most recent semester / GPA less than or equal to 1.0)
   - Family or Financial Challenges
   - Mental and Emotional Challenges
   - Medical Reasons (e.g. Serious illness)
   - Special Educational Needs (SEN)
   - Side Interests (e.g. Sports competitions, other Skills Competitions and Entrepreneurship Incubators/ Programmes)

2. **How will students benefit by being on the CSP?**

   Students will take fewer modules than prescribed in a semester, allowing them to complete their diploma course at a pace that suits them. However, this will likely mean that they will take a longer time to fulfil all the course requirements and result in graduating later than their cohort.

3. **How many modules will a student on CSP take, per semester?**

   Schools will work with students on the CSP to develop a module roadmap, which maps all modules that students will take for each semester until graduation. The number of modules a CSP student takes in each semester will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on each student's pace of learning, amongst other factors. Module roadmaps will be reviewed at the end of each semester after the release of the exams results and updated accordingly.

4. **What is the maximum/minimum number of semesters that students can be placed on the CSP?**

   The duration of the CSP for individual students will vary based on consultation with their schools who will advise students on the optimal number of semesters they should be placed on the CSP. This is subject to the individual needs of students which is likely to change over the semester. However, students are to graduate within the duration allowed to complete the course and course fees are chargeable for any extra semesters that students take to complete the course.

5. **How long will students on the CSP take to graduate from polytechnic? Can they graduate from polytechnic within 3 years?**

   The time taken to graduate will differ for each student, depending on their individual module roadmaps. If students are able to cope with a given modular

load, module roadmaps may be reviewed to allow students to take on a heavier modular load in subsequent semesters, allowing them to still graduate within three years.

6. Will I be eligible for Tuition Grant if I am placed on the CSP?

The maximum number of semesters a student is granted Tuition Grant is dependent upon student's entry point. For example, a student entering year 1 as a fresh student (i.e. have not enjoyed the tuition grant previously at other institutions of higher learning) will be granted 10 semesters of Tuition Grant funding (4 extra semesters beyond the minimum time of 6 semesters needed to complete a diploma course). For a fresh student entering directly into year 2, he/she will be granted 8 semesters.

7. What if I have used up the maximum number of Tuition Grant granted?

Any student who has enjoyed the maximum number of Tuition Grant (funding by Singapore Government) will have to pay full fees for any extra semesters taken to complete the course.

Eligibility

8. Who is eligible to participate in the CSP?

Students can approach their personal tutor to be placed on CSP if they meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

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9. I am not strictly eligible for the CSP, but I would still like to apply for it. Is there a way for me to do so?

Students who do not fall within the eligibility criteria may wish to speak to their personal tutor to better understand if they are suitable for the CSP.

10. If I am nominated for the CSP, will participation in the CSP be compulsory?

No, nominated students will still be given a choice on whether they wish to take up the CSP. Students who might benefit from the CSP will be approached by their schools to take up the CSP. We encourage these students to find out more from their personal tutor about the CSP, their module roadmaps, and how they might stand to benefit from the programme.

Application and Selection

11. **How can I apply for the CSP?**

Students can approach their personal tutor to explore the feasibility of onboarding CSP. It must be submitted within the first 2 weeks of semester commencement. CSP application is subject to approval.

In-flight CSP

12. **Can I drop the reduced modular loading in CSP and take up a full modular load in the middle of a semester?**

Students will not be able to add additional module(s) in the middle of the semester. Students can discuss their module roadmaps with the schools after the release of the exams results.

13. **Is there room to extend the CSP beyond the initial agreement?**

The CSP may be extended should the schools feel that the students would benefit from a longer duration on the CSP. Students looking to extend their CSP are encouraged to speak to their personal tutor towards the end of a semester when they are reviewing their module roadmaps.