

Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (MSN) Program

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- **Master of Science in Nursing**
- **Post-Master's Certificate***

*A Post-Master's Certificate may be earned for any NP or CNS option.

Admission Guidelines

The Role

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in the Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) program prepares graduates to function as change agent, collaborator, clinical leader, educator, case manager and patient advocate. The clinical nurse specialist role is built around four dimensions: clinical expertise, consultation, education and research. The program prepares the Adult Health CNS to work with adult medical-surgical populations in a variety of in-patient and out-patient settings.

The Program

There are several unique aspects of this program: a) a combination of online and onsite didactic courses; b) accessible clinical practice sites; c) individualized clinical practica precepted by expert health care practitioners; d) individually designed post-master's certificate; and e) competency-based application of knowledge to clinical practice.

The Faculty

Rush College of Nursing faculties are highly experienced practitioner-teachers with doctoral and master's degrees and certification in their specialties. The Practitioner-Teacher model at Rush University allows faculties to maintain and enhance their clinical expertise and apply it to research and academic programs. Faculties are nationally and internationally known in their various areas of expertise and are actively involved and often leaders in professional organizations. Faculties are also well published and frequently speak at local, regional, national, and international professional meetings. Additional program faculties include experienced health care providers such as nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physicians, as well as allied health care professionals with expertise in the care of medical-surgical patients.

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Clinical Sites

Rush University Medical Center offers graduate students in medical-surgical nursing clinical experiences in a wide variety of settings. Practicum sites include acute, subacute, and chronic care institutions, as well as subspecialty office practices. Clinical practice experiences are planned on a student-centered basis by Rush College of Nursing faculty. Planning is based on individual student learning needs, available clinical sites and preceptors, and specifically designed clinical objectives.

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities for adult clinical nurse specialists include a variety of healthcare settings, including acute and subacute medical-surgical units, collaborative physician practices, home health care agencies, clinical education, and care management. They function independently and collaboratively with a variety of medical-surgical care providers to deliver quality, evidence-based care that will maximize patient care outcomes.

Certification and Accreditation

Completion of the adult health clinical nurse specialist program provides eligibility for certification as an adult health clinical nurse specialist by the American Nurses Credentialing Center of the American Nurses Association and for state licensure/certification where available.

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Adult and Gerontological CNS

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