The Department of Nursing offers two Post-Master’s Advanced Certificates in Adult-Gerontological Health Nursing. These certificates prepare nurses who have Master’s degrees in Nursing to meet requirements for certification as Adult-Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialists or Primary Care Nurse Practitioners.

Students in the two certificate programs take courses that focus their course assignments and clinical hours on the role of choice – as clinical nurse specialists in the adult-gerontological population from wellness through acute care and beyond or as primary care nurse practitioners in the adult-gerontological population across the life span.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

These certificates require 12-21 credits with a minimum of 500 supervised hours toward development of Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Practitioner competencies and satisfactory demonstration of Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Practitioner competencies. The number of credits required is derived from the Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Practitioner courses listed below (12 credits in each role) and those master’s-level courses specified in the admission requirements that were not taken prior to admission (advanced practice core).

**Post-Master’s Advanced Certificate in Clinical Nurse Specialist (12 credits)**
- Advance Practice Nursing with Adults in Community Settings
- Role Practicum: Adults in Community Settings
- Advanced Practice Nursing with Adults in Acute Care Settings
- Role Practicum: Adults in Acute Care Settings

A minimum of 500 hours of supervised practice is also required.

**Post-Master’s Advanced Certificate in Nurse Practitioner (12 credits)**
- Primary Health Care Adult-Gerontology
- Primary Health Care Adult-Gerontology II
- Role Practicum: Primary health Care I
- Role Practicum: Primary Health Care II

A minimum of 500 hours of supervised practice is also required.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master’s degree in Nursing
- Evidence of successful completion of graduate courses in pathophysiology, health assessment, and pharmacology. Candidates who do not have the required master’s-level courses may take them before beginning the required Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Practitioner courses
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 $75.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island. Veterans are exempt from paying the application fee. Veterans must provide proof of their Veteran/Military status in order to be waived from paying the application fee.

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.

English Proficiency Examination: The TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE exam is required of students for whom English is a second language.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required score is 79 (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.

- Pearson Test of English (PTE): Minimum required score is 53. For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the PTE website at www.pearsonpte.com.

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