

# SERVICE-LEARNING Teacher Development

## Certificate in Service-Learning Pedagogy and Practice

# 2025

### ★ Highlights:

Fundamental Principles and Theories

Pedagogical Project Design

Research-based findings

Case studies sharing

On-site experience in Manila

Project proposal Development



### About the Course

Service-Learning (SL) is an experiential learning approach that combines community service with academic study and reflection to nurture students' empathy and social responsibility.

This course is tailored for educators and practitioners at the higher education level. Face-to-face components will be held in **Manila, the Philippines**, from **6-10 January 2025**.

A PolyU Continuing Education certificate will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the course.

### What will you learn?

- General principles and theories of academic SL
- SL and other forms of community-engaged experiential learning
- High-impact pedagogical factors, potential pitfalls and risks
- Designing an effective SL programme
- Improving on current practice

### On-site service-learning project visits:

- Vision screening for primary school students
- Rehabilitation for children with special needs
- STEM education on Artificial Intelligence

### Application form



### Course Components

- E-Learning Module and concept test
- Lectures, Seminars, and On-Site visits (40 hours)
- Design your own SL program

### Enrollment Fee

**PHP 30,000**

*\*Includes course fee, materials, and transportation for on-site project visits.*

*\*Participants who demonstrate financial need may be eligible for financial aid of up to PHP 15,000 upon satisfactory completion of the course.*

### Locations

University of the Philippines Diliman and De La Salle University Manila

### Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree awarded by a recognised institution
- Priority will be given to teaching/academic staff at higher education institutions

### Application & Enquiries

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## Key Dates (Hong Kong/Manila Time)

Information session  
(online)

28 Nov 2024 (Thu)  
3-4pm

Application deadline

9 Dec 2024 (Mon)  
11:59 pm

Admission results

16 Dec 2024 (Mon)

E-Learning

Starting from  
16 Dec 2024

Face-to-face  
components  
in Manila

6-10 Jan 2025



## Why choose PolyU?

With over a decade of development, PolyU's SL has grown from 6 subjects and 200 students in 2012 to **over 60 subjects and more than 4,500 students annually** now.

Our service projects have expanded beyond **Hong Kong** and the **Chinese Mainland** to countries such as **Cambodia, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Rwanda, Vietnam, Tanzania, and The Philippines**. These projects improve the lives of people in need and inspire students to become responsible professionals and global citizens.



## Award-Winning Excellence

- **Winner of THE Awards Asia 2022: Teaching and Learning Strategy of the Year**
- **QS Reimagine Education Awards 2017/18**
- Service-Learning and Leadership Office (SLLO), PolyU received the **2020 International Research Award** from the **International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE)**



## About the Instructors

Both Dr. Ngai and Dr. Chan have been instrumental in integrating SL into PolyU's curriculum, expanding projects globally, and pioneering innovative pedagogical practices.

### Innovative pedagogical practices pioneered:

- Multicultural student teams through partnerships with local NGOs
- Service-learning exchange and internship programs
- Global SL classroom, allowing PolyU students and their overseas peers to:
  - Attend the same lectures via video conferencing
  - Develop project ideas collaboratively
  - Implement projects together in person at the service location



### Dr Grace Ngai –

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### Dr Stephen Chan –

Founding Head of SLLO  
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