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DESCRIPTION
The Saint Louis University School of Nursing was founded in 1928 and has since been a national leader in nursing education. The School of Nursing and its faculty are nationally recognized as leaders in nursing education. The School of Nursing is located on the Medical Center Campus of Saint Louis University. The facilities of the School of Nursing include three large lecture halls, classrooms, a nursing technologies laboratory, graduate research laboratories, conference rooms, faculty and staff offices, and student and faculty/staff lounges.

In addition to its undergraduate offerings, programs leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (Generalist), Master of Science in Nursing (Advanced Nursing Practice), Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing degrees, and a Post-Master’s certificate are available online.

Advanced nursing practice Master’s degree programs and post-Master’s certificate programs are available online for the Adult-Gerontological Primary Care, Adult-Gerontological Acute Care, Family, Pediatric Primary Care, and Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner options.

ACCREDITATION
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Saint Louis University School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation) and approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. To achieve its educational objectives, the School uses the hospitals within the Health Sciences Center and many health care organizations of greater St. Louis.

The School of Nursing is fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

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About the Faculty
Saint Louis University's nursing faculty are nationally recognized for their teaching expertise, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship. In recent years, faculty from the School of Nursing have won numerous prestigious awards, honors and fellowships.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Program Highlights
The B.S.N. is a direct-entry program where students are admitted as freshman into the School of Nursing.

Benefits of this program also include several internship and career opportunities. SSM Healthcare, Missouri Baptist Medical Center and other area hospitals offer internships and fellowship programs for students enrolled in the B.S.N. program. Through these programs, students work in a clinical specialty area with a nurse preceptor. SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital also recruits students at all levels to work as patient care technicians while enrolled in the nursing program. Students may also choose to intern at hospitals in your hometown.

Careers
Nursing graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN, an exam that measures the competencies needed to perform as an effective entry-level nurse. The School of Nursing expects its graduates to be successfully hired after graduation or accepted into graduate programs.

Admission Requirements

Freshman
All applicants are directly admitted to the program through the office of admission. Students wishing to pursue the Bachelor of Science in nursing must fulfill the following requirements for consideration:

+ A high school diploma from an accredited school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development Test (GED).
+ An official high school transcript must be submitted.
+ High school GPA of 3.2 or higher of a 4.0 scale.
+ ACT composite score of 24 or higher, with all sub-scores of 22 or higher.
+ High school or college entry-level chemistry and biology courses.
+ Extracurricular activities are considered in the admission decision.
+ Submitting a completed application by December 1 is highly recommended.

Transfer
Entry into the traditional Nursing program for external transfer students is extremely limited and is wholly dependent on space availability in the program, which in some years results in no external transfer students being admitted. In years where space is available, there are more applicants than spots available, so entry is not guaranteed.

Please contact the School of Nursing recruitment specialist at 314-977-8995 or slunurse@slu.edu regarding the availability to transfer.

All undergraduate students who have earned at least 77 credits, may be eligible to apply for the Junior Entry
accelerated option and must fulfill the following requirements for consideration:
  + Transfer GPA of 3.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  + Successful completion of Human Anatomy and Human Physiology OR Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Human Anatomy & Physiology 2, Chemistry, and Lifespan Human Growth and Development is recommended.
  + Extracurricular activities are considered in admission decisions.
  + The transfer application deadline for fall is April 1.

Current Students
Students who enroll, as new freshmen at Saint Louis University in a college or school other than Nursing and wish to change their major to Nursing will be the second group considered for admission after the students who enrolled as new freshmen in the School of Nursing.
  + A 3.2 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  + Ability to demonstrate successful completion of science courses, preferably at Saint Louis University.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
  + Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
  + Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

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Accreditation
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Program Requirements
A minimum of 128 semester credits (70 semester credits in nursing and 9 semester credits of IPE) is required for graduation.

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TOTAL CREDITS: 128

Continuation Standards
The School of Nursing requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

Graduation Requirements
Graduation requirements are subject to change related to ongoing curriculum development.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ACCELERATED)

Program Highlights
The Accelerated Baccalaureate Option, a one-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree course of study has the same program outcomes as the 4-year Baccalaureate Option. It incorporates the integrated approach to learning, the early synthesis and application of concepts, and the concentration on the nursing major.

Benefits of this program also include several internship and career opportunities. SSM Healthcare, Missouri Baptist Medical Center and other area hospitals offer internships and fellowship programs for students enrolled in the B.S.N. program. Through these programs, students work in a clinical specialty area with a nurse preceptor.

In addition, the Saint Louis University Hospital recruits students at all levels to work as patient care technicians while enrolled in the nursing program. Students also work in hospitals in their hometowns.

The Accelerated Baccalaureate Option begins in May with a summer session and extends through two additional semesters. Course requirements total 53 semester credits and include an average of 19-24 clinical laboratory hours per week. After completing the option, the graduate is eligible to apply to take the professional licensure examination; however, the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 335.066, states, “Completion of an educational program leading to a degree or diploma in nursing does not guarantee eligibility to write the licensure examination.”

Background checks are required of applicants for clinical rotations and again to apply for licensure.

