

NCS-Nursing-Clinical Specialty

NCS 616. Foundations of Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice. 1 Hour.

This graduate speciality course is designed to give the Clinical Nurse Specialist student the theoretical underpinnings of the role of the CNS. Parameters of Clinical Nurse practice will be explored through discussion and in-class simulations of practice dilemmas. Course work will include information on the background of the Clinical Nurse Specialist, information on the logistics of advanced practice as it relates to the CNS role, and information on devising assessment strategies for practice problems. This course includes integration of critical thinking, scholarly writing, human diversity, ethics, health care economics and social issues.

NCS 617. Phenomenon of Concern to Advanced Practice Nurses. 1 Hour.

This graduate specialty course focuses on phenomena of concern to advanced practice nurses and is designed to give the Clinical Nurse Specialist student the theoretical underpinnings of selected non-disease based causes of illness. Clinical/didactic information regarding symptoms, functional problems, and risk behaviors will be included to assist the student operationalize the role of the CNS in the patient/client sphere of influence, the nurse/nursing service sphere of influence, and the organization sphere of influence.

NCS 685L. Prac I: Clinical Specialization in Adult Health Nursing. 1,2 Hour.

This course is the first clinical practicum in the Clinical Nurse Specialist option. The student is provided the opportunity to develop the CNS role with a focus on the care of non-disease based etiologies of symptoms, functional problems, and risk behaviors among patients/ clients within a defined specialty. This practicum may include experiences in outpatient or inpatient settings. The student is expected to design evidence-based interventions for acute and/or chronic health problems commonly occurring within a defined specialty area. The following elements are integrated into this course: critical thinking, health promotion and disease prevention, research, ethics, cultural diversity, and social issues. Students arrange their own clinical sites with assistance/approval from clinical faculty. Prerequisite: NUR 614L. Corequisite: NCA 621.

Prerequisites: (NUR 612 [Min Grade: B] or NUR 612 [Min Grade: B]) and (NUR 613 [Min Grade: B] or NUR 613 [Min Grade: B]) and (NUR 614L [Min Grade: B] or NUR 614L [Min Grade: B] or NUR 614 [Min Grade: B] or NUR 614 [Min Grade: B])

NCS 686L. Practicum II: Clinical Specialization in Adult Health Nursing. 1-2 Hour.

This course further prepares the student in the Clinical Nurse Specialist role. The student continues to apply knowledge and current research findings to the management of selected acute and chronic health problems commonly occurring in the target population. While focusing on the care of acutely ill clients, the student develops the CNS role with nursing personnel through identifying and defining problems and opportunities; identifying and articulating factors contributing to resource management needs and outcomes; developing innovative solutions; and evaluating the effect of solutions. Students arrange their own clinical sites with assistance/approval from clinical faculty. Prerequisite: NCA 621 and NCS 685L. Corequisite: NCA 622.

Prerequisites: (NCS 685L [Min Grade: P] or NCS 685L [Min Grade: P]) and (NCA 621 [Min Grade: B] or NCA 621 [Min Grade: B])

NCS 687L. Practicum III: Clinical Specialization in Adult Health Nursing. 1-2 Hour.

This course further prepares the student in the Clinical Nurse Specialist role. The student continues to apply knowledge and current research findings to the management of selected acute and chronic health problems commonly occurring in the target population. While focusing on the care of acutely ill clients, the student develops the CNS role with nursing personnel through identifying and defining problems and opportunities; identifying and articulating factors contributing to resource management needs and outcomes; developing innovative solutions; and evaluating the effect of solutions. An Objective Structured Patient Experience held during this course will determine if the student can progress into 6 hours of the final residency course, NCA 692L. Students arrange their own clinical sites with assistance/approval from clinical faculty. Prerequisite: NCS 686L. Corequisite: NCA 623.

Prerequisites: (NCA 622 [Min Grade: B] or NCA 622 [Min Grade: B]) and (NCS 686L [Min Grade: P] or NCS 686L [Min Grade: P])

NCS 692L. Residency in Clinical Specialization. 2-4 Hours.

This course is the culminating experience for the student to practice in the role of the CNS. This course emphasizes the application of previously learned theories and knowledge from nursing and other disciplines. The student will implement the role of the CNS to manage the health care of adult clients, teaching, nurses and clients, discussing employment issues and evaluating products for use in clinical practice. Students arrange their own clinical sites with assistance/approval from clinical faculty. A comprehensive examination is given during this residency course. Failure to pass the comprehensive examination will delay graduation. Prerequisite: NCA 623 and NCA 687L.

Prerequisites: (NCA 623 [Min Grade: B] and NCS 687L [Min Grade: P]) or (NCA 623 [Min Grade: B] and NCS 687L [Min Grade: P])