

Certificate Programs

Graduate Certificate in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The Graduate Certificate in CSD provides graduate level instruction in the basic processes of speech, language, and hearing, speech and language development, and speech and language production that are required for the identification, prevention, and management of speech, language, swallowing, and cognitive-communication disorders. Students applying to the Graduate Certificate in CSD must already have completed a bachelor's degree, which may be in any discipline. This certificate program is open to non-degree-seeking students only. The Graduate Certificate in CSD prepares students with bachelor's degrees in other discipline areas with the required coursework to be eligible for application to the "Masters" program in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Individuals with a bachelor's degree and the completed Graduate Certificate in CSD may be eligible to apply for state licensure to become a speech-language pathology assistant. However, the "Masters" degree in Speech-Language Pathology is the only entry level degree to become a practicing licensed and certified Speech-Language Pathologist. Completion of the coursework in the Graduate Certificate in CSD or its equivalent is required for eligibility for application into the "Masters" program in SLP. The Graduate Certificate in CSD consists of 28 required credits (10 courses) of specified graduate coursework.

Admission Requirements

A student already holding a BA or BS degree who has a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is eligible to apply for the Graduate Certificate program in CSD. A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all certificate courses. For any courses in the Graduate Certificate program in CSD that are eligible for transfer to the "Masters" program in SLP (see Graduate course catalog), a minimum grade of "B" is required.

Required Courses

The Graduate Certificate program in CSD consists of 28 required credits (10 courses) of specified graduate coursework.

SPA 5009C	Normal Communication Development and Disorders	3
SPA 5012C	Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders	3
SPA 5035C	Disorders of Hearing and Audiological Sciences	3
SPA 5051C	Clinical Observations, Management, and Procedures in Communication Disorders	3
SPA 5102C	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology of Mechanisms of Communication	3
SPA 5102L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology of Mechanisms of Communication Laboratory	3
SPA 5113C	Advanced Applied Phonetics	3
LIN 5206	Phonetics	3

SPA 5150C	Acoustics of the Sciences of Speech and Hearing	3
SPA 5262	Linguistics for SLP	3
	or	
LIN 5018	Introduction to Linguistics	3
SPA 6322	Aural Habilitation and Rehabilitation	3

This course is a required course in the "Masters" program in SLP at FIU. Students who complete this course through the Graduate Certificate in CSD or who complete the course at another university will be exempt from taking the course in the "Masters" program.

LIN 5018	Introduction to Linguistics	3
	or	
SPA 5262	Linguistics for SLP	3

Additional Requirements

To remain in the Graduate Certificate program in CSD, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in the graduate certificate coursework. To be awarded the Graduate Certificate in CSD, the student must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA in the certificate and complete all of the courses in the Certificate at FIU. Students in the Graduate Certificate in CSD are required to be continuously enrolled in at least two courses per semester (except when taking the last course in the certificate program). Furthermore, all students are required to complete the certificate within four continuous semesters, which includes summer semesters.

Graduate Certificate in Culturally Competent Nursing Education

This certificate provides a unique combination of courses to prepare the graduate in the pedagogical competencies essential to teach nursing in an increasingly complex health care environment. This certificate program is open to degree-seeking students only. The technologically enhanced plan of study builds on advanced professional nursing competencies and emphasizes the use of a variety of assessment, instructional, curricular development and evaluate strategies that facilitate learning in culturally diverse populations. The goals of this certificate are to:

- Prepare nurse faculty with the knowledge, skills, and structured experiences to enhance classroom and clinical teaching and learning.
- Prepare nurse educators from diverse backgrounds who can teach nursing students to provide culturally competent care for diverse communities.
- Provide nurse educators with expertise in teaching technologically enhanced curricula and in facilities that enhance learning.
- Prepare nursing faculty and advanced practice nurses for professional certification as a Nurse Educator.

Admission Requirements

1. Completed FIU Graduate Admissions online application at <https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/index.html>, (305) 348-7000.
2. Completed Graduate Nursing certificate application within College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
3. A student must be enrolled in or have completed a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with a clinical nursing specialty from a NLNAC or CCNE accredited program.

4. Graduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
5. Graduate courses (3 credits each) completed or in progress: nursing theory, research, advanced client assessment, advanced pathophysiology, and advanced pharmacology.*
6. Current RN license in Florida.

Other requirements apply. Please contact the graduate nursing office for more detailed information.

*Students lacking required courses must take them prior to registering for the Nursing Education Certificate specialty courses.

