Post-Master's Certificate Programs in Nursing

The School of Nursing offers Post-Master's Certificate programs in three areas: Advanced Practice, Health Professions Educator, and Healthcare Informatics. Select the program link below for detailed information on admission and certificate requirements.

Advanced Practice Certificate Programs

The advanced practice clinical certificate programs require that applicants have completed an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) educational program from a nationally accredited school of nursing. Applicants must also have completed the following advanced practice prerequisite courses, either as part of their previous graduate degree or as post-graduate study through an accredited university: advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology, and health promotion.

The Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate program (16 credit hours) prepares advanced practice nurses to transition to the role of adult/gerontological nurse practitioner in collaboration with other professionals to coordinate and improve health care. Students acquire knowledge, skills, and competencies to manage primary health care needs of adult clients. The courses include adult/gerontological theory courses, practice-focused clinical courses, and an intensive preceptorship experience. Courses are offered online and on the KU Medical Center campus.

The Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate program (16 credit hours) prepares advanced practice nurses to transition to the role of adult/gerontology primary care nurse practitioner in collaboration with other professionals to coordinate and improve health care. Students acquire knowledge, skills, and competencies to manage primary health care needs of adult clients. The courses include adult/gerontology theory courses, practice-focused clinical courses, and an intensive preceptorship experience. Courses are offered online and on the KU Medical Center campus.

The Nurse Midwifery Graduate Certificate program (23 credit hours) prepares advanced practice nurses to focus on the care and management of well women's primary and reproductive health care needs throughout the life span. The program content is family-centered, respectful of individual and cultural variations, and promotes health through individual choice and participation. Courses are offered online and on the KU Medical Center campus. Cost information for this Title IV-Federal Student Financial Aid eligible certificate is available at http://www.kumc.edu/allied/GEDT/Midwife-Gedt.html.

The Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate program (24-25 credit hours) prepares advanced practice nurses to diagnose and treat common mental health conditions in general medical settings and to deliver more effective psychiatric care in mental health settings. Students are prepared to apply knowledge and skills in interpersonal, psychotherapeutic, and psychopharmacologic interventions for individuals, groups, and families with psychiatric disorders. All courses are online and offered in sequence every other year. Spring 2018 will begin the next available course sequence. Cost Information for this Title IV-Federal Student Financial Aid eligible certificate is available at http://www.kumc.edu/allied/GEDT/PMH-Gedt.html.

Health Professions Educator Certificate Program

The Health Professions Educator Graduate Certificate (12 credit hours) is an interdisciplinary program that affords graduate-prepared nurses and other health professionals broader opportunities and the necessary skill to find positions in various levels of education and become leaders in their field. Paired with faculty mentors throughout the program, students complete applied teaching projects in each course, including a final student teaching capstone. Students may complete the certificate within their graduate program or as post-master's study. This certificate program is open to applicants with graduate degrees (or pursuing graduate degrees) in any health-related discipline. All classes are offered online.

Healthcare Informatics Certificate Program

The Healthcare Informatics Graduate Certificate (19-20 credit hours) is designed to prepare clinicians and health care managers with skills in analysis, design, implementation, and evaluation of information systems that support a full range of clinical and patient care functions. The graduate will be prepared for entry and mid-level positions within IT departments, advanced clinical departments, and as consultants and/or staff in organizations specializing in computer operations and knowledge management. This certificate program is open to applicants with graduate degrees (or pursuing graduate degrees) in any health-related discipline. All classes are offered online.

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