NURSE EDUCATION, POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Saint Louis University's post-master's certificate in nursing education provides an opportunity for coursework and practicum experience in nursing education.

All four educator courses are offered online with attention to building a learning community with a culture of sharing and support. Students who complete the post-masters certificate program will meet the eligibility requirement to sit for the National League for Nursing’s CNE Exam for Nurse Educators.

The Valentine School of Nursing is renowned for excellence in nursing education. In 2021, Niche ranked Saint Louis University’s Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing as the No. 8 best college in the country for nursing. Additionally, U.S. News and World Report consistently ranks our MSN-NP program as a top 50 program in their Best Graduate Schools survey.

Curriculum Overview

Attention to development of the educator role is threaded through each course and culminates in the development of an educator portfolio including a personal philosophy of teaching, a research plan and examples of teaching products.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

A nursing practicum allows students in SLU’s certificate in nursing education program to create a unique teaching practicum experience with faculty supervision and guidance. Seminar activities are aimed at helping students make a successful transition into teaching.

Careers

SLU’s nurse educator certificate prepares graduates with the skills to teach in baccalaureate, associate or diploma nursing programs.

Admission Requirements

The Saint Louis University Trudy Busch Valentine 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.

Licensure Disclosure

Students who enroll in this track meet the eligibility requirements to sit for the CNE Novice exam for Nurse Educator. Eligibility includes:

1. Licensure:
   - A currently active, unencumbered, registered nurse designation in the country of residence.
2. Education:
   - A graduate degree in nursing with major emphasis on nursing education -or-
   - A graduate degree in nursing plus a post-master's certificate in nursing education -or-
   - A graduate degree in nursing (MSN or MSN-NP) and nine or more credit hours of graduate-level education courses -or-
   - A post baccalaureate certificate in nursing education
3. Experience:
   - Currently within the first three years of practice as an academic nurse educator.

Requirements for International Students

International students on F1 or J1 student visas are not eligible for admission, as the program is conducted entirely online.

Review Process

Applicants for admission to this program are considered individually.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Financing for this program may be available through grants, scholarships, loans (federal and private) and institutional financing plans. For price estimates, please review the SLU Cost Calculator (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php).

The Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing at Saint Louis University offers scholarship and graduate research assistantship opportunities (https://www.slu.edu/nursing/scholarships/) to eligible graduate students. 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 https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/ (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/).

Accreditation

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

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice at the Valentine School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (https://www.pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp) and approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing (https://www.pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp). To achieve its educational objectives, the school uses the hospitals within SSM Health and many health care organizations of greater St. Louis.

Requirements

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Total Credits: 8-9

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/)
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