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MS in Nursing with Emphasis in Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

The Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist MS(N) program curriculum prepares nurses as expert clinicians to: as expert clinicians to provide direct patient care from wellness through acute care with a focus on complex and vulnerable adult and older adult populations. The Adult Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist student will also be prepared to influence care outcomes by acting as a resource and providing expert consultation for nursing staff and other health professionals by implementing evidence based practice initiatives to support improvements in health care delivery systems.

- Manage clinical efforts across health care settings
- Provide visionary leadership
- Lead quality and safety initiatives
- Implement evidence-based practice

Degree Requirements

The MS(N) AGCNS curriculum provides core master's coursework in combination with Adult Gerontology Clinical specialty courses. Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist specialty courses focus on principles of leadership within healthcare organizations, management of human resources, health care financial management, and managing quality, safety and performance outcomes.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) offer certification as an Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist. Students who have completed a master's degree in Nursing in the Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist emphasis area are eligible to sit for the exam.

Students must complete the core course required of the MS in Nursing in addition to coursework for the declared emphasis area.

Core Courses

NURSE 7110	Advanced Nursing Roles and Professional Communication	3
NURSE 7160	Scientific Foundations for Health Sciences	4
NURSE 8170	Public Health, Sociocultural Issues, and Health Policy	3
NURSE 8910	Translational Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 8990	Practice Inquiry	1

Emphasis Area Coursework

NURSE 7120	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURSE 7130	Advanced Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURSE 7140	Advanced Health Assessment and Promotion	3.5
NURSE 8400	Adult and Geriatric Primary Care I	3.5
NURSE 8410	Adult and Geriatric Primary Care II	3.5
NURSE 8540	Advanced Diagnostics and Reasoning I	3.5
NURSE 8710	Clinical Management of Acute and Critical Care Problems	3.5
NURSE 8720	Symptom Management in Acute and Chronic Illness	3.5
NURSE 8920	Quality, Safety, and Performance Outcomes	3
NURSE 8980	Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum	2-3

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans of study can be found on the Sinclair School of Nursing MSN webpage (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/).

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the Master of Science program (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/how-to-apply/) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you have applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

Application Deadlines: After the application deadline, submitted materials will be reviewed. Applicants will receive notification of their acceptance decision within four weeks. Program application timelines vary by emphasis area. Refer to How to Apply (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-nursing/application-process/) for specific deadlines.

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