



Graduate Diploma Program (Graduate Volunteer)

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“The Graduate Volunteer program intends to only provide education. The development should be then taken place thereafter. Thus, the main target is to prepare our graduates to work in the rural areas. Because most of them do not wish to go out to the remote areas after they graduate.”

The primary goal is “to cultivate public consciousness for their homeland in Thai graduates. At that time, there was a manpower shortage in the rural areas. The college graduates wanted to stay in the city. They should volunteer to work for their country in the much needed rural areas. Secondly, what Professor Dr. Puey had in mind was that we cannot expect too much from foreigners who volunteer to help us. Besides, Thai Government had to pay substantial amount for their help. If only our Thai graduates could go out in the rural areas to do such work, it would do much deed for our country. Consequently, this is the origination of the Graduate Volunteer Program,” (an interview with Associate Professor Chalernsri Dhammabutra, former Director of Graduate Volunteer Office).

In the first year of its operation, the University Council assigned the Faculty of Economics to administer the program. It only accepted applicants who graduated from Thammasat University. Later on, in 1970, the program was officially inaugurated under the title – “Program of High Diploma in Graduate Volunteer (ป.บ.อ.)”

In 1975, Ministry of University Affairs promoted the Graduate Volunteer Program to the new status – “Office”. Consequently, it was titled – “Office of the Graduate Volunteer”, granted the same rights and privileges as one of Thammasat University’s Faculties.

40 years later, on March 30, 2015, Thammasat University Council consented on changing the title, “Office of the Graduate Volunteer” to “PueyUngphakorn School of Development Studies”. The program aims to maintain Professor Dr.Puey’s philosophy, objectives, and instructionmodes of Graduate Volunteer Program.

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Program Philosophy

Provide students with opportunities to actively participate in service experiences in diverse cultures.

Organize instruction mode by extending student learning into the culturally diverse communities. Drive students to work devotedly for the community as they learn the community’s way of life and its issues.

Strive to cultivate the sense of social service in students through Service-learning learning method and philosophy.

Program Objectives

Graduates from the program should foster the following characteristics:

1. Have sense of social responsibility and righteousness. Commit to community service and public interest.
2. Competent in multidisciplinary. Have true understanding of the society. Work well with people while deliver creativity to the developmental work.
3. Capable of effectively cooperate with the people in the diverse, different and culturally complex areas.

Length of Study

Length of Study: 1 Year / 30 credits throughout the program (divided into 3 periods)

3 Months

15 Credits of Theory Courses

(August – October)

Take 5 Courses

Group of Subjects in Volunteerism

Conscience

- Volunteerism and Social Responsibility

Group of Subjects in Developmental Work

Skills

- Research Methodologies in Social Sciences
- Community Work Process



	<p><u>Group of Subjects in Social Knowledge and Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-cultural Society - Thai Rural Life in the Globalization and Localization Context
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Degree Title

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Career Opportunities

- Social Development Worker
- Community Cooperation Officer
- Community Relations Officer
- Community Cooperation Officer
- Community Development Worker
- Development Worker in Private Organization
- Field Researcher
- Social Entrepreneur
- CSR Officer in Private Organization

Program Support Proficiency Complement and

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Financial Aids

on tuition Get an exemption fee Receive a monthly allowance

Facility Benefits

Dormitory privilege, Use of sports equipments, and kitchen

Advisors

Advisor in specific research project (1 advisor per student)

Advisor in Development Project (1 advisor per 3 students)

Support for on-site projects – working and living in the rural

Consultation with Scholar coach

Help from On-site mentor

Support from 1,400 Graduate Volunteer alumni working in both public and private sectors all over the country



Applicant Qualifications

Have an open-mind, enthusiastic to learn

Eager to devote themselves to learn and earn experience in different diverse cultural areas Graduated with Bachelor’s Degree in any field

Demonstrate interests in volunteer work and social service

Determine to work in social service profession after graduation

Cooperative Agreement with Other Organizations

Under a cooperative agreement with various government and private sectors, PSDS admits prospect Graduate Volunteer students who are officers, or employees, both of Thai national and international of such organizations.

Students will spend 3 months studying theory courses. The next 7 months, they will be back on the field working with their original affiliation. The last 2 months of the program, they will be working on the research thesis.

Graduate Volunteerstudent in this program will be eligible for:

- Fee waiver (paid for by the affiliate organization) and allowance
- 7 months of practical training; on-site and at the original affiliation
- PSDS provides advisor for consultation during the training and research work
- Improve skill and proficiency in social development profession

For more information, please contact: samsunt@hotmail.com

Application Process

Application Period: February - June

Written Exam: July

Interview: July