

ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Nursing
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About This Program

The Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist graduate certificate provides nurses who already have a graduate nursing degree the additional specialized knowledge for the adult gerontology clinical nurse specialist role. The certificate meets the educational requirements for the national certification examination.

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Fully online

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Master’s degree in nursing or a doctorate in nursing practice from an accredited nursing program
- Minimum 3.000 graduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s) of all previous graduate coursework¹
- Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which practicum hours will be completed
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement (no more than 250 words) describing reasons for seeking the certificate in the identified specialty and professional goals
- Syllabi of all courses to be considered for transfer in the gap analysis
- Three letters of reference from health care professionals or faculty members
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:²
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

¹ Transcript(s) must indicate completion of graduate-level courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment, with a minimum B grade earned in each course.

Applicants who do not meet the grade requirement for advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment may be considered for a conditional admission. For applicants who have not practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse within the two-year period preceding application to the certificate, completion of graduate-level courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment must not be greater than five years old at the time of the student’s first semester of course registration in the certificate.

² International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Priority deadline: March 1
- **Spring Semester**
 - Priority deadline: November 1
- **Summer Term**
 - Priority deadline: March 1

Applications submitted by these deadlines will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
NURS 60506	CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	3
NURS 60110	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST I	3
NURS 60210	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST II	3
NURS 60310	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST III	3
NURS 61192	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62192	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST II PRACTICUM	2-3
NURS 63192	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST III PRACTICUM	2-3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		19

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	3.000

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.