Curriculum Overview
The nursing curriculum consists of science and nursing courses, as well as a core of courses that will provide you with a well-rounded liberal arts education background.

In order to complete all required courses for the B.S.N. degree within four undergraduate years, curriculum guides are provided to students with the assistance of academic advisors and faculty mentors. The curriculum consists of science and nursing courses as well as the core curriculum courses required by the School of Nursing and Saint Louis University, providing students with a well-rounded liberal arts education background.

Careers
Nursing graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN, an exam that measures the competencies needed to perform as an effective entry-level nurse. The School of Nursing expects its graduates to be successfully hired after graduation or accepted into graduate programs.

Admission Requirements
The following must be submitted as part of the application:

+ Original transcripts from all colleges previously attended including a transcript noting completion of a non-nursing baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited US college/University or International equivalent.

+ Two letters of reference.

+ A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant that relate to professional nursing. Letters and personal statement should be sent electronically to: Xtina.ChristinaButler@slu.edu

+ Transcripts are evaluated on an individual basis; however, it is strongly recommended that all sciences be completed within 10 years of enrollment. Course descriptions for prerequisite courses may be required to be considered for credit prior to enrollment. prerequisites must be from a regionally accredited university, college or community college.

+ After notification from the School of Nursing, a personal interview may be arranged.

Students wishing to pursue the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing must fulfill the following requirements for consideration:

+ Baccalaureate or higher degree.

+ A grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.00 system in previous college work.

+ Successful completion of the following general requirements or comparable courses: Chemistry (3-4 credits), Human Anatomy & Physiology (6-8 credits), Microbiology (3 credits), Inferential and Descriptive Statistics (3 credits), Theology or Religion (3 credits), Literature (3 credits) Ethics (3 credits), Social-Behavioral Sciences (3 credits), Human Growth and Development Through the Life Span (3 credits), History (3 credits), Psychology (3 credits), Fine Arts (3 credits), Philosophy (3 credits), Advanced Strategies Rhetoric & Research (3 credits).

Prerequisite course work must be completed prior to enrollment in the Accelerated Baccalaureate Option.

Current Student - Junior Entry
This option is designed for current students who have a minimum of junior level standing and interest in completing the baccalaureate degree in nursing through the accelerated baccalaureate option. Minimum criteria for admission to the Accelerated Option through transfer include:

+ Completion of at least 77 semester credits, including all general education courses required for
the 4-year Baccalaureate option (except nutrition), prior to enrolling in the accelerated option nursing courses.
+ A cumulative GPA of at least 3.2, with at least a “C” in all required courses.
+ Demonstrated ability to successfully carry and complete a college course load of at least 15 credits or more per semester.
+ Letters that attest to the applicant’s academic ability and potential for success in the accelerated option from two (2) faculty members.
+ A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant that relate to professional nursing.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
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+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

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Accreditation
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Program Core Requirements
NURS 2500 Clinical Concepts in Nursing Practice 3
NURS 2515 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 2
NURS 3200 Health Assessment 3
NURS 2520 Foundations for Nursing Care 3
NURS 3360 Pathophysiology 4
NURS 3330 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing Care 3
NURS 3565 Adult/Older Adult Health I 4
NURS 3575 Adult/Older Adult Health II 4
NURS 2705 Interprofessional Issues in Evidence Based Care 2
NURS 4105 Leadership and Management 2
NURS 3375 Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition: A Nursing Approach 2
NURS 3435 Psych/ Mental Health Nursing 4
NURS 3445 Public Health Nursing 4
NURS 3485 Maternal/Neonatal Nursing 3
NURS 3495 Child Health Nursing 3
NURS 4305 Complex Care Theory 2
NURS 4355 Complex Care Practicum 4
NURS 4405 Synthesis of Nursing Concepts 1

Continuation Standards

The School of Nursing requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

Graduation Requirements
Graduation requirements are subject to change related to ongoing curriculum development.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (R.N. TO B.S.N.)

Program Highlights
RN to B.S.N. students are supported through individualized curriculum plans, faculty mentorship, and online access to the library and writing center.

Students can choose from either a full-time or part-time option. No testing is required to validate previous nursing education.

Benefits of this program also include several internship and career opportunities. SSM Healthcare, Missouri Baptist Medical Center and other area hospitals offer internships and fellowship programs for students enrolled in the B.S.N. program. Through these programs, students work in a clinical specialty area with a nurse preceptor.

In addition, the Saint Louis University Hospital recruits students at all levels to work as patient care technicians while enrolled in the nursing program. Students also work in hospitals in their hometowns.

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the professional licensure examination; however, the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 335.066, states, “Completion of an educational program leading to a degree or diploma in nursing does not guarantee eligibility to write the licensure examination.”

Background checks are required of applicants for clinical rotations and again to apply for licensure.

Curriculum Overview
Students will complete a total of 120 credits in this program. Thirty of the final 36 credits must be completed at Saint Louis University.

RN to B.S.N. students are required to complete 55 credits (depending on transfer credits) of pre-nursing curriculum, including classes in communication, social and behavioral sciences, mathematics and life sciences through the School for Professional Studies.

