



CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PLAN OF STUDY
(PART TIME – 9 semesters)

This curriculum plan is designed for Registered Nurses (RNs) who are graduates of an accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and are seeking the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree specializing as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the area of Adult Health, Pediatrics, Gerontology, or Public Health. All nursing courses use the prefix "NURS"; it is abbreviated in this document to add space. This is a sample curriculum plan and is for information only.

MSN-Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Track

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | | Summer Semester | |
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| Year 1 | | | | | |
| N500 | Theoretical Basis of Nursing Research | N502 | Advanced Health Assessment | N530 | Advanced Nursing Practice |
| N504 | Advanced Pathophysiology | N503A | Advanced Health Assessment Lab | | |
| | | N506 | Advanced Pharmacology | | |
| Year 2 | | | | | |
| N510 | Nursing Research | N508 | Health Policy | N520* | Advanced Practice Care of the Pediatric Client |
| N512 | Biostatistics | N536 | Chronic Illness Concepts | N540 | Advanced Concepts of Health across the Life Span |
| | | | | E608 | Essential Elements of Adult Learning Theory |
| Year 3 | | | | | |
| N532A | Advanced Practice Management of Clients and Families I | N534A | Advanced Practice Management of Clients and Families II | N539 | Advanced Practice Externship |
| N533A or N533E ⁺ | Advanced Field Study I | N535A Or N535E ⁺ | Advanced Field Study II | N598 or N599 | Graduate Project or Thesis |
| N560** | Advanced Practice Concepts of Gerontology Nursing Care | N514 ⁺ | Epidemiology | GRADUATE IN AUGUST | |
| N598 or N599 | Graduate Project or Thesis | N598 or N599 | Graduate Project or Thesis | | |

* Required for Pediatric CNS

**Required for Gerontological CNS

⁺Required for Public Health CNS