

MSN Adult Health: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

College of Nursing and Health

About the Program

In accordance with the philosophy of Madonna University, the faculty of the Department of Nursing is committed to assisting students in the development of Christian humanistic values, a spirit of intellectual inquiry, openness to discovery of truth and readiness to serve others. The nursing department holds the core values of wellness, professionalism, caring, and a future focus as central to its culture.

Madonna University's nursing program has had continuous approval of the Michigan Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Specialty Track Overview

This specialty is designed to prepare the advanced practice nurse (APN) to serve the needs of adults in a variety of settings. The graduate will specialize in the care and management of adult clients with diverse health and illness concerns. The CNS synthesizes advanced knowledge of health-illness states of clients to design relevant nursing care, integrates research-based problem solving and decision making in nursing care of the client, family, and community, and implements effective communication strategies in collaborative management and improvement of client care. The graduate will also be able to select appropriate nursing therapeutic interventions for client care, design nursing care that integrates principles of Christian humanism, and assume the role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist that reflects nursing standards of practice.

Credentialing

The curriculum meets the content and clinical requirements for eligibility for national certification (American Nurses Credentialing Center ANCC) as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Medical-Surgical Nursing and specialty certification from the Michigan Board of Nursing.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admissions to the Adult Health: Clinical Nurse Specialist specialty is evaluated based on the following:

1. Possession of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree from an accredited program with an overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
2. GRE (Graduate Record Examination) for applicants with an overall undergraduate grade point average of less than 3.25.
3. Two completed recommendation forms from professional associates (one of whom must be a nurse) who can assess your potential to practice in an advanced practice role and/or your potential for graduate study.
4. Statement of goals for graduate education in specialty.
5. Current resume.
6. Current Michigan RN license.
7. Current employment status: Significant work experience provides a basis for achievement of graduate course objectives. It is recommended that students have professional work experience prior to and concurrent with enrollment in program. This issue will be addressed at the admission interview.
8. Interview with the Chair of Nursing Graduate Program. (Prerequisite course work will be determined at this time.)
9. Criminal background clearance prior to practicum courses.

Transfer Students

Students may transfer up to 6 s. h. of credit, with departmental approval.

Program Requirements (47 s.h.)

Nursing Core Courses (15 s.h.)

NUR 5000: Theoretical Basis for Nursing Practice	3 s.h.
NUR 5210: Influencing Power and Politics in Health Case (SOC)	3 s.h.
NUR 5650: Professional Responsibilities in Health Care Organizations	3 s.h.
*NUR 5760: Disciplined Inquiry for Nursing Practice	3 s.h.
NUR 5850: Bridging Evidence and Practice	3 s.h.

Advanced Practice Core (15 s.h.)

*BIO 5600: Advanced Human Pathophysiology	3 s.h.
*NUR 5250: Health Assessment and Promotion in Advanced Practice (includes laboratory and practicum)	6 s.h.
NUR 5350: Advanced Pharmacology (includes laboratory)	3 s.h.
NUR 5400: Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice	3 s.h.

Specialty Curricula (17 s.h.)

NUR 5500: Clinical Care of Clients (practicum)	6 s.h.
NUR 6230: Advanced Care Strategies (practicum)	6 s.h.
NUR 6450: Care Management (practicum)	5 s.h.

Additional Research Option (4 s.h.)

NUR 6930: Nursing Research: Thesis	4 s.h.
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*Note Specific Prerequisites

For BIO 5600: Completion of BIO 3700 or equivalent.
For NUR 5250: Admission to an Advanced Practice Nursing specialty track; NUR 3040 or equivalent within past 5 years; prerequisite or corequisite: BIO 5600.
For NUR 5760: One undergraduate or graduate course in statistics (equivalent to MTH 2350).



For Admissions Information

Application and any transcripts are to be submitted directly to:

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Tuition

The tuition rate for the 2006-2007 academic year is \$417.00 per graduate semester hour.

With tuition well below the national average for private universities, Madonna University is the most affordable independent liberal arts university in Michigan.

NOTE: One semester credit hour requires one clock hour in the classroom or three clock hours in practicum or laboratory per week of the semester.

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See Graduate Nursing Advisor/Graduate Studies Office for current information.

Madonna University guarantees the right to equal educational opportunity without discrimination because of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disabilities.

Specialty Track Outcomes

At the conclusions of the program, the student is able to:

1. Demonstrate the specialized body of knowledge and clinical competencies needed to assume the role of the clinical nurse specialist in medical-surgical nursing.
2. Integrate theory, critical thinking skills, and habits of the mind into comprehensive decision making responsibilities in expert clinical practice, the promotion of excellence and leadership in nursing practice, through individual, collaborative and system based interventions.
3. Engage in ethically based advanced nursing practice, guided by Christian humanism, which is comprehensive, holistic, innovative, and evidence-based to improve outcomes and advance nursing practice through the three spheres of influence.
4. Apply research and theory to impact care through outcome evaluation and fostering outcomes for patients, communities, and systems and to foster personal and professional growth in multidisciplinary practices.

Graduate Faculty

Phyllis Brenner, Nursing; B.S., Boston University; M.S., University of Colorado; M.A. (Management), Claremont Graduate University; Ph.D., Wayne State University; CNAA, BC (ANCC).

Kathleen Cross, Nursing; B.S.N., M.S.N., M.Ed., Ph.D., Wayne State University

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Deborah Dunn, Nursing; B.S.N., Eastern Michigan University; M.S.N., Wayne State University; Post-Master's Certificate, Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, University of Michigan; Ed.D. Student, Eastern Michigan University; CNS Medical-Surgical (ANCC), GNP (ANCC).

Catherine Griffin, Nursing; B.S.N., M.S., University of Michigan; Ph.D. student, Wayne State University

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Catherine Kurek-Ovshinsky, Hospice Education; B.S.N., Alverno College; M.S.N., Wayne State University; Psy.D., Center for Humanistic Studies.; Limited License Psychologist.

Maureen Leen, Nursing; B.S.N., Madonna University; M.S.N., Wayne State University; Ph.D., Michigan State University. Parish Nursing Certificate, International Parish Resource Center.

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Nancy A. O'Connor, Chair; Nursing Graduate Program; B.S.N., Madonna University; M.S.N., Ph.D., Wayne State University; Adult NP (ANCC).

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Teresa Cervantez Thompson, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health; B.S.N., M.S.N., Certificate in Aging, Certificate in Advanced Nursing Administration, Ph.D., Wayne State University; CRRN-A (RNCB).

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