Once credit for the pre-nursing courses have either been completed through SPS or transferred in, students transfer to the School of Nursing and can complete their B.S.N. courses in as little as two semesters.

Thirty-eight credits of nursing coursework can be awarded by passing the NCLEX exam or through prior
experience. Remaining nursing coursework must be completed through the School of Nursing.

**Careers**
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**Admission Requirements**
The minimum criteria for transfer to the School of Nursing is a cumulative grade point average of 2.50, or higher.

The following must be submitted as part of the application:

+ Original transcripts from all colleges previously attended including a transcript noting completion of a non-nursing baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited US college/University or International equivalent.
+ Official transcripts must accompany applications from hospital schools (including transcripts from affiliated colleges or universities), community colleges, and other schools of higher education attended.
+ R.N. licensure and current health forms.

**Transfer Credits**
College-level courses completed at other Higher Learning Commission accredited institutions will be accepted for transfer, provided the grade received is “C” (2.00) or above. Exceptions include physical education, personal development, and technical courses.

Saint Louis University School of Nursing acknowledges the value of previous nursing education and nursing licensure. Thirty-eight nursing credits will be awarded in recognition of nursing licensure.

**General Curriculum Requirements**
A minimum of 120 credits is required; 30 of the final 36 credits must be completed through Saint Louis University or an approved Study Abroad program.

**Arts and Sciences (55 credits)**

**Communication (6 credits)**
Any English 1900 or above, Literature, Technical Writing, Speech or Communication, or an Interpersonal Relations course

**Managing Information (3 credits)**
Any Informatics, Computer Technology, Computer Science or Computer Information Systems course

**Ethics (3 credits)**
Any Ethics, Bio-or Medical Ethics course

**Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)**
Any Psychology, Social Science, History, Public Policy, Government, Anthropology, Education, Organizational Studies, Economics, Social Work, or Growth and Development course

**Humanities and Fine/Performing Arts (6 credits)**
Theology 1000 The Foundation. (3). (or transfer any 1000 or above)
Plus, any Theology above 1000; plus, any Theology, Religion, Fine or Performing Arts, Philosophy, Foreign Language, or Women’s Studies course

**Mathematics (3 credits)**
Any college Algebra (no intermediate or basic/elementary), Mathematics, or Data Analysis/Statistics level 1000 or above course

**Life and Physical Sciences (6 credits)**
Any Anatomy, Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Astronomy, Microbiology, or other life/physical science 1000 level or above course

**Other Arts and Sciences (22 credits)**
Courses from any category

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**Continuation Standards**

The School of Nursing requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

**Graduation Requirements**

Graduation requirements are subject to change related to ongoing curriculum development.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

LEADERSHIP
Joanne Thanavaro, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, ACNP-BC, GNP-BC, DCC, FAANP,
Associate Dean, Graduate Education and Advanced Practice Nursing Program Director

About the Faculty
Saint Louis University’s nursing faculty is nationally recognized for its teaching expertise, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship. Faculty members from the School of Nursing have won numerous prestigious awards, honors and fellowships.

Students learn from faculty who are expert teachers and clinicians who excel in their nursing specialty areas and in nursing education. For six out of the last seven years, a Saint Louis University faculty member has been named the top nursing educator in the region in St. Louis Magazine’s Excellence in Nursing awards.

All nursing faculty are master’s-prepared; the majority are doctorally prepared.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (NURSE PRACTITIONER)

Program Highlights
The Master of Science in Nursing (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) degree program enables nurses to attain specialized knowledge and skills needed to perform leadership roles in advanced nursing practice.

The Master of Science in Nursing offers:
+ Full- and part-time curriculum plans
+ Variety of specialty areas and role options
+ Option to emphasize research in any specialty area
+ Responsive faculty who are nationally recognized for teaching excellence, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship
+ Faculty advisers are individually assigned to mentor each student throughout the program
+ Online library
+ Online writing center
+ State-of-the-art teaching facilities

Role preparation as a nurse practitioner is offered in the following concentrations: Adult/Gerontological Acute Care, Adult Gerontological Primary Care, Family and Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing. Educator tracks are available in all concentrations.

Adult/Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Students will learn to use complex monitoring and invasive therapies, high-intensity interventions, and continuous vigilance within the range of high-acuity care to help meet the specialized physiological and psychological needs of adults of all ages, including the frail elderly.

Adult/gerontological acute care nurse practitioners work in emergency departments, tertiary care settings, intensive care units, trauma centers and specialty medicine areas treating patients with acute, critical and chronic illness, as well as those with disabilities or injuries. Graduates are eligible for national certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Students are prepared to provide advanced nursing care for adolescents and adults of ages by working with patients who require diagnosis, treatment and management of episodic or chronic conditions that are best treated on an outpatient basis. These include people with diabetes, hypertension, respiratory conditions as well as sprains/strains. Students will also conduct wellness examinations.

Adult/gerontological primary care nurse practitioners work in hospital-based clinics, within the VA medical system, and in internal medicine or specialty private-practice offices. Graduates are eligible for national certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program.

