

Certificate

Post-Professional - Adult Gerontology, Clinical Nurse Specialist Certificate

Pamela Bishop, Advisor Certificate programs offered by the School of Nursing are post-graduate, non-degree offerings.# These highly focused programs are designed to provide nurses or others with knowledge and skills to complement their advanced practice roles. This post-professional certificate enables nurses with a previously earned MSN to complete only those courses and practicums required for eligibility to take the Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist certification exam. This program is offered in an online/hybrid format.

Please note: Admissions as of Fall 2025 is on hold for program review.

Admission Requirements Successful completion (grade of B or better) of the following courses: Advanced Pathophysiology Advanced Physical Assessment Advanced Pharmacology Completed application for admission to the certificate program. Current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse (RN).The application submission deadlines for the certificate program are the same as those for the MSN program.

Curriculum Degree Requirements The 16-credit hour post-master's certificate curriculum includes those courses required by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, both of which administer certification exams for the Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist.

NURS 530	Principles of Practice: Contemporary Issues in Nursing Care of the Older Adult	2
NURS 738	Clinical Nurse Specialist I: Introduction to Practice	2
NURS 739	Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum I: Role Socialization	4
NURS 756	Clinical Nurse Specialist II: Transition to Practice	3
NURS 757	Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum II: Role Transition	5
Total Credit Hours		16