

# Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Program

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Saint Louis University School of Nursing offers Post-Master's Certificates in a second nursing specialty or for a second role if you already have a master of science in nursing degree. The number of credit hours required for completion varies depending upon specialty and role option; however, students must complete a minimum of 15 to 24 credit hours of relevant course work to earn a certificate. Requirements for a post-master's certificate as a nurse practitioner include an earned master's degree in an appropriate nursing specialty. All programs listed are offered online; selected core courses are offered onsite.

## Specialties and Role Preparations Offered

### Adult Nursing

- Acute care nurse practitioner
- Adult clinical nurse specialist/case manager
- Adult nurse practitioner

### Family and Community Health Nursing

- Family nurse practitioner

### Gerontological Nursing

- Gerontological clinical nurse specialist/case manager
- Gerontological nurse practitioner

### Nursing of Children

- Pediatric clinical nurse specialist/case manager
- Pediatric nurse practitioner

### Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing

- Psychiatric/mental health clinical nurse specialist/case manager
- Psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner

## Academic Advising

Information about the master's program and application process is provided by the chairperson of the master's programs. Information about curriculum plans and academic advising is provided by the coordinator of the master's programs and by the faculty coordinators listed below.

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## Admission Requirements

Applicants to the post-master's certificate program are considered individually on the basis of the following criteria:

- ◆ **Master's degree in nursing.** A master's degree in a clinical nursing specialty is required for all clinical nursing specialties. If you have a master's degree in a clinical area that is different from the desired post-master's specialty, additional cognate courses may be required. Graduation from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency is preferred. Official transcripts are required.
- ◆ **Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 (B) or higher.**
- ◆ **Letter(s) of recommendation.** *All clinical specialties:* one letter of recommendation is required for all clinical specialties. If you hold an MSN/MSN(R) degree from Saint Louis University, no letter of recommendation is required. *Please request that your letter of recommendation be sent to you in a sealed envelope; mail the letter along with the other*

*required documents listed below in one envelope to the Graduate School at the address listed below.*

- ◆ **Curriculum vita/resume** documenting educational, professional, clinical nursing, informatics, and/or volunteer experiences.
- ◆ **Registered professional nurse licensure** in the state(s) in which you will complete your practica.
- ◆ **Current C.P.R. certification** required for all clinical specialties.
- ◆ **Current immunizations** required for admitted applicants to all specialties prior to initial registration.
- ◆ **Special prerequisite course requirements:** Successful completion of a graduate-level physiology or pathophysiology course and a beginning health assessment course or the equivalent thereof is required. Experience in an advanced practice role in nursing is preferred.
- ◆ **Additional requirements.** *Family Nurse Practitioner:* A statement of goals describing your proposed implementation of family nurse practitioner certificate

education.

## Application

The completed Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Application and \$10 application fee made payable to **Saint Louis University** should be mailed to the address below.

All supporting documentation, which includes official transcripts, letter(s) of recommendation, curriculum vita/resume, registered nurse licensure, copy of current CPR certification, and current immunizations records should be mailed to the address below. **Please mail the application and all supporting documentation together in one envelope.** Faxed documents cannot be accepted for official application.

**Graduate School  
Saint Louis University  
Post-MSN Application  
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St. Louis, MO 63108  
(314) 977-2240**

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## Required Courses/Curriculum

### Adult Nursing

#### Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

	Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508 Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N518 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N519 Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURS-N531 Advanced Assessment and Technology in Acute Care	3
NURS-N536 Advanced Clinical Studies: Acute Care NP	4
NURS-N589 Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	3

#### Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist

	Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508 Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N518 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N519 Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURS-N522 Advanced Clinical Studies in Nursing of Adults	4
NURS-N589 Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	3

#### Adult Nurse Practitioner

	Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508 Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N518 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N519 Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURS-N545 Advanced Clinical Studies in Nursing of Adults	4
NURS-N589 Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	3

### Family and Community Health Nursing

#### Family Nurse Practitioner

	Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508 Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N518 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N519 Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURS-N545 Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Health Care Nursing Of Adolescent, Adults, and Older Adults	4
NURS-N547 Advanced Clinical Studies: Primary Health Care Nursing Of Childbearing & Childrearing Families	4
NURS-N577 Family Assessment and Intervention	3
NURS-N589 Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	5

*Both part-time and full-time study plans are available. Applicants should consult with the specialty's faculty coordinator to develop a study plan for course sequencing.*

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## Gerontological Nursing

### Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist

#### Gerontological Nurse Practitioner

		Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N518	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N519	Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURS-N575	Care of the Edlerly: The Multidisciplinary Approach	3
NURS-N572	Advanced Clinical Studies in Gerontological Nursing	4
NURS-N589	Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	3

## Nursing of Children

### Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist

#### Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

		Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N518	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N519	Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURS-N555	Family and Child Development	3
NURS-N562	Advanced Clinical Studies in Nursing in Children	4
NURS-N589	Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	3

## Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing

### Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist

		Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N512	Psychobiological Concepts	2
NURS-N518	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N540	Ecological Approach to Human Behavior	3
NURS-N542	Advanced Clinical Studies: P/MH Nursing	4
NURS-N589	Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	3

### Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

		Credit Hrs.
NURS-N508	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS-N512	Psychobiological Concepts	2
NURS-N518	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS-N519	Advanced Health Assessment	2
NURS-N540	Ecological Approach to Human Behavior	3
NURS-N542	Advanced Clinical Studies: P/MH NP	4
NURS-N589	Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar and Practicum	5

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