

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Clinical Nurse Leader (MSN-CNL)

Program of Study

The program of study for the Master of Science in Nursing - Clinical Nurse Leader includes the following courses:

Clinical Nurse Leader		
Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
NUR 600	Theory and Conceptual Foundation	3
NUR 611	Advanced Clinical Assessment	3
NUR 612	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUR 613	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 625	Healthcare Information Systems and Data Utilization	3
NUR 630	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NUR 635	Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum I	4 (1,3)*
NUR 640	Management of Clinical Outcomes	3
NUR 651	Research for Evidence-based Practice	3
NUR 660	Leadership in Healthcare	3
NUR 675	Clinical Nurse Leader Immersion Practicum II	4 (1,3)*
NUR 699	Education, Leadership, and Practice Improvement	1
Total	*clinical hours included	

*A minimum of 500 hours of clinical practice are required in the Clinical Nurse Leader Program.

MSN- CNL Nursing Concentrations

The following graduate level concentrations are operationalizations of the SON's mission to provide holistic healthcare education to advance optional evidence-based care for all. The nursing concentrations enhance the ability of the MSN-CNL education and experience in producing graduates that will use clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills as they transform healthcare to better meet the needs of their respective healthcare community. The concentrations speak to our vision of being recognized for programs of excellence that value diversity, integrate technology, and provide a welcoming, supportive community in healthcare education.

The concentrations are designed to build on the existing CNL curriculum and allow students to customize their education with the addition of relevant, high-demand, market driven credentials.

Nursing Education Concentration (NEC)

The master's level NEC is designed for nurses interested in teaching in an academic setting or the care delivery environment as a clinical educator. In addition to the CNL core courses, students in the NEC complete three education courses (NUR 631, 641, and 661) and faculty-designed practice experiences, which may include precepted experiences with faculty oversight and/or experiences with direct faculty supervision. According to the AACN Essentials, students must complete a minimum of 500 practice hours in the discipline of nursing as a demonstration of advanced-level sub-competencies.

Nurse Education Concentration		
Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
NUR 631	Foundations in Nursing Education	3
NUR 641	Curriculum Development for Nurse Educators	3
NUR 661	Instructional Design and Teaching Strategies	3