
Post-Graduate Certificate Program in Nursing Description

The School of Nursing endeavors to provide curricula that encourage individuals to pursue Christ-centered excellence in the nursing profession. As individuals in the nursing profession come into view, the certificate program fits with the mission of the University to provide Christ-centered higher education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

This program is ideal for nurses who have obtained their master's or doctoral degree in nursing in another area and now find themselves in positions that

A MSN is preferred for application to the Post-graduate DNP. Additional coursework may be required upon evaluation of transcripts for students with a master's degree in a field other than nursing. A DNP is required for application to the post-graduate CRNA certificate program.

Mission Statement

To prepare graduates for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical abilities.

Program Outcomes

The nursing education certificate prepares nurses for roles in clinical practice, research, and education. The nursing administration certificate prepares nurses for a variety of administrative and leadership positions in health care delivery systems. The nurse practitioner certificate prepares nurses to serve in a variety of clinical practices. The nurse anesthesia certificate program prepares nurses to serve as certified registered nurse anesthetists.

Schedule

The certificate program is part-time study with classes generally occurring one day per week or online. Clinical requirements of practicum commonly require more than one day per week.

Curricular needs of full-time cohort students will be given priority.

Admission Requirements:

1. Completion of a master's degree in nursing from an accredited program (CRNA applicants must have the DNP)
2. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be submitted directly through NursingCAS. **Please do not send transcripts for non-traditional nursing programs to Undergraduate Admissions.** Transcripts must be received by NursingCAS in a sealed envelope from all previous academic institutions attended. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be sent to: NursingCAS, P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471.
3. Proof of current unencumbered RN licensure.
4. Interview with the Nursing Graduate Admissions Selection Committee
5. Submission of curriculum vitae
6. Three letters of professional/academic reference specifying the applicant's capabilities for graduate study. One letter of reference must be from the applicant's immediate supervisor.
7. Completed application with application fee of \$50
8. Last 60 hours cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
9. Completion of undergraduate statistics course
10. Cleared criminal background check
11. Clean drug screen

Additional requirements for the Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, and CRNA tracks include:

12. Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale, defined as Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, and Statistics is preferred
13. Statement of professional goals to include:
 - Why you wish to become a Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, or Nurse Administrator
 - What you plan to do with your degree

18 If applicant has been dismissed from or withdrawn from a nurse anesthesia program, he or she must provide a letter from the previous program director addressing the dismissal/withdrawal.

Students admitted to the program must have and maintain while in the program

1. Current CPR certification for NP and Education

2. Evidence of Hepatitis B, MMR, polio and tetanus

3. Varicella titer showing active immunity

4. Freedom from tuberculosis as evidenced by a negative PPD or health provider examination

5. Health insurance

Financial Information

Tuition is \$572 per semester hour for Post-graduate programs and \$875 for post-graduate DNP programs. Full payment for a term is expected at the time of registration for classes.

General Student fee: \$205/term

Any combination of the following payment methods is available:

1. Check, cash, or credit card.
2. Employer reimbursement.
3. FACTS (and electronic monthly draft from a savings or checking account) The cost of books is approximately \$150 per course.

All financial information is subject to change without notice.

Employer Tuition Reimbursement Policies

1. The student is responsible for providing information to the university regarding his/her employer's policies for reimbursement.
2. If the employer reimburses the student directly, the student must pay the university in full at the time of registration for classes.
3. If the employer provides partial reimbursement directly to the university, the student must pay his/her portion of the tuition at the time of registration.
4. The university will provide any required information to an employer when requested by the student.

Certificate Program Completion Requirements

1. Must demonstrate evidence of completion of MSN or DNP core through an accredited MSN or DNP Program.
2. Completion of the specialty curriculum for Post-graduate Certificate.
3. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the certificate course work.
4. File an application for graduation with the Graduate Nursing Office by the published deadline.
5. Pay in full the student's account in the Business Office.
6. Discharge all other obligations (fines, credentials, fees, etc.) at the University.

Curriculum

I. Post-graduate Certificate Nursing Administration —22 hours

A. NUR 525, 528, 535, 548, 572, 593

B. NUR 615, 693A, 695B

C. Minimum Residency (22 semester hours) inc

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529. Healthcare and Missions (3)

This course affords the graduate nursing student the opportunity to be involved in the development and implementation of a short-term healthcare mission trip by serving in a transcultural healthcare setting. The educational service provided in the transcultural healthcare setting will be based on

559. Role Development and Collaborative Strategies in Advanced Nursing Practice (2)

The purpose of this course is to enhance the student's knowledge of advanced nursing practice roles and interprofessional roles in healthcare delivery. Emphasis is on integrating philosophical inquiry, theory analysis, and translational research findings to improve healthcare outcomes for culturally diverse individuals and teams.

614. Neurosurgical Anesthesia: Perspectives of Anesthetic Care (2)

An in-depth examination of the practice of neurosurgical

715. Technological Transformations of Health Care (3)
Designed to prepare the student to evaluate current health care