

# ADULT/GERONTOLOGICAL PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, POST- MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Adult/gerontological primary care nurse practitioners work in hospital-based clinics, within the Veterans Affairs medical system, and in internal medicine or specialty private-practice offices.

At Saint Louis University, students are prepared to provide advanced nursing care for adolescents and adults of all ages by working with patients who require diagnosis, treatment and management of episodic or chronic conditions that are best treated on an outpatient basis. These include people with diabetes, hypertension, respiratory conditions, as well as sprains/strains. Students will also conduct wellness examinations.

## Curriculum Overview

The post-master's nurse practitioner certificate programs are conducted almost completely online, requiring only two visits to the St. Louis campus.

A minimum of 15 credits are required for completion of a post-master's nurse practitioner certificate program. The total number of credits varies, depending on the particular certificate pursued.

At the School of Nursing's discretion, students may transfer three to six credits of graduate-level coursework to be applied toward their post-master's certificate program of study.

Student files are individually reviewed and may be able to petition for "advanced standing" in courses such as "Advanced Health Assessment," "Advanced Pathophysiology" and "Advanced Pharmacology."

## Careers

Upon completion of the post-master's N.P. certificate program, you will qualify to take certification exams through the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

## Admission Requirements

Saint Louis University School of Nursing adheres to the principles of a holistic admission process in which selection criteria are broad-based and linked to our University's and School's mission and goals. While we do consider academic metrics we also look at applicant experiences, attributes, potential for success, and how applicants may contribute to the school's learning environment and to the profession.

Saint Louis University School of Nursing accepts applications to its Master of Science in Nursing program from students living in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

- A master's degree in a nursing specialty, preferably from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency

- A college cumulative grade point of 3.20 or higher
- Completion of a graduate-level physiology or pathophysiology course and a beginning health assessment course, or the equivalent thereof
- Experience in an advanced practice role in nursing is preferred
- Proof of completion of an American Heart Care Provider course is required after acceptance.

## Application Requirements

- Post-Master's NP Certificate application and fee
- Transcript(s)
- One letter of recommendation
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement
- Copy of current unencumbered Registered Nurse license in the state in which clinical experience will be done.

## Requirements for International Students

International students on a F1 or J1 Student visa are not eligible for admission, as these programs are conducted entirely online. For additional information, contact the Office of International Services.

## Application Deadlines

Application for admission and all supporting documents must be received by May 1 for the fall semester and August 1 for the spring semester.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Saint Louis University School of Nursing offers scholarship and graduate research assistantship opportunities to eligible graduate students. Financing for this program may be available through grants, scholarships, loans (federal and private) and institutional financing plans. Additionally, most nursing students will participate in a tuition assistance program provided through their employer.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

## Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Saint Louis University School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>) and approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. To achieve its educational objectives, the School uses the hospitals within the Health Sciences Center and many health care organizations of greater St. Louis.

The School of Nursing is fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

## Gainful Employment Disclosure

The U.S. Department of Education requires (per 34 CFR Part 668) that all institutions participating in the federal Title IV student financial assistance programs (Pell Grants, federal student loans, etc.) publicly disclose certain data regarding all academic programs designated as "Gainful Employment" programs per DOE definitions.

Gainful Employment Disclosure ([https://www.slu.edu/services/fin\\_aid/GE/FY17/51.3803-Gedt.html](https://www.slu.edu/services/fin_aid/GE/FY17/51.3803-Gedt.html))

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to implement collaborative strategies to provide ethical, high quality, safe, effective, patient- centered care.
2. Graduates will be able to use scholarly inquiry including evidence-based practice and research application to improve decision-making and health outcomes.
3. Graduates will be able to integrate advanced competencies, skills, theories, and cultural sensitivity in relationships with patients and professionals.
4. Graduates will be able to design culturally sensitive patient care that includes health promotion and disease prevention.
5. Graduates will be able to facilitate the improvement of health care through leadership within health care systems and communities.
6. Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence in a specialized area of advanced practice nursing that builds on foundational nursing knowledge.
7. Graduates will be able to utilize health care informatics and technologies to support practice.
8. Graduates will be able to advocate for policies that improve the health of the public and the profession of nursing.

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## Requirements

| Code   | Title  | Credits |
|--|--|---------|
| <b>Core Courses</b>  |  | 0-17    |
| Students must complete (or may transfer) in the following courses: |  |         |
| NURS 5040  | Advanced Practice Nursing: Role Acquisition <sup>†</sup> |         |
| NURS 5080  | Advanced Pharmacology                                    |         |
| NURS 5110  | Advanced Assessment and Clinical Decision Making         |         |
| NURS 5130  | Clinical & Diagnostic Reasoning                          |         |
| NURS 5140  | Health Promotion   |         |
| NURS 5160  | Principles of Practice Management <sup>†</sup>           |         |
| NURS 5170  | Advanced Pathophysiology                                 |         |
| <b>Specialty Courses</b>   |  |         |
| NURS 5240  | Advanced Clinical Studies I: Adolescents and Adults      | 4       |
| NURS 5250  | Advanced Clinical Studies II: Adult & Older Adult        | 5       |
| NURS 5750  | Care for the Elderly an Interdisciplinary Approach       | 3       |
| NURS 5810  | Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Practicum             | 5       |
| Total Credits  |  | 17-34   |

<sup>†</sup> May be waived for post#MSN students who are already NPs depending on the experience and time since relevant course content. Will be required of an NP Post#MSN certificate student if the student's clinical experience is not current or the specialty is not primary care or adult#gerontological acute care.

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

## Contact Us

Apply for Admission (<http://www.slu.edu/admission>)

For additional admission questions please contact,