Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist Program

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Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist Program
The Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist program is designed to expand the scope of nursing practice within an acute care setting. The courses are designed to increase the graduate’s clinical skills and knowledge in order to enhance the opportunities for career advancement and quality patient care. The Program was developed to allow each student to identify and define his/her clinical specialization area such as perioperative, oncology, respiratory, cardiovascular, and neurological or other medical surgical nursing areas. This program will prepare graduates to practice in collaborative and leadership roles within hospitals, clinics, and community health care organizations as advanced practice nurses. The curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for eligibility for taking national CNS certification examinations. It will also provide the graduates with the foundation for effective clinical teaching.

The program consist of 47/48 units that can be completed through either full-time or part-time study. Students complete coursework in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology, advanced physical assessment, health care policy, nursing theory and roles, human diversity, research, education courses, clinical nurse specialist theory and clinical courses. Students have the opportunity to complete a thesis, directed project, or a comprehensive examination to fulfill the Master’s degree. Master’s degree requirements must be completed within 7 years.

Admission requirements
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing preferred. Other health-related degrees will be considered.
- Current RN license or eligibility to practice nursing in California
- Grade point average of 3.00 or better in units of the Bachelor's degree. Applicants with GPA below 3.00 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- College or graduate level course in statistics
- Upper division course or a graduate level course in pathophysiology
- Physical assessment course including a clinical laboratory component, within the past 5 years
- Upper division course in community health nursing with a laboratory (usually completed in BSN program)

Application Process
Apply for University admission online at: www.csumentor.edu or call 562-985-5471.

Apply to the Graduate Nursing Program at http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/nursing/programs/ or call 562-985-4473.

Include or send a set of official transcripts of all college work to the University Graduate Admissions office.

Application Deadline: October 15 or March 15

Monthly information sessions are offered in the School of Nursing during Fall and Spring semesters. Please call the Graduate Office at 562-985-4473.

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Post Master’s Program
Nurses with Master’s degree in Nursing may complete specific courses to obtain a certificate as a clinical nurse specialist. This Post Master’s education qualifies the post master graduates to apply to the State of California for the CNS license and qualifies the graduates for the National Certification examination in their specific specialties.

The Curriculum
Core and Educational Courses
Advanced Pathophysiology (2units)
Advanced Pharmacology (3units)
Advanced Physical Assessment (2units)
Health Care Economics (2units)
Human Diversity (2units)
Theory and Professional Roles (2units)
Nursing Research (3units)
Condition in Learning /Instructions (3units)
Curriculum Development (3units)
Micro teaching (2units) and Practice teaching (2units)

Specialty Courses
Th. Adv. Nrsg Prac in CNS/Pt family (3units)
Clinical Studies for CNS I (3units)
Th. Adv. Nrsg Prac in CNS/staff development (3units)
Clinical Studies for CNS II (3units)
Th. Adv. Nrsg Prac in CNS/Organization (3units)
Clinical Studies CNS III (3units)
Thesis/ Directed Project/Comprehensive Exam (3/4units)

Classes are available on a part-time or full-time schedule with classes offered during Fall and Spring semesters