Family Nurse Practitioner
The family nurse practitioner program prepares students to provide primary health care to patients of all ages. Students will help prevent disease, assess and manage acute and chronic health problems, and consult and refer patients within the health care system. This program emphasizes quality relationships with patients, families and communities, as well as education and coordination of services aimed at specific health outcomes.

Family nurse practitioners work in a variety of settings and are also well-suited to rural populations, where specialty care may not always be available. Graduates are eligible for national certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program.

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Students will be prepared to provide care to patients from birth through the age of 21.

Pediatric primary care nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and management of acute and chronic conditions in pediatric offices as well as school, community, urgent care and specialty settings. Graduates are eligible for national certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.
Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Students pursuing the family psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner program will work with children, adolescents and adults of all ages with acute or complex mental health needs, or psychiatric diagnoses. The family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program encourages evidence-based, culturally sensitive, recovery-oriented and holistic care.

Family psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner will be prepared to apply the nursing process and medical/medication management to promote optimal mental health while engaging in active, ongoing collaboration with clients, their families, significant others, and the interprofessional team. Graduates are eligible for national certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Curriculum Overview

All program concentrations in the Master of Science in Nursing are offered completely online

Students will complete 36 to 41 credits of coursework.

Individualized full- and part-time curriculum plans are possible.

* Two campus visits are required. The first visit is a two-day orientation immediately before the program begins. The second visit occurs during one of the clinical management courses. This visit is to evaluate your progress and to teach skills not acquired through online learning, such as suturing.

Careers

Graduates from the M.S.N.-N.P. degree program apply for the appropriate certification for their program option, are well-prepared and are ready to work as nurse practitioners. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean annual salary of nurse practitioners is $101,260.

Admission Requirements

Saint Louis University School of Nursing accepts applications to its Master of Science in Nursing program from students living in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Admission Requirements

+ A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.
+ A cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
+ Supporting recommendations from three people (preferably master's or doctoral prepared nurses not related to you) who can speak to your potential for success in a master's-level nursing program of study.
+ A statement of your short- and long-term goals in becoming a certified NP. This should be one or two pages, typewritten and double-spaced.
+ CV/résumé documenting your education, clinical nursing experience, and service to nursing profession/community volunteer experiences, as appropriate.
+ An unencumbered registered nurse license in the state in which clinical experience will be done. You must have a registered nurse license at the time of application.
+ Current CPR certification from the American Heart Association is required after acceptance into the M.S.N. program.

Prerequisite Courses

+ Completion of an undergraduate-level descriptive and inferential statistics course prior to enrollment in “General Research Methods.”
+ Completion of a beginning-level health assessment course or the equivalent thereof prior to enrollment in “Advanced Health Assessment.”

Application Requirements

+ Application Requirements
+ Application form and fee
+ Transcript(s)
+ Three letters of recommendation
+ Résumé or curriculum vitae
+ Professional goal statement
+ Interview (possible)

Requirements for International Students

International students on F1 or J1 student visas are not eligible for admission to this nursing program due to the fact that the Master of Science in Nursing degree is offered completely online. For additional information, contact the Office of International Services office at 314-977-2318.

Application Deadlines

Students interested in the M.S.N. degree program should apply by August 1 for the spring semester and March 31 for the fall semester.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed shortly after the submission deadline. Applicants will have a decision six to eight weeks after that time.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Saint Louis University School of Nursing offers scholarship and graduate research assistantship opportunities to eligible graduate students.
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Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

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Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration

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Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all required graduate/professional courses.

Master of Science in Nursing (Clinical Nurse Leader)

Program Highlights

The Master of Science in Nursing (Clinical Nurse Leader) degree program prepares nurses for direct-care leadership roles in a variety of health care settings with
focus on quality improvement, clinical coordination and accountability for health outcomes as a provider and manager of care.

Clinical nurse leaders provide leadership at the point of care. They focus on outcomes measurement, risk assessment, quality improvement, interprofessional communication and evidence-based practice. The CNL coordinates the care of a distinct group of patients and actively provides or oversees direct patient care in complex situations.

**Highlights of the program include**
+ Faculty who are nationally recognized for teaching excellence, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship.
+ State-of-the-art teaching facilities.
+ Part of a major health sciences campus.

**Curriculum Overview**
The M.S.N.-C.N.L. program at Saint Louis University is a non-advanced practice option that will prepare you to function as a clinical nurse leader. The program is offered online in a part-time format and is completed in two years.

**Careers**
In addition, upon completion of the program and with licensure, graduates will be eligible to sit for the clinical nurse leader exam offered by American Association of Colleges of Nursing Commission on Nurse Certification.

**Admission Requirements**
+ Completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited college or university.
+ Undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

**Prerequisite Courses:**
+ Completion of an undergraduate-level descriptive and inferential statistics course prior to enrollment in “Research Methods.”
+ Completion of a beginning-level health assessment course or the equivalent thereof prior to enrollment in “Advanced Health Assessment.”

**Application Requirements**
+ Application form and fee
+ Transcript(s)
+ Two letters of recommendation
+ Résumé
+ Personal statement
+ Copy of current unencumbered Registered Nurse license.

