I-CARE
Centre for Whole-person Development

Aspiration through reflection; Renewal through civility
About Us

Established in October 2016, the I・CARE Centre for Whole-person Development collaborates with and provides support across different units of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in offering the I・CARE Programme to students.

The I・CARE Programme is designed to echo the University’s devotion to nurturing well-rounded graduates in serving the needs and enhancing the well-being of the citizens of Hong Kong, Mainland China, and the wider world community.

Our Name

Under the I・CARE framework, students are offered a wide range of experiential learning and whole-person development opportunities according to the following five key areas:

I - Integrity and Moral Development
C - Creativity and Intellectual Development
A - Appreciation of Life and Aesthetics Development
R - Relationships and Social Development
E - Energy and Wellness

As our name suggests, I・CARE aims to inspire students to think about their aspirations, to take ownership for their personal development, and most important of all, to care about people, the society and the world.
Our Work

In line with our motto “Aspiration through Reflection; Renewal through Civility”, the I•CARE Programme inspires students to examine the meaning of life and nurture their compassion in serving the society while enhancing their own personal growth. The I•CARE Programme comprises the following categories:

University Lecture on Civility

University Lecture on Civility comprises seminars and cultural activities that explore the relationship between man, society and nature. Scholars, artists and celebrities from around the world gather to share their unique humanistic points of view with students and inspire them to reflect on the meaning of life.

Social Service Projects Scheme

The University encourages students to engage in social and civic services in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and overseas countries. We provide coaching, advice, and funding for students to design, initiate, and implement sustainable development projects in local and impoverished areas to enhance people’s well-being.

Local Poverty Alleviation Initiative (LPAI)

LPAI focuses on both addressing the underlying causes of poverty as well as building an enabling environment for poverty alleviation in Hong Kong. Through engaging in community services, students gain first-hand experience about societal issues and develop commitment to alleviating poverty.

Community Research Scheme

The Scheme involves faculty members and students from different disciplines working together on collaborative projects. Students collect and analyse data, carry out research and present findings that become blueprints for community and social reforms.

Social Enterprise Startup Scheme

The Scheme provides mentoring, coaching, and funding to students (and also young alumni) to transform their creative business ideas into meaningful social enterprises. With the support of the Scheme, participants validate, establish or scale up their social businesses.

NGO Internship Programme

Working for an NGO provides students the opportunity to put theories into practice, support others in need, and create positive changes in communities. The placements aim to take students’ dedication and strengths to new heights.
Student Development Portfolio (SDP)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong is committed to the whole-person development of its students. Different units in the University provide a variety of student activities and services to cultivate students’ overall quality and competitiveness. To facilitate the whole-person development of our students, the Student Development Portfolio (SDP) has been established to provide information for students on the experiential learning opportunities on offer, and to maintain a comprehensive record of their participation in experiential learning activities under the I • CARE framework.

Through SDP, students can:

i. look for the experiential learning activities (ELA) offered by various units of the University
ii. update and maintain participation records
iii. generate Experiential Learning Activities Report (ELA Report) to showcase their learning achievements

All undergraduates holding a valid CU Link Card can log in to the e-Platform with Student ID and CWEM password via www.cuhk.edu.hk/sdp/. For more information, please visit www.sdp.cuhk.edu.hk.

Support Us

We look forward to collaborating with you to further the advancement of the I • CARE Programme which will not only benefit students of The Chinese University of Hong Kong but the wider community.