

**Master of Science (MS) in Nursing
Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration**

Program Description

The Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) concentration is designed to develop expertise in the nursing care of perinatal patients and their families. The graduates of Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist program are prepared to function as advanced practice nurses whose roles may include the following areas: teaching, research, consultation and practice. Two perinatal concentrations are available: the obstetrical focus and the neonatal focus. The Perinatal CNS student examines the role across the three spheres of CNS influence: the nurse/nursing practice sphere, the patient/client sphere and the organization/system sphere.

Students who complete the Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist program are qualified to sit for certification examinations in obstetrics or neonatal practice offered by National Certification Corporation (NCC).

Degree Requirements

Course #	Course Title	SH
Core Courses		
NURS 530	Introduction to the Clinical Nurse Specialist Role	1
NURS 525	Intermediate Statistics	3
NURS 526	Nursing Inquiry I	2
NURS 527	Nursing Inquiry II	2
NURS 528	Health, Environment and Systems	2
NURS 529	Issues of Advanced Practice in Nursing	1
NURS 531	Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Practice in Nursing	3
NURS 532	Comprehensive Health Assessment for Advanced Practice	2
NURS 550	Evidence-Based Practice or	3
NURS 597	Master's Project or	3
NURS 598	Master's Thesis	5
Concentration Specialty Courses		
NUSP 551	Concepts for Pediatric /Perinatal Nurse Specialist Practice I	2
NUSP 552	Concepts for Pediatric /Perinatal Nurse Specialist II	2
NUSP 548	Biological Basis for Women's Health and Perinatal Nursing I	2
NUSP 549	Biological Basis for Women's Health and Perinatal Nursing II	2
NUSP 558	Advanced Parent-Infant Nursing	3
NUPR 569	Pediatric and Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum I	4
NUPR 570	Pediatric and Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum II	5
NUPR 571	Pediatric and Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum III	6
	Total Degree Hours	45-47

Clinical credit hrs:	15	Clinical clock hrs:	675
Didactic credit hrs:	29	Didactic clock hrs:	435
Lab credit hrs:	1	Lab clock hrs:	30