**Requirements for International Students**
+ A completed Declaration of Financial Support packet with all accompanying documents
+ TOEFL or PTE Academic score
+ Check the English Proficiency Policy page for specific TOEFL and PTE score requirements. Students may also visit the international prospects, applicants and students page for more information about international application requirements.

**Application Deadlines**
Spring: Students should apply for the spring semester by January 1.
Fall: Students should apply for the fall semester by June 1.

**Review Process**
Applicants for admission to this program are considered individually.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**
The Saint Louis University School of Nursing offers scholarship and graduate research assistantship opportunities to eligible graduate students. Additionally, most nursing students will participate in a tuition assistance program provided through their employer.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

**Accreditation**
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**Program Core Requirements**

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**Nurse Educator Option**
Nurse educator courses provide an opportunity for course work and practicum experience in nursing education.

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NURS 5590 Practicum in Nursing Education 2
NURS 5560 Evidence Based Teaching Approaches may be added to earn the Nurse Educator Certificate.

Non-Course Requirements
Students will complete 400 clinical hours.

Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all required graduate/professional courses.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ACCELERATED)

Program Highlights
The Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing (Clinical Nurse Leader) degree is an accelerated 21-month on-site prelicensure program designed to educate advanced generalist nurses for clinical practice and leadership in health care settings.

The program is designed for individuals who are not registered nurses but have already earned a baccalaureate degree in another field.

The master's level coursework of the direct entry accelerated Master of Science in Nursing program focuses on the competencies and role development you need to become a clinical nurse leader (CNL). Clinical nurse leaders coordinate the care of a distinct group of patients and actively provide direct patient care in complex situations. They focus on outcomes measurement, risk assessment, quality improvement, interprofessional communication and application of evidence-based practice.

Curriculum Overview
The M.S.N.-C.N.L. program at Saint Louis University is a non-advanced practice option that will prepare you to function as a clinical nurse leader. The program is offered online in a part-time format and is completed in two years.

Careers
Graduates often initially work as staff nurses, with their CNL skill set later allowing them to pursue advanced roles in health care.

This is not an advanced practice role. Graduates of this accelerated master's program will not be prepared for certification as a nurse practitioner but may pursue a post-master's certificate in that area.

Upon completion of the program and with licensure, graduates will be eligible to sit for the clinical nurse leader exam offered by American Association of Colleges of Nursing Commission on Nurse Certification.

Admission Requirements
+ Non-nursing baccalaureate or higher degree at a regionally accredited U.S. college or university, or an international equivalent.
+ Undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or greater
+ Completion of the following prerequisite coursework, preferably within the last five years:
  + Microbiology (3 credits)
  + Human Anatomy and Physiology (6-8 credits)
  + Inferential Statistics (3 credits)

To qualify as "regionally accredited," an institution must be accredited by one of these regional accrediting bodies:
+ Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSCHE)
+ New England Association of Colleges and Schools (NEASC)
+ Higher Learning Commission (HLC) (formerly known as the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools)
+ Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NCCU)
+ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
+ Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Application Requirements
+ Application form and fee
+ Official transcript(s)
+ Two letters of recommendation
+ Résumé
+ Professional goal statement: The goal statement should outline your anticipated nursing career trajectory for five years after graduating and include an explanation of why you've decided on that path. The statement should be one-to-two pages and double spaced.

Requirements for International Students
Due to the rigor of this accelerated program, students are recommended to have a 94 iBT and a score of 7.0 on the IELTS for this program. At minimum, an 80 on the computer-based TOEFL (iBT) or a 6.5 on the IELTS, as demonstration of students' English proficiency is required.

Application Deadline
Although the application deadline is July 1, students are strongly encouraged to apply and submit all supporting documents by February 1, as space is limited.
**Review Process**
The School of Nursing admits students on a rolling basis, typically beginning in February, and there is a deadline to accept an offer of admission.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**
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**Program Core Requirements**

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**Doctor of Nursing Practice (Post-Bachelor of Science in Nursing)**

**Program Highlights**
The Doctor of Nursing Practice is a practice-focused doctoral degree that educates nurses to become expert clinicians, leaders in health policy and catalysts for improved health care delivery within an interprofessional environment. This online program is available to students who possess a master's degree in an advanced practice area such as a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist.

**The Post-Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice offers:**

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Students may choose from five specialties, allowing students to customize the patient population with which they will work most: Adult-Gerontological Acute Care, Adult Gerontological Primary Care, Family and Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.

**Adult/Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**

Students will learn to use complex monitoring and invasive therapies, high-intensity interventions, and continuous vigilance within the range of high-acuity care to help meet the specialized physiological and psychological needs of adults of all ages, including the frail elderly.

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**Curriculum Overview**

The Post-Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice program requires a total of 68 credits beyond the B.S.N., depending on the population specialty focus. The courses can be taken over a four-to-five-year period with full- or part-time study.

Students will complete the program with 1,050 or 1,125 clinical hours, depending on the specialty.

