The Department of Nursing offers programs leading to the Master of Science (MS) in Adult-Gerontological Health Nursing. The MS degree programs have two options: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and Nurse Practitioner (NP). Students in the two degree programs take many of the same courses but focus their course assignments, competency development and clinical hours on the role of choice – as clinical nurse specialists to work with the adult and gerontological populations within the spheres of direct care, nursing personnel, and organizations/networks or as primary care nurse practitioners to work with the adult and gerontological populations to promote health, prevent disease, and manage the care of individuals, their families, and communities.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Option (42 credits)**

The program requires 42 credits with a minimum of 500 supervised hours toward development of clinical competencies for adult-gerontological population with a specialty practice focus. Requirements include a graduate core of 15 credits, an advanced practice core of nine credits, specialty (CNS role) courses of 12 credits, and six credits of elective courses.

**Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (NP) Option (42 credits)**

The program requires 42 credits with a minimum of 500 supervised hours toward development of clinical competencies for primary care of the adult-gerontological population. Requirements include a graduate core of 15 credits, and advanced practice core of nine credits, specialty (NP role) courses of 12 credits, and six credits of elective courses.

Students in the CNS and NP programs may attend on a full-time or part-time basis. Completion of the program requires a minimum of one and a half years of full-time study; part-time study may take three years or more.

**Graduate Core Courses (15 credits):**
- Transcultural Concepts and Issues in Health Care
- Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Practice Nursing
- Applied Statistical Thinking and Methods in Health Research
- Health Organizations, Policy, Financing, and Ethics
- Evidence-based Advanced Practice Nursing

**Advanced Practice Core Courses (9 credits):**
- Pathophysiological Concepts in Health and Illness
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Health Assessment

**Specialty (CNS Role) Courses (12 credits):**
- Advanced Practice Nursing with Adults in Community Settings
- Advanced Practice Nursing with Adults in Acute Care Settings
- Role Practicum: Adults in Community Settings
- Role Practicum: Adults in Acute Care Settings

**Specialty (NP Role) Courses (12 credits):**
- Primary Health Care Adult-Gerontology I
- Role Practicum: Primary Health Care I *
- Primary Health Care Adult-Gerontology II
- Role Practicum: Primary Health Care II *

**Electives:**
- Cultural Competence in Health Care Project
- Case Management
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree with a major in Nursing from an accredited school and at least one year full-time experience in nursing or a bachelor’s degree in another field with three years’ full-time experience in nursing, and completion of required undergraduate courses
- Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the nursing major
- Evidence of successful completion of undergraduate courses (or comparable learning experiences approved by the Admissions Committee) in nursing research, statistics, health assessment and physical examination; community health nursing, management in nursing, general chemistry, and pharmacotherapeutics
- A minimum of one year full-time experience or its equivalence as a registered nurse
- Current Registered Nurse license to practice in New York State

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

Personal Statement:
Submit a two- to four-page personal statement that answers a predetermined set of questions. The personal statement should be 300 words, double-spaced with one-inch margins, in 12 point font. Access the Nursing Personal Statement Form at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation supporting the applicant’s potential for completing graduate studies; one must be from a current nursing supervisor or recent professor who can speak to clinical performance.

Curriculum Vitae
Submit a curriculum vitae (CV) demonstrating appropriate clinical experience as evidenced by at least one year of full-time practice as a Registered Professional Nurse.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required scores: 550 (Paper), 213 (Computer), or 79-80 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. Minimum required score: 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.
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