

MASTER'S PROGRAM: ADULT-GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

The Hunter College 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.
6. Completion of an online application form including a personal statement and at least two relevant letters of recommendation.



Tuition and Fees: As a tax-supported institution, Hunter can keep tuition relatively low. For current tuition and fees: <https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/tuition-and-payment/tuition-and-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.

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For further information, contact the Adult-Gerontology CNS Program Coordinator:

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You can apply to the program online at: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/graduateadmissions>