Four visits to Saint Louis University’s campus are required. The first is a two-day orientation, online education and the role of nurse practitioners. The second is a three-day residency at the School of Nursing, where your knowledge of the curriculum’s content, including diagnostic reasoning, clinical assessment skills and therapeutic communication, will be assessed. The next visit is an orientation to doctoral-level course work. The fourth occurs at the end of the program to present the D.N.P. project.

**Careers**

Graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program are prepared to be nurse clinicians or educators. Graduates influence health policy at institutional, local, state and national levels and formulate strategies to maximize patient health.

**Admission Requirements**

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+ Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.
+ One year of clinical experience.
+ Cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 system.
+ Three recommendations from people (preferably from master's or doctorally prepared nurses) who can speak to your potential for success from an academic and/or professional perspective.
+ A statement addressing your goal for doctoral study, research translation area of interest for the capstone project and your career goals. This must be two-pages, typewritten and double-spaced.
+ An unencumbered registered nurse license in the state in which clinical experience will be done.
+ Current CPR certification from the American Heart Association.
+ Completion of an undergraduate-level descriptive and inferential statistics course.
+ Completion of a beginning-level health assessment or equivalent course.

Application Requirements
+ Application form and fee
+ Transcript(s)
+ Three letters of recommendation
+ Résumé
+ Interview (possible)
+ Professional goal statement

Requirements for International Students
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Application Deadlines
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Review Process
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Program Core Requirements
NURS 5000 Epidemiology 3
NURS 5040 Role Acquisition 1
HCE 5500 Ethics in Nursing and Health Care 2
NURS 5080 Advanced Pharmacology 3
NURS 5110 Advanced Health Assessment & Clinical Decision Making 3
NURS 5140 Health Promotion 3
NURS 5160 Principles of Practice Management 2
NURS 5170 Advanced Pathophysiology 3
NURS 5200 General Research Methods 3
ORES 5010 Biostatistics 3
NURS 6100 Health Care Policy and Advanced Practice Nursing 3
NURS 6110 Health Care Delivery Systems 3
NURS 6130 Interprofessional Collaboration 3
NURS 6140 Leadership in Health Care 3
NURS 6150 Clinical Informatics 2
NURS 6160 Evidence Based Practice I 3
NURS 6000 DNP Forum 0
NURS 6170 Evidence Based Practice II 3
NURS 6960 Project Management 2
NURS 6981 DNP Clinical and Capstone Project 3

TOTAL CREDITS: 51

Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5310 Critical Appraisal of Technology: Acute Care 3
NURS 5260 Advanced Clinical Studies in the Acute Care Setting I 4
NURS 5270 Advanced Clinical Studies in the Acute Care Setting II 5
NURS 5810 Nursing Practicum 4
NURS 5950 Special Study for Exams 0
Concentration Credits 16

TOTAL CREDITS: 67

Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5750 Care of the Elderly: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Health 3
NURS 5240 Advanced Clinical Studies I: Adolescents and Adults 4
NURS 5250 Advanced Clinical Studies II: Adults and Older Adults 5
NURS 5810 Nursing Practicum 5
NURS 5950 Special Study for Exams 0
Concentration Credits 17

TOTAL CREDITS: 68

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5630 Dynamics of Family Nursing Practice 3
NURS 5280 Advanced Clinical Studies I: Adults, and Older Adults 5
NURS 5290 Advanced Clinical Studies II: Women and Children 5
NURS 5510 Mental Health Care of the Family in Primary Care 2
NURS 5810 Nursing Practicum 4
NURS 5950 Special Study for Exams 0
Concentration Credits 19

TOTAL CREDITS: 70

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5550 Family and Child Development 3
NURS 5320 Advanced Clinical Studies I in Nursing of Children 4
NURS 5330 Advanced Clinical Studies II in Nursing of Children 4
NURS 5xxx Elective 2
The first visit is a two to three day orientation at the beginning of the program. A second visit of one to two days is expected at the end of the program to present the required Doctor of Nursing Practice project. This project is based on your interest and synthesizes the knowledge you gain throughout the program. It will focus on a practice change initiative in risk reduction, such as a program evaluation, a quality improvement project, evaluation of a new practice model, a consulting project or a pilot study.

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+ A cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or more on a 4 scale.
+ A master's degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.
+ Certification as a nurse practitioner in at least one of the nursing specialties that the School of Nursing offers as an MSN-NP degree including: acute gerontology primary care, adult gerontology acute care, family, pediatrics and family psychiatric mental health.
+ Recognition as an advanced practice nurse in the state in which clinical experiences will be done.
+ Certification as a clinical nurse specialist (C.N.S) with national and/or state recognition will be individually evaluated according for admission according to specialty and functional role.
+ An unencumbered registered nurse license in the state in which clinical experience will be done.
+ Successful completion of pathophysiology, pharmacology and advanced health assessment at the graduate level.
+ Evidence of recent A.P.N. experience.
+ Inferential or biostatistics course within the last five years. (This may be taken at Saint Louis University during the summer prior to the start of the D.N.P. program.)

**Application Requirements**

+ Application form and fee
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TOTAL CREDITS: 28

Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all required graduate/professional courses.

