

Master of Science in Nursing, Option in Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adult (code NRSGMS02)

This new option was recommended by the Academic Senate on February 8, 2007
and approved by the President on February 20, 2007.

This 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 their clinical specialization in areas such as perioperative, oncology, respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological, or other medical surgical nursing. The 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 will prepare graduates for eligibility for taking the national clinical nurse specialist certification examination.

Prerequisites

1. Bachelor's degree in nursing preferred. A bachelor's degree in a related field will be considered if the applicant has completed an upper division public health nursing course and meets all other prerequisites.
2. Current license to practice as a registered nurse in California.
3. Admission to graduate standing in nursing at California State University, Long Beach.
4. Upper division or graduate course in statistics.
5. Physical assessment course which includes clinical practice taken within the past five years.
6. Upper division course in pathophysiology.
7. Overall GPA of 2.75 or better in the last 60 units of the undergraduate BSN Program..

Requirements for Completion

1. A minimum of 47 - 48 units of approved upper division and graduate level courses including:
 - A. Core Requirements: NRSG 511A, 521A, 530, 540, 550, 560, 596
 - B. Concurrent Requirements: NRSG 556A, 556B, 556L
 - C. Clinical Courses Requirements: NRSG 673, 673L, 674, 674L, 675, 675L
 - D. Culminating Course Requirement: NRSG 698 or 692
2. An overall GPA of 3.0 or better in graduate coursework
3. Directed project or thesis

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