

# CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

## About

The Adult/Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist program will prepare you with the knowledge and skills needed to function as an advanced practice nurse to meet the needs of adult-geriatric patients. Students can develop subspecialty expertise within the adult-gerontology population including such areas as cardiology, nephrology, neurology, and oncology, among others. CNSs are equipped to advance quality of care, integrate evidence into practice, develop and lead clinical innovations, and improve patient and system outcomes. Graduates practice in a wide range of health care settings that include hospitals and acute care, long-term care, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation care.

The Clinical Nurse Specialist curriculum prepares graduates to apply for and sit for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Adult Gerontology certification exam.

## Cost

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

## Application Process

### Step 1

Complete the NursingCAS application

- Undergraduate programs: \$60 for the first program; \$45 for each additional program
- Graduate programs: \$80 for the first program; \$50 for each additional program

### Step 2

Complete the OUHSC Supplemental application

- Undergraduate and Graduate programs: \$75 application fee
- Applicants are advised to have a copy of their transcript from every College or University attended available as reference when completing the application process.

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Clinical Science Core Courses *</b>		
PATH 5503	Applied Principles of Pathology	3
NURS 5013	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
<b>Clinical Nurse Specialist Pathway Course</b>		
NURS 5913	Clinical Nurse Specialist Systems Management (96 clinical hours)	3
<b>Adult/Gero CNS Courses</b>		
NURS 5643	Advanced Concepts in Adult/Gerontology Nursing I	3
NURS 5653	Advanced Concepts in Adult/Gerontology Nursing II	3
NURS 5773	Advanced Practicum in Adult/Gerontology Nursing II	3
<b>Capstone Course</b>		

NURS 5944	Synthesis In Nursing For The Clinical Specialist (192 clinical hours)	4
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\* Students who are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) and have successfully completed Pathology/Physiology, Pharmacology, and Health Assessment are not required to repeat these courses.

## Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Undergraduate Nursing Research		
General Statistics		

## Prerequisite Requirements

- Successful completion of a Master of Science in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution.
- Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse.
- Completion of a research methodology course with a grade of "C" or better.
- Completion of a graduate or undergraduate general statistics course.
- An overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of academic credit.
- Submission of three recommendation letters.

## Program Objectives

Those who earn a post-graduate clinical nurse specialist certificate often:

- Lead and collaborate in an interdisciplinary healthcare team
- Assist and offer guidance to patients and their families as they navigate the complex healthcare delivery system
- Serve as educators, consultants, evidence-based researchers, change agents and case managers, as well as clinical nurses