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Program Highlights
The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing prepares nurses as scholars and beginning nurse scientists who will contribute to the continued knowledge development of the discipline and profession of nursing. The program is offered in both a traditional classroom format and distance learning with live, real-time Web-based teleconferencing. Students may attend classes on campus at the School of Nursing or by teleconference using Web technology.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing offers:
+ Full- and part-time curriculum plans
+ Responsive faculty who are nationally recognized for teaching excellence, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship
+ Faculty advisers are individually assigned to mentor each student throughout the program
+ Online library
+ Online writing center
+ State-of-the-art teaching facilities

Curriculum Overview
Students can enter Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing through one of two programs: the post-baccalaureate to Ph.D. track (B.S.N to Ph.D.), or the post-master's to Ph.D. track (M.S.N to Ph.D.). Both options offer the choice of taking classes on campus or at a distance. Distance students interact live with students on campus through online conferencing software.

Most doctoral-level nursing classes are offered on Friday mornings and afternoons during fall and spring semesters. The scheduled time for the class takes into consideration students in different time zones. The academic year also includes two shorter, intensive courses, taken over the summer on Fridays.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing requires 51 credits of doctoral coursework (plus a maximum of 18 credits accepted from a master's program) and 12 credits of dissertation research.

Careers
Graduates are prepared for careers as nurse scientists, nurse researchers and nurse educators.
Admission Requirements
Ph.D. admissions faculty at the School of Nursing evaluate all applications and may request interviews with applicants who meet the following criteria:

+ Post-M.S.N. to Ph.D. - Master's degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency
+ Post B.S.N. to Ph.D. - Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.
+ Cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 system
+ Satisfactory performance on the GRE General Test
+ Current, unencumbered registered professional nurse licensure in the state/country of residence/employment or eligibility for licensure in the State of Missouri
+ Evidence of high potential for scholarship and leadership in nursing

Application Requirements
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+ Transcript(s)
+ Three letters of recommendation
+ GRE scores
+ Résumé
+ Interview
+ Professional goal statement

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Application Deadlines
U.S. students should apply for the fall semester by June 1 and the spring semester by Nov. 1. International students should apply by Feb. 1 for the summer and fall semesters, and by Sept. 1 for the spring semester.

Review Process
Applicants are considered on a rolling basis. An application answer may be expected after two weeks. There is a deadline to accept an offer of admission.

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Post-Bachelor of Science in Nursing Requirements

Required Courses (44 credits)

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Post-Master of Science in Nursing Requirements

Required Courses (33 credits)

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**TOTAL CREDITS: 45**

**Continuation Standards**
Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all required graduate/professional courses.

**POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE NURSE EDUCATION**

**Program Highlights**
Nurse educator courses provide an opportunity for course work and practicum experience in nursing education.

All four educator courses are offered on-line with attention to building a learning community with a culture of sharing and support.

**Curriculum Overview**
Attention to development of the educator role is threaded through each course and culminates in the development of an educator portfolio including a personal philosophy of teaching, a research plan and examples of teaching products.

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**Fieldwork and Research Opportunities**
A nursing practicum allows students to create a unique teaching practicum experience with faculty supervision and guidance and seminar activities are aimed at helping students make a successful transition into teaching.

**Careers**
The Nurse Educator Certificate will prepare graduate with the skills to teach in baccalaureate, associate or diploma nursing programs.

**Admission Requirements**
+ Master of Science degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency is preferred.

+ Registered professional nurse licensure in the State of Missouri or in other states in which the student will complete his/her clinical/rotation experience.

**Requirements for International Students**
International students on a F1 or J1 Student visa are not eligible for admission, as these programs are conducted entirely online.

**Review Process**
Applicants for admission to this program are considered individually.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**
Financing for this program may be available through grants, scholarships, loans (federal and private) and institutional financing plans. For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

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**TOTAL CREDITS: 8-9**

**Continuation Standards**
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**POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**Program Highlights**
The Post-Master of Science in Nursing certificate program provides opportunities for individuals who have earned a Master’s degree in Nursing to prepare for advanced practice in a second nursing specialty or role. The Post-Master Nurse Educator Certificate Program, offered online, prepares nurses with skills to teach in
associate, diploma, or baccalaureate nursing programs.

The Post-Master’s Certificates offer:
+ Full- and part-time curriculum plans
+ Variety of specialty areas and role options
+ Option to emphasize research in any specialty area
+ Responsive faculty who are nationally recognized for teaching excellence, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship
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+ Online library
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Preparation is currently available for a second role as Adult-Gerontological Primary Care, Adult-Gerontological Acute Care, Family, Pediatric Primary Care, or Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Adult/Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Students will learn to use complex monitoring and invasive therapies, high-intensity interventions, and continuous vigilance within the range of high-acuity care to help meet the specialized physiological and psychological needs of adults of all ages, including the frail elderly.

Adult/gerontological acute care nurse practitioners work in emergency departments, tertiary care settings, intensive care units, trauma centers and specialty medicine areas treating patients with acute, critical and chronic illness, as well as those with disabilities or injuries.

Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Students are prepared to provide advanced nursing care for adolescents and adults of all ages by working with patients who require diagnosis, treatment and management of episodic or chronic conditions that are best treated on an outpatient basis. These include people with diabetes, hypertension, respiratory conditions as well as sprains/strains. Students will also conduct wellness examinations.

