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university of south carolina

Certificate of Graduate Study in Advanced Practice Nursing

Overview

The College of Nursing offers a post-master's Certificate of Graduate Study in Advanced Practice Nursing (nurse Practitioner). This program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. This program of study is designed to augment the student's prior graduate study through advanced practice preparation in one of two emphasis areas: primary care and acute care. Students who complete the program of study are eligible to apply for national certification examinations in the applicable nurse Practitioner specialty area. All courses are available online; however, students will be required to come to Columbia for clinical check-off with faculty.

Admission Requirements

Regulations governing admission to graduate study in nursing include those established by both the Graduate School and the College of Nursing. Specific requirements for admission are:

1. A Masters of Science degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program.
2. Transcripts of all previous college studies.
3. Registered nurse licensure in South Carolina or eligibility for South Carolina Licensure.
4. Completed application to The Graduate School with the College of Nursing supplement.
5. Two written references from master's or doctoral prepared nurses that address advanced nursing practice potential
6. Curriculum vitae/resume.

Application Process

Applications are to be completed and submitted online to the Graduate School at www.gradschool.sc.edu. Completed applications may be received throughout the year for annual fall admission (**deadline is May 1st**).

Degree Requirements

1. Completion of an approved program of study.
2. At the time of graduation, the student's cumulative grade point average must be at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). Additionally, the student's average on all grades recorded on the Program of Study must be 3.00 and the student's GPA for courses numbered 700 or above, recorded on the Program of Study, must be at least 3.00.

For complete information see Graduate Bulletin: <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu>



Certificate of Graduate Study in Advanced Practice Nursing Curriculum

Required Courses

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Management in Advance Practice Nursing	3
NURS 704*	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3

And select one of the follow emphases:

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner - Family Nurse Practitioner

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NURS 705*	Acute Problems of Adults and Women's Health in Primary Care	3
NURS 706*	Primary Care Nursing of Children	3
NURS 708	Conceptual Basis for Family and Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 722 *	Chronic Health Problems in Primary Care	3
NURS 793	Advanced Practice Practicum	3

or

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
NURS 786*	Management of Acute Adult Health Problems I	5-6
NURS 787*	Management of Acute Adult Health Problems II	5-6
NURS 793*	Advanced Practice Practicum	3

Total 24-27 Hours

**Course includes clinical practice*

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