

## MASTER'S PROGRAM: ADULT-GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

The Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing of the City University of New York offers a 42-credit program in Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist leading to a Master of Science degree in Nursing. The program prepares nurses to assume an advanced practice nursing role as an **Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist** in a variety of health care settings, from acute care to home care. Nurses who earn this degree are preparing themselves for advanced practice positions in medical-surgical specialties within acute care or community-based nursing services. The 42 credit program includes the requisite 500 clinical practicum hours for specialty certification and can be completed by full-time students in 3 to 4 years. Students have five years to complete degree requirements, however, and many students earn the degree by attending part-time. Courses are offered in the afternoons and evenings. Graduates of the program meet educational requirements for specialty certification by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

### Course of Study

The program consists of nursing core courses and advanced practice courses shared with other master's level students in nursing, courses in the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (A-G CNS) specialization, and cognate-electives. Through course work, clinical practicum placements, and carefully selected electives, students develop skills in the competencies required for the A-G CNS role. The advanced clinical practicum placements are offered in a variety of adult medical-surgical specialties. Students also have an opportunity to participate in community-based programs aimed at serving a selected target population and promoting policy changes in the health care delivery system.

#### Requirements for Admission

In addition to the graduate admission requirements of Hunter College, students seeking matriculation in the School of Nursing must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of an accredited baccalaureate program in nursing with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. License and current registration to practice professional nursing in New York State.
3. Completion of a basic college-level statistics course or its equivalent.
4. Minimum of 2 years appropriate professional clinical nursing experience
5. Completion of an undergraduate nursing research course.



**Tuition:** As a tax-supported institution, Hunter can keep tuition relatively low. For current tuition and fees:

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/bursar/tuition-fees>

#### Core Courses (12) cr.

700	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Science	3cr.
702	Nursing Research	3cr.
704	Healthcare Systems & Policy	3cr.
749	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention in Diverse Populations	3cr.

#### Advanced Practice Core (9) cr.

717	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	3cr.
750	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3cr.
751	Advanced Health Assessment	3cr.

#### Advanced Practice Specialization Courses (15) cr.

761	Clinical Leadership in Nursing I	5cr.
766	Adult-Gerontology CNS I	5cr.
767	Adult-Gerontology CNS II	5cr.

#### Electives (6) cr.

Selections may be made from graduate offerings in nursing, health science or other disciplines as applicable.

#### Examples of Electives:

Diabetes Mgmt: 776; Trauma Nursing: 736;

\*Additional courses are offered and vary by semester.