

## School of Continuing and Lifelong Education (SCALE)

### Frequently Asked Questions for Prospective BTech Computing Students

#### Admission

#### 1. How many intakes are there per year?

There is one intake in each Academic Year (AY) for the following BTech Computing Programmes, i.e. every August:

- Business Analytics
- Cybersecurity
- Software Engineering

#### 2. Can I apply if I have less than the required period of full-time work experience?

We require the fulfilment of the working experience criteria as we strongly feel that work experience is necessary for you to better appreciate the training the programmes will provide.

Age exemption may be granted for applicants who fulfill certain criteria. You may refer to the [BTech Programmes](#) webpages for more information.

#### 3. How can I be granted more Advanced Placement Credits (APCs) / exemption?

All diploma holders admitted into BTech Computing programmes will generally be granted a set of Advanced Placement Credits (APCs) automatically. Further credits will be granted to holders of certain ICT-related diplomas which have been accredited for admission.

Additional APCs can be granted for the completion of relevant Advanced/Specialist Diplomas, and applicants may also sit for the Module Advanced Placement Credit (MAPC) tests to earn credits for some modules. Further exemptions may be considered for modules taken in established and recognized universities on a case by case basis. The university modules, however, must not have been used to count towards the award of any other degree, and must have been completed within the last 5 years prior to the date of admission to the University.

Having too many exemptions will not be to your advantage as you may run the risk of not being able to cope with the demands of the course at higher levels. If your academic performance is affected, you may get into the situation of having to retake certain modules and hence may take a longer period to graduate. In the worst case scenario, you may even face dismissal from the University if you consistently fall below the continuation requirement.

#### 4. I have a basic diploma in Engineering, e.g. Mechanical Engineering. Can I apply for a BTech Computing programme which SCALE is offering?

You may apply for any of the BTech Computing programmes as we accept students with no prior training in ICT.

**5. My GCE 'O' level results and diploma results are not very strong. Can I still apply for admission to the BTech Computing programmes?**

You may submit your application if you have meet the admission criteria as stated on the website. Applicants who do not have a strong background may be required to attend the Mathematics Bridging Course and sit for Mathematics Test. The Admission Committee will further review your application based on your performance in the Mathematics Test.

**6. Will there be any entrance exams or selection procedures involved?**

Applicants who do not have a strong or relevant background and those with foreign qualifications may be required to attend the Mathematics Bridging Course and sit for the Mathematics Test. The Admission Committee will further review your application based on your performance in the Mathematics Test.

**7. Can I apply for admissions to the BTech Computing programme if I have completed the 2.5-year part time diploma course offered by a local polytechnic?**

You may submit an application but it is mandatory that you must attend the Mathematics Bridging Course and sit for the Mathematics Test before your admission can be considered.

**8. I have more queries on Admissions, who can I contact?**

Please email your queries to [scale.admissions@nus.edu.sg](mailto:scale.admissions@nus.edu.sg)