

ADULT-GERONTOLOGICAL HEALTH CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST, DNP ADVANCED PRACTICE TRACK

This specialty 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 and acute 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)
- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Competencies (AACN 2010).
- Statement on Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice and Education, 3rd Edition (NACNS 2019)

Certification: Graduates are eligible to apply for American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications (<http://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>) and Adult-Gerontology 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

Code	Title	Credits
NR.210.650	Clinical Judgment I-The Role of the CNS in Clinical Decision Making: Common Health Problems	3
NR.210.651	Clinical Judgment II-The Role of the CNS in Clinical Decision Making: Acute & Chronic Health Problems	3
NR.210.652	Clinical Judgment III-The Role of the CNS in Clinical Decision Making: Complex Health Problems	3
NR.210.653	Clinical Practicum I-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (168CL)	3
NR.210.654	Clinical Practicum II-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (224CL)	4

NR.210.655	Clinical Practicum III-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (168CL)	3
NR.210.656	Clinical Practicum IV-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (224CL)	4

Total Credits 23

Track Totals [23cr/784CL]

Program of Study DNP Advanced Practice Track: Adult-Gerontological Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Program of Study: 4-year plan

If you are a current student on the 3-year plan, please refer to the academic catalogue for which you entered the School of Nursing.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
First Semester		
NR.210.606	Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR.210.607	Context of Health Care for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR.210.806	Health Finance	2
Credits		8
Second Semester		
NR.210.608	The Research Process and Its Application to Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR.210.600	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	4
Credits		7
Third Semester		
NR.210.610	Health Promotion and Risk Reduction Across the Lifespan	2
NR.210.602	Clinical Pharmacology	4
Credits		6
Second Year		
First Semester		
NR.210.609	Philosophical, Theoretical & Ethical Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR.210.601	Advanced Health Assessment and Measurement	3
Credits		6
Second Semester		
NR.210.822	Health Information Systems and Patient Care Technologies	2
NR.210.804	Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Care	2
NR.210.802	Advanced Nursing Health Policy	2
Credits		6
Third Semester		
NR.210.650	Clinical Judgment I-The Role of the CNS in Clinical Decision Making: Common Health Problems	3
NR.210.886	Problem Discovery (56PPR)	2
Credits		5

Third Year**First Semester**

NR.210.803	Nursing Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR.210.651	Clinical Judgment II-The Role of the CNS in Clinical Decision Making: Acute & Chronic Health Problems	3
NR.210.653	Clinical Practicum I-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (168CL)	3

Credits **9**

Second Semester

NR.210.805	Translating Evidence into Practice	3
NR.210.654	Clinical Practicum II-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (224CL)	4
NR.210.887	Project Advancement (56PPR)	2

Credits **9**

Third Semester

NR.210.652	Clinical Judgment III-The Role of the CNS in Clinical Decision Making: Complex Health Problems	3
NR.210.655	Clinical Practicum III-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (168CL)	3
NR.210.817	Analysis and Evaluation of Individual and Population Health Data	3

Credits **9**

Fourth Year**First Semester**

NR.210.656	Clinical Practicum IV-Clinical Nurse Specialist: Advanced Practice Management (224CL)	4
NR.210.888	Project Application (56PPR)	2

Credits **6**

Second Semester

NR.210.818	Clinical Data Management and Analyses	2
NR.210.889	Project Evaluation and Dissemination (56PPR)	2

Credits **4**

Total Credits **75**

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