Graduate Certificate in Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist

The Post-Master’s Certificate Program at the MU Sinclair School of Nursing enables nurses with a master’s degree to expand their knowledge and scope of practice in one or more specialty areas. Adult Health CNSs are clinical experts in the diagnosis and treatment of illness, and delivery of evidence-based nursing interventions for adults and older adults across the care continuum from wellness through acute care. Additionally, CNSs are experts in executing delegated medical regimes associated with the diagnosis and treatment of disease for a specialty population. A CNS may be unit-based or have agency-wide responsibilities for a patient population. The CNS has a unique APRN role to integrate care across the continuum and through three spheres of influence: direct patient/client care, nurses & nursing practice, and systems and organizations (APRN Joint Dialogue Group, 2008). Thus, in addition to direct patient/client care, key elements of CNS practice are to create environments through mentoring and system changes that empower nurses to develop caring, evidence-based practices. Accordingly, CNSs are involved in developing staff education as well as safety and quality improvement activities. Certificate is available via online learning.

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