

Post MSN Certificate: Adult Health Advanced Practice Palliative Care

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 Certificate

The focus of this post-master's certificate is to further prepare nurses who are currently certified in advanced practice to provide palliative care services. Advanced practice palliative care nursing serves patient, families, and caregivers during serious, progressive illnesses. Palliative care nurses provide holistic care that focuses on disease management, symptom relief, emotional distress, care transitions, and loss.

Credentialing

Graduates of this specialty are prepared to take the national certification exam:

- Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nurse, offered by the NBCHPN (National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses).

Prior certification as a Nurse Practitioner in the state of Michigan is required.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Adult Health: Advanced Practice Palliative Care Certificate is based upon evaluation on the following:

1. Possession of a Master of Science in Nursing degree from an accredited program with a graduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants may be considered for admission to the graduate certificate prior to completion of the MSN degree; however, the certificate will be awarded only upon completion of the MSN degree.
2. Current national certification in Advanced Practice Nursing as: Adult NP, Family NP, Gerontological NP, Acute Care NP, or Medical-Surgical CNS.
3. Current Michigan RN license and Board of Nursing Specialty Certification as Nurse Practitioner.
4. Two completed recommendation forms from people who directly supervise your work in a nursing role or from health professionals who can assess your potential to provide palliative care.
5. Current resume.
6. Employment history: Significant work experience provides a basis for course assignments. It is recommended that students have meaningful professional nursing experience prior to and concurrent with enrolling in the program. Prior clinical experience in advanced practice palliative care (not required) will be evaluated and may be applied to the clinical hours required for the certificate. This will be addressed during the admission interview.
7. Statement of goals for post-graduate education in advanced practice palliative care.
8. Admission interview with the Chair

- of Nursing Graduate Program.
9. Criminal background clearance prior to clinical practicum courses.

Transfer Students

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

Certificate Requirements* (12-17 s.h.)

- HSP 5010 Dimensions of Bereavement: Theory, Research, and Practice 3 s.h
- NUR 5011 Multidimensional Assessment in Palliative Care: Psychosocial and Bereavement Issues (practicum) 3-6 s.h.
- NUR 6800 Advanced Clinical Management of Complex Symptoms and Syndromes in Palliative Care (practicum) 6-8 s.h.
- Total 12-17 s.h.

*Note Specific Prerequisites (usually met by current certification as APN): BIO 5600**, Advanced Human Pathophysiology (3 s.h.), or equivalent. NUR 5250**, Health Assessment and Promotion in Advanced Practice (6 s.h.), or equivalent. NUR 5350, Advanced Pharmacology (3 s.h.) or equivalent. NUR 5400, Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice (3 s.h.) or equivalent.

**Note 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 the past 5 years; prerequisite or corequisite: BIO 5600.

Prior to being awarded the certificate, a student must have completed a Master of Science in Nursing degree.



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.

Certificate Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate the specialized body of knowledge and clinical competencies needed to assume the role of advanced practice nurse in palliative care.
2. Integrate theory, critical thinking skills, and habits of the mind into comprehensive clinical decision making responsibilities in caring for diverse populations of persons facing life-limiting illnesses in palliative and hospice care settings, through collaborative palliative care practice.
3. Engage in high quality, family-focused palliative care practice that is ethically based and guided by Christian humanistic values.
4. Apply research and theory to promote access to cost-effective, quality care to assure improved health outcomes and quality of life for patients, families, communities, and systems, and to foster personal and professional growth in collaborative, interdisciplinary 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.
Betty A. Dornbrook, Nursing; B.S.N., M.S.N., Wayne State University; Adult NP (ANCC), Community Health (ANCC).
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.
Patricia A. Hanson, Nursing; B.S., Brigham Young University; M.S., University of Utah; Ph.D., University of Rochester; Gerontological NP (ANCC).
Susan Hasenau, Nursing; B.S.N., Madonna University; M.S.N., Ph.D. Wayne State University; CNNP (NCC).
Marie Therese Jamison, Nursing; B.S., M.S.N., Wayne State University; Post-Master's Certificate, Acute Care NP, University of Michigan; ACNP (ANCC).
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.

Gail Lis, Nursing; B.S.N., Mercy College; M.S.N., Wayne State University; ACNP (ANCC).

Mary Mitsch, Nursing; B.S.N., Villa Maria College; M.S.N., University of Pittsburgh; Ph.D. student, Wayne State University.

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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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