Required Credits

Total of 16 credits

Curriculum

NGR 6708C	Classroom Teaching Strategies for Nursing	3
NGR 6710L	Clinical Specialty Practicum for the Nurse Educator	1
NGR 6713	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3
NGR 6714C	Clinical Teaching Strategies for Nursing	3
NGR 6715	Instructional Technology in Nursing and Health Sciences	3
NGR 6718	Testing and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3

Part-Time Study

Part-time study is available and can be accomplished at the student's own pace but must be completed within the **University's time requirement of six years**. Please contact the graduate nursing office for more information.

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

The objective of the certificate is to provide graduate students and qualified practitioners in the field of aging with a range of gerontological courses leading to a specialization in gerontology to supplement their chosen disciplines. Through provision of an in-depth understanding of the bio-socio-psychological nature of the aging process, and the relation of political and economic resources, the program's long range objective is to increase the knowledge and sensitivity of professionals in this area, and thereby improve the service delivery system for the increasingly large population of elderly Floridians. This certificate program is open to both degree- and non-degree seeking students.

Admission

Students must have a bachelor's degree and be admitted to the program by the Program Coordinator who will serve as their faculty advisor.

Program of Study: (18)

SOW 5641	Understanding the Process of Aging	3
NGR 5250	Physical Change and Healthy Aging	3
HSA 5226	Management of Long Term Care Systems	3

The balance of four courses to be selected from the following areas of concentration. Students who have not had direct practice with older people will be required to select an Individual Study course which will include 225 hours of practicum experience.

Long Term Care Administration

HSA 5225	Long Term Care Management I	3
HSA 5226	Management in Long Term Care	3
HSA 5227	Long Term Care Management II	3
HSA 5454	Ethical Decision Making in Health Services Administration	3
HSA 5816	Practicum in Long Term Care Management	3

Aging and Rehabilitation

OTH 5600	Study of Gerontology as Related to Occupational Therapy	3
OTH 5613	Interdisciplinary Approach to Aging	3
OTH 5630	Occupational Therapy Assessment of the Elderly	3
OTH 5764	Research (<i>topic selected in Geriatric Clinical Specialty</i>)	3
OTH 5905	Independent Study (<i>variable credit</i>)	3
PHT 6238	Motor Development: Adult Through Geriatrics	3
PHT 6239	Adult Congenital Handicapping Conditions	3

Psychology of Aging

DEP 5404	Proseminar in Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	3
DEP 6438	Gerontological Assessment	3
DEP 6465	Psychology of Culture and Aging	3
DEP 6446	Cognitive Processes of Aging	3

Social Work Practice with Older Persons

SOW 5605	Medical Social Work	3
SOW 5845C	Counseling the Elderly	3
SOW 5905	Individual Study	1-3
SOW 6245	Social Welfare Policy and Services for the Elderly ¹	3
SOW 6247	Housing and Environmental Needs	3
SOW 6359	Social Work Treatment with Families of Elderly ¹	3
SOW 6646	Social Work Practice with Elderly ¹	3
SOW 6647	Advocacy in Social Work Practice	3
SOW 6649	Social Work Practice in Long Term Care and the Elderly	3

¹Open only to students with MSW degree or students in Master's degree program in Social Work.

Education

ADE 5195	Designing Education and HRD Programs for Disadvantaged Adults	3
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Criminal Justice

CCJ 6935	Special Topics: Crime and the Elderly	3
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Nurse Executive Certificate Program

Students who are not seeking the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree, but who still seek professional preparation for a nursing management career are candidates for the Nurse Executive Certificate Program. The purpose of the certificate program is to enhance the knowledge and skills of the first line nursing supervisory staff. These courses can also be applied toward a Nurse Executive graduate (MSN) degree. Eligible candidates for admission to the program must have a baccalaureate degree in nursing. This certificate program is open to non-degree-seeking students only.

Curriculum

NGR 5720C	Organizational Dynamics of Nursing	
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	Systems	3
NGR 6726C	Nursing Management/CQI	3
NGR 5723C	Advanced Nursing Administration I	4
NGR 6724C	Advanced Nursing Administration II	4

Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

The Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate builds upon a previously earned master's degree in nursing or higher and is designed for individuals who hold licensure as a registered nurse (RN) and/or advanced registered nurse practitioner (APRN) in the state of Florida.

This program is for RNs who seek initial national certification and licensure as an APRN in a specialty area and for nurse practitioners who wish to be nationally certified in an additional specialty area. The following specialty tracks are available on a space-available basis:

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Please note: Students enrolled in the Certificate Program are classified as non-degree seeking; therefore do not qualify for federal financial aid, school certified private loans or College of Nursing and Health Sciences Scholarships.

