ADULT CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (ACNS)

Courses

ACNS 619 | CNS SPECIALTY ROLE AND PRACTICE FOUNDATIONS
Units: 3
Provides an overview of the role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) with a practice focus on adults and gerontology (wellness to acute care). Explores the spheres of influence and core competencies for CNS practice. Examines theoretical foundations of reflective, evidence-based advanced nursing practice for individuals 20 years of age and older.

ACNS 632 | ADULT-GERONTOLOGY I: CNS PRACTICE IN THE PATIENT SPHERE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: MSNC 511 and APNC 520 and ACNS 619
Corequisites: ACNS 632P
Provides an in-depth inquiry into the role of the clinical nurse specialist (CNS) within the patient sphere with a practice focus on adults 20 years of age and older. Explores the theoretical concepts utilized in advanced nursing practice in the management of patients along the continuum of care from wellness to illness, experiencing acute, chronic, or terminal illnesses.

ACNS 632P | ADULT-GERONTOLOGY I: CNS PRACTICE IN THE PATIENT SPHERE PRACTICUM
Units: 3
Prerequisites: MSNC 511 and APNC 520 and ACNS 619 and ACNS 632
Provides an opportunity to carry out the clinical nurse specialist (CNS) role within the patient sphere with adults 20 years and older. Emphasizes the application of the theoretical concepts utilized in advanced nursing practice in the management of patients along the continuum of care from wellness to illness experiencing acute, chronic, or terminal illnesses.

ACNS 634 | ADULT-GERONTOLOGY II: CNS PRACTICE IN THE NURSE SPHERE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: ACNS 632
Analyzes and operationalizes principles of clinical leadership with nursing staff who care for individuals 20 years of age and older in a variety of settings. Emphasizes process of change, promotion of innovation, and diffusion of evidence for quality practice. Successful completion of both ACNS 634 and ACNS 634P with a letter grade of B- or higher is necessary to pass this course.

ACNS 634P | ADULT-GERONTOLOGY II: CNS PRACTICE IN THE NURSE SPHERE PRACT
Units: 2 Repeatability: No
Prerequisites: ACNS 619 and ACNS 632 and ACNS 632P and ACNS 634 (Can be taken Concurrently)
Provides an opportunity to enact the role of the CNS within the nurse sphere with a practice focus on adults 20 years of age and older. Emphasizes skillful guidance and teaching of nursing staff to advance the care of patients, families, groups of patients, and the profession of nursing. Successful completion of both ACNS 634 and ACNS 634P with a letter grade of B- or higher is necessary to pass this course.

ACNS 636 | ADULT GERONTOLOGY III: CNS PRACTICE IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL/SYSTEMS SPHERE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: ACNS 619 and ACNS 632 and ACNS 632P and ACNS 634 and ACNS 634P
Corequisites: ACNS 636P
Emphasizes theories and principles of change management at the systems level. Analyzes CNS leadership principles in organizations/systems in which nursing care is provided for individuals 20 years of age and older.

ACNS 636P | ADULT GERONTOLOGY III: CNS PRACTICE IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL/SYSTEMS SPHERE PRACTICUM
Units: 2
Prerequisites: ACNS 619 and ACNS 632 and ACNS 632P and ACNS 634 and ACNS 634P
Corequisites: ACNS 636
In the clinical setting emphasizes applying theories and principles of change management at the systems level. Operationalizes CNS leadership principles in organizations/systems in which nursing care is provided for individuals 20 years of age and older.

ACNS 638 | ADULT GERONTOLOGY IV: ADVANCED CNS PRACTICE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: ACNS 619 and ACNS 632 and ACNS 632P and ACNS 634 and ACNS 634P and ACNS 636 and ACNS 636P
Corequisites: ACNS 638P
Focuses on further development of evidence-based clinical knowledge in a selected area of CNS practice. Provides opportunities to explore CNS role development issues. Based on a gap analysis, an evidence-based practice change is designed, evaluated, and presented relative to an apriori evidence-based benchmark. A letter grade of B- or higher is necessary to pass this course.

ACNS 638P | ADULT GERONTOLOGY IV: ADVANCED CNS PRACTICUM
Units: 3
Prerequisites: ACNS 619 and ACNS 632 and ACNS 632P and ACNS 634 and ACNS 634P and ACNS 636 and ACNS 636P
Corequisites: ACNS 638
Focuses on further development of evidence-based clinical knowledge and expertise in a selected area of CNS practice. Students design an evidence-based clinical project to improve the care for individuals 20 years of age and older. The project is implemented using an evidence-based approach to a clinical problem or professional issue.