

Adult-Gerontology

Clinical Nurse Specialist

RN-BSN-MSN

Curriculum Guide



Registered nurses (RNs) who hold an associate degree in nursing from a community college or a diploma in nursing from a three-year hospital-based program and who do not hold bachelors or master's degrees are eligible for the RN-MSN curriculum sequence. These RN students must apply through the Ursuline College Adult Program (UCAP) but must declare interest in pursuing the RN-MSN sequence upon admission. The student must also meet criteria for admission to MSN graduate program (see below). These students will pursue all undergraduate level college core courses as well as the required RN-BSN level nursing courses through UCAP with the exception of NR 265 Evidence-Based Professional Nursing Practice (undergraduate level course) and NR 205 Pathophysiology (undergraduate level course). The MSN level

bridge course, NR 532 Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice will substitute for NR 265, and the MSN level bridge course, NR 540 Advanced Physiology/Pathology, will substitute for NR 205.

After these courses are completed, the student receives the BSN degree and continues into the established MSN sequence of courses. Students progressing into the MSN program must receive a 3.0 or higher on their BSN transcript and must have at least one year of experience as a registered nurse. The student must select a specialty MSN track by pursuing the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner or Leadership.

Bridge Courses

NR 265: Evidence-Based Professional Nursing Practice

NR 532: Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice

NR 205: Pathophysiologic Foundations for Nursing Practice

NR 540: Advanced Physiology/Pathology

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Graduate Admission

RN-BSN-MSN: Adult–Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Graduates are prepared to assume roles as Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialists (AGCNS) to integrate care across the continuum while working to continuously improve patient outcomes and nursing care.

General education requirements may vary. BSN nursing core courses included below.

	Fall (August-December) (or 1st Semester of Program)	Spring (January-May)	Summer (May-August)
BSN	<p>NR 226: Foundations of Professional Practice (3 credits)</p> <p>NR 235: Health Assessment of the Adult (2 credits)</p>	<p>NR 331: Societal Impact on Women's Health (3 credits)</p>	<p>NR 426: Leadership Practicum (2 credits)</p> <p>NR 358: Professional Nursing Practice with Populations (5 credits)</p> <p>NR 465: Nursing Leadership (3 credits)</p>
MSN Level 1	<p>*NR 532: Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits) (replaces NR 265)</p> <p>*NR 540: Advanced Physiology/Pathology (3 credits) (replaces NR 205)</p> <p><i>Complete BSN</i></p>	<p>*NR 533: Application of Evidence-Based Practice (3 credits)</p> <p>NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)</p>	<p>NR 535: Health Care Informatics (2 credits)</p> <p>NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)</p>
MSN Level 2	<p>NR 601: CNS Adult Health Management (3 credits)</p> <p>With</p> <p>NR 611: Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p>NR 650A: Health Care Policy (1 credit)</p>	<p>NR 636: Adult Gerontology Health Disease Management (3 credits)</p> <p>With</p> <p>NR 612: Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p>NR 650B: Health Care Organizations and Finance (1 credit)</p>	<p>NR 620: Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration (3 credits)</p> <p>With</p> <p>NR 613: Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p>NR 650C: Advanced Practice Ethical and Legal Responsibilities (1 credit)</p>
MSN Level 3	<p>NR 640: Teaching and Evaluation (3 credits)</p> <p>With</p> <p>NR 614: Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p>NR 650D: Advanced Practice Roles and Responsibilities with culminating project (2 credits)</p> <p><i>Complete MSN</i></p>		

*Some semesters the course can be taken face-to-face or online.

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