Adult/gerontological primary care nurse practitioners work in hospital-based clinics, within the VA medical system, and in internal medicine or specialty private-practice offices.

Family Nurse Practitioner
The family nurse practitioner program prepares students to provide primary health care to patients of all ages. Students will help prevent disease, assess and manage acute and chronic health problems, and consult and refer patients within the health care system. This program emphasizes quality relationships with patients, families and communities, as well as education and coordination of services aimed at specific health outcomes.

Family nurse practitioners work in a variety of settings and are also well-suited to rural populations, where specialty care may not always be available.

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Students will be prepared to provide care to patients from birth through the age of 21.

Pediatric primary care nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and management of acute and chronic conditions in pediatric offices as well as school, community, urgent care and specialty settings.

Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Students pursuing the family psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner program will work with children, adolescents and adults of all ages with acute or complex mental health needs, or psychiatric diagnoses. The family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program encourages evidence-based, culturally sensitive, recovery-oriented and holistic care.

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Curriculum Overview
The post-master’s nurse practitioner certificate programs are conducted almost completely online, requiring only two visits to the St. Louis campus.

A minimum of 15 credits are required for completion of a post-master’s nurse practitioner certificate program. The total number of credits varies, depending on the particular certificate pursued.

At the School of Nursing’s discretion, students may transfer three to six credits of graduate-level coursework to be applied toward their post-master’s certificate program of study.

Student files are individually reviewed and may be able to petition for “advanced standing” in courses such as “Advanced Health Assessment,” “Advanced Pathophysiology” and “Advanced Pharmacology.”

Careers
Upon completion of the post-master’s N.P. certificate program, you will qualify to take certification exams through the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Admission Requirements
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+ A master's degree in a nursing specialty, preferably from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency
+ A college cumulative grade point of 3.2 or higher
+ Completion of a graduate-level physiology or pathophysiology course and a beginning health assessment course, or the equivalent thereof
+ Experience in an advanced practice role in nursing is preferred
+ Proof of completion of an American Heart Care Provider course is required after acceptance.

Application Requirements
+ Post-Master's NP Certificate application and fee
+ Transcript(s)
+ One letter of recommendation
+ Résumé
+ Professional goal statement
+ Copy of current unencumbered Registered Nurse license in the state in which clinical experience will be done.

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Application Deadlines
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Program Core Requirements
Prerequisite (may be taken first semester)
NURS 5170 Advanced Pathophysiology 3

All students complete (or may transfer in) the following core courses:
NURS 5080 Advanced Pharmacology 3
NURS 5040 Role Acquisition* 1
May be waived for post-MSN students who are already NPs depending on the experience and time since relevant course content
NURS 5110 Advanced Health Assessment & Clinical Decision Making* 3
NURS 5130 Clinical and Diagnostic Reasoning 2
Course is only required for graduates of the Accelerated Master's Program
NURS 5140 Health Promotion 3
NURS 5160 Principles of Practice Management* 3
May be waived for post-MSN students who are already NPs depending on the experience and time since relevant course content

*NURS 5040 Role Acquisition and NURS 5160 Principles of Practice Management is a required course for all non-NP Post-MSN certificate students. The course may be required of an NP Post-MSN certificate student if the student's clinical experience is not current or the specialty is not primary care or adult-gerontological acute care.

Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5310 Critical Appraisal of Technology: Acute Care 3
NURS 5260 Advanced Clinical Studies in the Acute Care Setting I 4
NURS 5270 Advanced Clinical Studies in the Acute Care Setting II 5
NURS 5810 Nursing Practicum 4

TOTAL CREDITS: 16

Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5240 Advanced Clinical Studies I: Adolescents and Adults 4
NURS 5250 Advanced Clinical Studies II: Adults and Older Adults 5
NURS 5750 Care of the Elderly: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Health 3
NURS 5810 Nursing Practicum 5

TOTAL CREDITS: 17

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5830 Dynamics of Family Nursing Practice 3
NURS 5280 Advanced Clinical Studies I: Adults, and Older Adults 5
NURS 5290  Advanced Clinical Studies II: Women and Children  5
NURS 5510  Mental Health of the Family in the Primary Care Setting  2
NURS 5810  Nursing Practicum  3-4

TOTAL CREDITS: 18-19

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5550  Family and Child Development  3
NURS 5320  Advanced Clinical Studies I in Nursing of Children  4
NURS 5330  Advanced Clinical Studies II in Nursing of Children  4
NURS 5810  Nursing Practicum  3-5

TOTAL CREDITS: 14-16

Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration
NURS 5340  Advanced Clinical Studies I : P/MH Nursing  4
NURS 5350  Advanced Clinical Studies II : P/MH Nursing  5
NURS 5400  Ecological Approach to Human Behavior  3
NURS 5430  Psychopharmacology  2
NURS 5550  Family & Child Development  3
NURS 5510  Mental Health Care of the Family in Primary Care Settings  2
NURS 5810  Nursing Practicum  4

TOTAL CREDITS: 23

Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all required graduate/professional courses.