Admission Requirements

1. A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from an CCNE, NLNAC, or ACEN accredited program.
2. A graduate (MSN) grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above.
3. Graduate courses in nursing theory (3 credits) and research (3 credits), advanced pathophysiology (3 credits), advanced health assessment (3 credits), and advanced pharmacology (3 credits).
-If the applicant's coursework in advanced pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology, and advanced health assessment took place more than 3 years ago, they may need to repeat the courses prior to enrollment specialty courses, following evaluation of record and professional experience by admission committee and program chair.
4. State of Florida RN and/or APRN licensure. A photocopy of the license must be submitted along with student's application to the Post Graduate Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program.
5. Pre-admission panel interview with a members of the Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee.
6. Two letters of recommendation.

Admission Procedure

STEP 1 - Submit an application to Nursing CAS (The Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs)

- Complete an online application via Nursing CAS <http://www.nursingcas.org> and pay appropriate fees. Applications will be accepted from Dec 1 to March 1 for Fall admission.
- Send official academic transcripts from ALL SCHOOLS attended (all Associate, Bachelors, Masters degree, and higher [if applicable] coursework) to Nursing CAS for upload and verification.

- Upload all required supplemental items including professional CV, active Florida RN and/or APRN License, recommendations and Personal Statement to Nursing CAS.

- Complete the required FIU supplemental application and pay the \$30 fee.

STEP 2 - Professional Interview

- Following a review of all completed applications a select number of applicants will be offered the opportunity to participate in a panel interview.
- Interview candidates may be instructed to bring an additional set of official transcripts to their interview appointment.

Curriculum

Advanced Practice Nursing Pre-requisites: (13 credits)

NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 5131	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6172	Pharmacological Concepts in Advanced Nursing Practice	3

Advanced Practice Nursing Core:

Select one Specialty Track

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner: (15 credits)

NGR 6201C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing I	3
NGR 6201L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum I	3
NGR 6202C	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing II	3
NGR 6202L	Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practicum II	3
NGR 6209	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Adult- Gerontology Nursing	3

Role Development: (4 credits)

Advanced Practice Nurse

NGR 6700L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing Practice	4
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Or

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner: (15 credits)

NGR 6301C	Advanced Child Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6301L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practicum I	3
NGR 6302	Advanced Child Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6302L	Advanced Child Health Nursing Practicum II	3
NGR 6337	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Child Health Nursing	3

Role Development: (4 credits)

Advanced Practice Nurse

NGR 6337L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Child Health Nursing Practice	4
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Or

Family Nurse Practitioner: (19 credits)

NGR 6601C	Advanced Family Health Nursing I	4
NGR 6601L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practicum I	4
NGR 6602C	Advanced Family Health Nursing II	4
NGR 6602L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practicum II	4
NGR 6748	Clinical Decision Making in Advanced Family Nursing Practice	3

Role Development: (4 credits)

Advanced Practice Nurse

NGR 6619L Role Synthesis in Advanced Family Health
Nursing Practice 4

Or**Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: (18 credits)**

NGR 6538 Psychopharmacology for Advanced
Practice Nursing 3
 NGR 6503 Advanced Psych Health I 3
 NGR 6503L Advanced Psych Health Practicum II 3
 NGR 6504C Advanced Psych Health II 3
 NGR 6202L Advanced Psych Practicum II 3
 NGR 6209 Clinical Decision Making in Advanced
Psych Health Nursing 3

Role Development: (4 credits)**Advanced Practice Nurse**

NGR 6505L Role Synthesis in Advanced Psych
Health Nursing Practice 4

Post Master's Certificate in Nursing Education

The Post Master's Certificate in Nursing Education is designed to provide nursing faculty teaching in all nursing programs (LPN, ADN, BSN, MSN, and Doctoral) knowledge, skill, and structured experiences in classroom and clinical teaching. It enables Community College nursing faculty in Florida to meet requirements for courses in education to maintain their teaching certificates. It will prepare nursing faculty for professional certification by the National League for Nursing for Nursing (NLN) as a Nurse Educator. This certificate program is open to non-degree-seeking students only.

The curriculum for the Post Master's Certificate in Nursing Education consists of 15 credit hours, 9 credit hours in classroom/didactic instruction and 6 credit hours in classroom/clinical teaching experience/seminar.

Admission Requirements

1. Master's degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited education institution.
2. GPA of 3.0 in MSN
3. Letters of recommendation from prior faculty member and nursing supervisor.
4. Statement of personal goals including personal philosophy of teaching and learning.
5. Graduate course in culture and advanced practice nursing (3 credits)

Curriculum

NGR 6708C Classroom Teaching Strategies for
Nursing 3
(Practicum Experience in Classroom
Instruction)
 NGR 6713 Curriculum Development in Nursing 3
 NGR 6714C Clinical Teaching Strategies for Nursing 3
(Practicum Experience in Clinical
Instruction)
 NGR 6715 Instructional Technology in Nursing and
Health Sciences 3
 NGR 6718 Testing and Evaluation in Nursing
Education 3