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## **POST-MASTERS CERTIFICATE IN ADULT-GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST**

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Nurses with a master's degree in nursing will enhance their career opportunities by becoming a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). In the healthcare setting, the CNS is the nursing expert in handling complex patient care issues, for teaching and mentoring staff nurses and designing and evaluating system-wide quality improvement programs. Additionally, a CNS is the minimal expectation for teaching nursing in academic settings.

The program is taught on-line in a flexible and student-centered format with course and faculty availability seven days a week. Students need not be a resident of Michigan to be in the program. Clinical sites and qualified preceptors are identified near the student's home to complete the required clinical component in the role of the CNS.

The certificate program includes advanced learning in the areas of physical assessment, pathophysiology and pharmacology. Course content is focused on the competencies of CNS practice and includes 500 supervised practice hours to be completed over two semesters. At completion, the nurse will be eligible to sit for the certification examination for the Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

For further information, please contact Dr. Mitzi Saunders, Coordinator and Lead Faculty at 734-355-2792.

### **CURRICULUM**

#### **Year 1 - Fall Credits**

**NUR 5130** Physical Assessment for the Advanced Practice Nurse -2 credits  
**HLH 5900** Advanced Pathophysiology -3 credits

#### **Year 1 - Winter Credits**

**NUR 5770** Advanced Pharmacology -3 credits  
**NUR 5750** Adult Health CNS Theory and Practicum I -5 credits (Includes 250 practicum hours)

#### **Year 2 - Fall Credits**

**NUR 5760** Adult Health CNS Theory and Practicum II -5 credits (Includes 250 practicum hours)

### **TOTAL CREDITS -18**

### **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

1. Complete online application ([www.udmercy.edu](http://www.udmercy.edu))
2. Master's Degree in Nursing
3. Resume or Curriculum Vitae
4. Letter of Professional Recommendation
5. Copy of Nursing license
6. Autobiographical Statement of Personal Goals and Objectives
7. Official Transcripts (Must be Regionally Accredited Programs)

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Melinda Parsh, UDM Admissions Office  
Phone: (313) 993-1592 Email: parshmm@udmercy.edu

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS:**

All coursework done outside the U.S. and Canada must be sent to either the World Education Services (WES: <http://www.wes.org/>) or the Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE: <http://www.ece.org/>) for a course-by-course evaluation. The evaluation results are to be mailed from the agency to the following address:

UDM, International Admissions Office  
4001 W. McNichols Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48221-3038

For more information about the application process for international student applicants, please contact:  
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