The School of Nursing offers certificate programs designed for nurses who have a Master’s of Science in Nursing (MSN) and desire to expand their advanced nursing knowledge and skills.

Post-MSN Certificates

Nursing Leadership
Prepares nurses for clinical leadership roles in complex health care systems by combining knowledge and skills from both clinical and health care systems practice. The graduate is prepared to provide and manage care for individuals and groups of patients with emphasis on understanding patients’ clinical progression, care transitions and processes, evidence-based practice, quality and skills. Graduates will be eligible to sit for national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader.

Informatics
Prepares nurses for clinical leadership roles in the design, selection, implementation and utilization of information technology systems in support of improved quality, safety and outcomes of care. Students will apply knowledge in a real world situation during a practicum. The curriculum combines content in health care informatics, systems analysis and database management.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Prepares nurses to be a clinically competent and culturally sensitive Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). The PMHNP is prepared to assess, facilitate and manage the psychiatric and mental health care needs of individuals, families, groups and communities in a variety of public, private, community, inpatient and team-based, multidisciplinary practice settings. Graduates assume an expanded scope of practice.

Post-MSN Certificates Admissions

Application Opens: August *
Final Deadline: December *
Program Matriculates: Fall

*refer to http://nursing.unc.edu/admissions/applications/ for specific dates each year

Nursing Leadership Applicants
Nurses must hold an MSN degree to pursue the Nursing Leadership and Informatics Certificate.

Psychiatric Mental Health Applicants
Nurses must hold an MSN degree and be certified APRNs to pursue the PMHNP Certificate. Additionally, PMH Post-MSN applicants should have the equivalent of 6 months within the past 3 years of full time clinical work experience as a Registered Nurse in an acute or community setting that serves psychiatric illness/substance abuse.

All Post-MSN Applicants
Applicants should provide:
- An official MSN transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a current employer must be included
- A thoughtfully prepared professional statement, current resume and an unencumbered RN license

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education
The education certificate is open to students enrolled in the MSN, PMSN, DNP and PhD Programs. To receive the certificate, students must complete 9 credits of education courses (3 courses). Those who complete the education option will meet the NC Board of Nursing requirements for education contact hours and be eligible to take the Certified Nurse Educator exam after graduation.

About the Director
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