ADULT-GERONTOLOGICAL CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST, DNP ADVANCED PRACTICE TRACK

This track prepares the student to ensure high quality, safe, and cost effective nursing care and patient outcomes for young adults, older adults, and frail elderly across the health-illness continuum. Graduates of the CNS track use their depth of expertise, developed through professional practice and graduate education, to provide, manage, support, and improve the nursing and health care provided to patients with chronic, acute, and critical illnesses. CNSs advance the care of patients, families, groups, and the nursing profession through collaboration, consultation, and teaching. CNSs conduct research, evaluate and apply evidence, and use ethical decision making to solve problems. CNSs operate within three spheres of influence:

- patient/nurse
- nursing practice
- organization/system

The development of the curriculum is based on:

- The Criteria for the Evaluation of Clinical Nurse Specialist Master’s, Practice Doctorate, and Post-graduate Certificate Educational Programs (NACNS 2015)
- National CNS competency and standards statements, Clinical Nurse Specialist Core Competencies (NACNS 2017)
- Scope and Standards for Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice (AACN 2014)
- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Competencies (AACN 2010)

Certification: Graduates are eligible to apply for American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications (http://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/) or American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Adult-Gerontology Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) certification https://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified (https://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified/).

Clinical Nurse Specialist Track-Specific Curriculum

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Program of Study

DNP Advanced Practice Track: Adult-Gerontology Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Program of Study: 4-year plan

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Program Total: 75 Credits [cr]/784 Clinical Hours [CL]/224 Project Practicum Hours [PPR]