Nurse, where are the nurses?

Fewer are taking up nursing courses and current nurses are not surprised.

The Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and NYP are enrolling fewer students in their nursing courses this year compared to last.

"We have seen a decline in the number of students enrolling in our nursing courses this year. Last year, we enrolled 374 people, while this year we have 273," said Dr. Tan Boon Chai, the Dean of the School of Nursing at SIT.

The decline is not unique to SIT. NYP, another institution that offers nursing courses, also reported a similar trend.

"We have seen a decrease in the number of students enrolling in our nursing courses this year. Last year, we enrolled 350 people, while this year we have 280," said Dr. Lee, the Dean of the School of Nursing at NYP.

The reasons for the decline are not known, but some speculate it may be due to the recent surge in nursing graduates entering the workforce.

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The decline in the number of nursing students is not surprising to current nurses.

"I am not surprised by the decline in the number of nursing students enrolling in our courses," said Ms. Lam, a nurse who has been working in the field for 20 years.

She said, "I have seen a trend of younger people choosing other careers instead of nursing. It is not surprising to me that fewer people are choosing to become nurses."