UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
COLLEGE OF NURSING

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Overview
The University of Rhode Island - College of Nursing offers a number of Post-Graduate Certificates with concentrations in Family Nurse Practitioner, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Nursing Education. Its purpose is for nurses who wish to pursue advanced education in one of the concentrations and become prepared for advanced practice roles in primary health care, acute and critical care settings, and as educators of nursing care to a broad spectrum of people within health care organizations or in the community. Students’ needs and career goals are considered in the selection of professional options in each concentration. Opportunity to diversify within the concentration is possible.

Curriculum and Pre-Requisites
Certificate students take advanced practice courses specific to their chosen focus, 18-21 credits and 500 clinical hours for APRN options and 12 credits for nursing education. Courses are sequenced logically, enabling students to expand on masters competencies previously learned. Courses specific to each APRN role/population focus build advanced knowledge needed for diagnosis and management of clients. Education courses focus on educational assessment, curriculum design, teaching strategies, and evaluation related to teaching in both classrooms and practice settings.

Applicants to the Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/ Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration are required to complete pre-requisite courses prior to entering the concentration courses. Comparable courses from other institutions may satisfy these requirements.

Family Nurse Practitioner (18 credits)
Pre-Requisites: NUR 503, 504, 535, and 582
NUR 531 - Primary Health Care Nursing I (3 crs)
NUR 532 - Practicum in Primary Health Care Nursing I (3 crs)
NUR 533 - Primary Health Care Nursing II (3 crs)
NUR 534 - Practicum in Primary Health Care Nursing II (6 crs)
NUR 590 - Directed Advanced Study & Practice (3 crs)

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (18 credits)
Pre-Requisites: NUR 503, 509, 535, and 582
NUR 565 - ACNP I: Adult (3 crs)
NUR 566 - ACNP Practicum I: Adult (3 crs)
NUR 567 - ACNP II: Adult (3 crs)
NUR 568 - ACNP Practicum II: Adult (6 crs)
NUR 590 - Directed Advanced Study & Practice (3 crs)

Adult Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/ Clinical Nurse Specialist (21 credits)
Pre-Requisites: NUR 503, 508, 535, and 582
NUR 561 - Adult - Gerontological Nurse Practitioner /Clinical Nurse Specialist I (3 crs)
NUR 562 - Adult - Gerontological Nurse Practitioner /Clinical Nurse Specialist I Practicum (3 crs)
NUR 563 - Adult - Gerontological Nurse Practitioner /Clinical Nurse Specialist II (3 crs)
NUR 564 - Adult - Gerontological Nurse Practitioner /Clinical Nurse Specialist II Practicum (6 crs)
NUR 590 - Directed Advanced Study & Practice (6 crs)

Nursing Education (12 credits)
NUR 538 - Learning Theories and Educational Strategies for Health Professionals (3 crs)
NUR 541 - Advanced Study of Teaching in Nursing Education and Practice (3 crs)
NUR 590 - Directed Advanced Study & Practice (3 crs)
Elective - Level 400 or higher (3 crs)
Clinical Practice
Clinical practice is available in a variety of settings - hospital emergency departments, critical and acute care hospital units. Preceptorship on a one-to-one basis is provided by nurse practitioners and physicians. Students manage a patient caseload with increasing independence as they progress in the program. The practicum experiences are planned with the student, taking into consideration the student’s interests, learning needs, employment plans, and acute care nurse practitioner competencies.

Transportation
A car is necessary to reach the various clinical practice locations in the cities and rural areas. A local bus service connects the University to most major health service facilities, shopping, and service centers, but the bus routes and schedules may not always be convenient for the graduate student.

Tuition and Fees
Additional information on tuition and a full breakdown of fees can be located on the Enrollment Services Tuition and Fees webpage.

Financial Aid
A variety of traineeships, graduate assistantships and loans are available to help finance graduate education. More information can be found on the Graduate School Financial Support webpage.

Application Deadlines
Your completed application package, including supporting materials, is due by February 15th for Fall start and October 15th for Spring start. Applications missing materials such as transcripts, resumes, or personal statements will not be reviewed. We recommend submitting your online application by no later than two weeks prior to the deadline which gives your references two weeks to complete their recommendations.

Certificate Admission Requirements
- Admission to the Graduate School. Directions can be found on the College of Nursing - How to Apply webpage.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Master’s degree in nursing accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing or the National League for Nursing with an upper-division major in nursing.
- Eligibility for RN licensure in Rhode Island
- Positive recommendations
- Statement of purpose which reflects writing ability and goals for pursuing advanced study in nursing
- Two years of clinical nursing experience, relevant to the specialization applied for, prior to enrollment in the advanced practice clinical courses.

The mission of the URI College of Nursing can be found at www.uri.edu/nursing/about/
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To apply please go to: www.uri.edu/gsadmis/ and click “Apply Online Now!”

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