



NURSING, MSN

Advanced Clinical Nursing Concentration

School of Nursing

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The MSN **concentration in advanced clinical nursing** prepares nurses for various types of advanced clinical specialty practice. The curriculum prepares clinicians to provide and manage health and illness care in hospitals, ambulatory and community settings, and home health care settings. On the basis of their professional backgrounds and career goals, students are individually assigned to master's prepared preceptors for the clinical specialty practica in a variety of primary, secondary, and tertiary care settings.

Admission Requirements

Students must meet the admission requirements for degree status in the graduate school, as well as those of the MSN program:

- BSN from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency (or apply to the RN to MSN pathway)
- Cumulative GPA of 3.00 for the last 60 credits of undergraduate work
- Current RN license
- Two letters of recommendation (one from a supervisor within the past year)
- Completion of undergraduate statistics and a graduate-level bivariate statistics course (HHS 597)
- GRE (upon request)
- Completion of a health assessment course within the past 18 months

Special Requirements

All nursing students must be certified yearly in Basic Life Support CPR (Level C).

Nursing students are required to obtain a health exam and immunizations before registering for their first clinical/practicum/internship course. Hepatitis B immunizations must be completed in accordance with the current U.S. Public Health Service recommendations. Students also must have annual tuberculosis screenings by PPD. (Please refer to the CHHS health form for additional requirements.)

A criminal background check is required prior to entering the nursing component of the program.

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Program of Study

Candidates for the MSN degree with a concentration in advanced clinical nursing must present 39 credits as follows:

MSN Core	13
<i>(all concentrations)</i>	
NURS 660 Seminar in the Ethics of Health Care	3
NURS 680 Theoretical Foundations Related to Nursing	2
NURS 685 Advanced Nursing Research Methods	3
NURS 686 Projects in Nursing Research	2
NURS 688 Organization of Nursing and Health Care Delivery Systems	3
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NURS 513 Advanced Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS 514 Application of Advanced Health Assessment Methods*	2
NURS 550 Pathophysiologic Bases for Major Health Deviations of Individuals	3
NURS 773 Advanced Clinical Nursing I	3
NURS 775 Advanced Specialty Practice I	3
NURS 776 Advanced Clinical Nursing II	3
NURS 778 Advanced Specialty Practice II	3
Nursing Electives	6
*A continuing education health assessment course with a skills component is required within 18 months prior to taking NURS 514.	
TOTAL	39

The program of study is flexible, and courses are scheduled to enable full-time and part-time study during the day or evening hours. Full-time students may be eligible for Federal Traineeship Awards.

Clinical Nurse Specialist Emphasis

Students in the advanced clinical nursing concentration may opt for the **clinical nurse specialist emphasis** and accrue a total of 500 clinical hours by completing NURS 740 (Clinical Nurse Specialist Internship). NURS 740 is 3 credits and is repeatable for up to 6 credits.

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