

Policy Title: Advanced Practice for Post Masters Students

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Post MSN students have completed nursing masters coursework that includes both didactic and clinical experiences. Admission and progression for these students may be individualized based on the student's background, masters coursework, and work experiences. Graduation requirements should be in keeping with national certification and state BON guidelines, as for generic MSN students. These post MSN students may obtain validation for previously completed clinical or didactic credits by demonstrating achievement of objectives within the sequence of courses recommended for their post-masters sequence leading to preparation as an advanced practice nurse.

Background

In recognition of the unique backgrounds, coursework and previous experience of post MSN students, a flexible approach to admission and progression for these students is preferable. Allowing validation of selected course objectives recognizes previous learning and promotes both confidence in the student and individualization of their program of advanced study. Post MSN students may demonstrate competencies identified in the post MSN program based on their previous course work.

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POST-MSNS SEEKING EQUIVALENCY OR VALIDATION CREDIT	
ADMISSION	<p>1. Post MSN students must complete the advanced practice core courses listed below or seek equivalency credit.</p> <p>2. Equivalency credit must be approved by the Track Director.</p> <p>3. To grant equivalency credit, the Track Director must determine if the course taken by the student in a previous university meets the criteria for equivalency for the course required by SON. Track Directors should evaluate the student’s “official” transcripts. If a determination cannot be made by evaluating the transcript, the Track Director may request the student to submit the syllabus for the course. (Track Directors should contact the Office of Student Affairs for copies of the student’s official transcripts.</p> <p>N6156 Advanced Practice Role and Health Policy N6157 Health Promotion & Education N6158 Legal & Ethical Foundations for Adv Practice N6159 Health Care Systems & Practice Management N6151 Advanced Pathophysiology* N5529 Advanced Pharmacology* N6152 Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis*</p> <p><u>Validation of Course Work**</u> See G7040 for the policy and procedure for Validation of Coursework</p>
PROGRESSION	<p>Enroll in required courses (in case of <u>Validation</u> of previous course work or experience), or have evidence of <u>Equivalence</u> in courses taken elsewhere.</p> <p>Clinicals and Preceptorship must be taken at SON</p> <p>Track Directors should use the <u>Degree Plan</u> to track and advise Post MSN student.</p> <p>Adhere to SON requirements for progression and completion of course work as outlined in SON policies for graduate students.</p>
COMPLETION	<p>Certificate awarded for NP and CNS role</p> <p>Forms for BNE approval- ADAA office</p> <p>Certification exam applications – Track Director</p>

* Recommendation that these courses be submitted for equivalency *no more than five years after completion*

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**Post Masters Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist
Completion Certificate Requirements***

Students enrolled at the School of Nursing for a post-masters Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist (NP/CNS) role must meet the following requirements. Students may meet these requirements by either taking the courses, achieving course objectives using validation procedure, or through equivalency credit (transferring courses from another university).

All students must complete the following Advanced Practice Core courses or have written approval and verification of having taken them:

- N6156 Adv Prac Role & Hlth Policy
- N6157 Health Promotion & Education
- N6158 Legal & Ethical Foundations for Adv Practice
- N6159 Health Care Systems & Practice Management
- N6151 Advanced Pathophysiology
- N5529 Advanced Pharmacology
- N6152 Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis

Students with an MS or MSN in a specialty but not with the *DESIRED* role must take:

- Advanced Practice Core Courses
- Clinical Sequence
- Preceptorship

Students with MS or MSN in another specialty and another role must take:

- Advanced Practice Core Courses
- Clinical Sequence
- Preceptorship

Students with MS or MSN in another specialty but the *DESIRED* Role Preparation must take:

- Advanced Practice Core Courses
- Clinical Sequence
- Appropriate Preceptorship Hours