

MSN-CNS Pediatric Program

Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (MSN) Program

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

Admission Guidelines

The Role

The Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist program is designed to prepare experienced pediatric nurses for advanced practice roles in the care of children with acute and chronic conditions. Emphasis is placed on the development of advanced clinical nurse specialists who will be prepared to function in a variety of clinical settings to provide leadership and patient management.

The Program

The graduate core and advanced practice nursing core courses emphasize the curricula requirements outlined in the Essentials of Master's Education for Advanced Practice Nursing by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The coursework is available on-line and/or compressed formats for distance students. The Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist program curriculum starts with a core knowledge set of pediatric concepts ranging from normal growth and development through health screening and maintenance. It then advances to provide in-depth education into subspecialization within the field of pediatric nursing with neonates, infants, children, and their families through didactic and clinical experiences to achieve student's individual career goals.

The Faculty

Rush College of Nursing faculty are highly experienced practitioner-teachers with doctoral and master's degrees and certification in their specialties. The Practitioner-Teacher model at Rush University allows faculty to maintain and enhance their clinical expertise and apply it to research and academic programs. Faculty are nationally known in their various areas of expertise and are actively involved in professional organizations. Faculty are also well published and frequently speak at regional, national, and international professional meetings.

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Clinical Sites

Clinical sites are available at Rush University Medical Center and throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Distance clinical sites must be negotiated on an individual basis.

Career Opportunities

Career prospects for clinical nurse specialists in pediatric nursing are quite diverse. The clinical nurse specialist works with patients, families and nursing staff to provide leadership and case management.

Certification and Accreditation

Completion of the program provides eligibility for certification as a pediatric clinical nurse specialist by the American Nurses' Association American Nurses Credentialing Center, and for state licensure/certification where available.

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