

# Master of Science in Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult/ Gerontological Health

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## Achieve Your Professional Dreams and Goals

GSU nursing programs prepare nurse leaders who address the challenges of local, regional, national and global healthcare reform. Our nursing programs focus on providing quality, holistic care, creating healing environments and building caring communities. The GSU nursing faculty includes Advanced Practice Nurses, seasoned educators and doctorally-prepared researchers who provide students with an exceptional educational experience.

## Health Care for Adults

A healthy life—that's probably at the top of nearly everyone's wish list. Our advanced practice Clinical Nurse Specialist concentration will prepare you to help orchestrate a healthy life for adult gerontological clients. You will provide care to adults gerontological clients in a variety of settings and serve as an expert educator and consultant to healthcare institutions.

Our Master of Science in Nursing CNS in Adult/Gerontological Health Concentration program will prepare you for leadership as an Advanced Practice Nurse. As a CNS, you will set standards of care for adults gerontological clients.

## Built for You—the Working Nurse

The Master of Science in Nursing CNS in Adult/Gerontological Health Concentration is offered in a manner that considers the needs of the working nurse.

## Learn More!

Take the next step in your career by visiting [www.govst.edu/dn](http://www.govst.edu/dn) to learn more about our nursing programs.

**Applications are only accepted for the Fall term. Application deadline is May 1.**

Apply online at [http://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Apply\\_Online/](http://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Apply_Online/).

For more information, phone or email Julie Anderson at 708.534.4086 or [janderson13@govst.edu](mailto:janderson13@govst.edu).

## FACT

Research about Clinical Nurse Specialist practice demonstrates outcomes such as: reduced hospital costs and length of stay; reduced frequency of emergency room visits; improved pain management practices; increased patient satisfaction with nursing care; reduced medical complications in hospitalized patients.\*

*Source: National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, 100 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.*  
<http://www.nacns.org/>



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## Accreditation

The graduate Nursing program is accredited with good cause by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

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## Department of Nursing Special Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:

- Have a baccalaureate degree with a major in Nursing from an accredited nursing program in a regionally-accredited college or university;
- Have completed the following undergraduate courses or their equivalent: Nursing Research, Nursing Health Assessment and Statistics;
- Have a current and valid license as a registered nurse;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in all undergraduate courses and a GPA of 3.0 or higher with a grade of "C" or better in all upper-division nursing courses. Applicants who do not meet the GPA requirements or who have graduated from non-graded baccalaureate programs may be conditionally admitted. A GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for the first nine hours of work completed. If a 3.0 GPA is not maintained, the student must petition the Nursing program for continued enrollment.

Applicants with degrees from countries other than the United States must have their international transcripts evaluated by a NACES (<http://www.naces.org/members.html>) approved agency. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing and evaluating. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admissions before an applicant can be admitted to the program.

## Other Requirements

Once accepted into the program, information regarding health and other program specific requirements will be sent to the student. These requirements must be met prior to enrollment.

## Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a master's degree. In addition, students must:

- During the last semester of the program, pass a comprehensive examination and/or presentation over the major area of study as determined by faculty. This examination/presentation will be evaluated by graduate faculty. It may be repeated only once;
- A student must earn a grade of B or better in all clinical courses.
- A student may repeat ONLY ONE (1) nursing course in which a grade of "C" or below is received. A second "C" or below will result in dismissal from the program.

## Required Courses: Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration (42 Hours)

NURS 6145	Theoretical Perspectives for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)
NURS 6150	Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology (3)
NURS 7180	Advanced Health Assessment (4)*
NURS 7181	Pharmacotherapy in Nursing (3)
NURS 7182	Health Care Policy and Nursing (3)
NURS 8102	Clinical Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing (3)
NURS 8103	Advanced Nursing Research (3)
NURS 8107	Adult Health and Illness I (5)*
NURS 8108	Adult Health and Illness II (5)*
NURS 8210	Clinical Specialist in Adult Health (5)*
NURS 8946	Adult Health Internship and Project (5)*

## Thesis Optional


NURS 8900 Graduate Thesis/Project (3)

\*Students need to research potential sites for clinical hours as soon as they are accepted into the program.

**Clinical Practicum Hours-minimum of 500**

**Total Hours Required-42 Hours;**

**With Thesis-45 Hours**

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