

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (M.S.N.) - ADULT-GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS) TRACK

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		
NSG 530	Nursing Theories & Issues	3
NSG 531	Healthcare Policy, Leadership & Organization	3
NSG 532	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NSG 533	Physical Assessment for APNs	4
NSG 534	Pharmacology for APN	3
NSG 535	Population-based Health Promotion	3
NSG 536	Evidence-Based Practice Research	3
NSG 537	Bioethical Decision Making in Health Care	3
Adult-Gerontology CNS Track		
NSG 551	Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum I	3
NSG 552	Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum II	3
NSG 553	Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum III	3
NSG 554	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Scientific Foundations of Care I	3
NSG 555	APN Adult Health/Gero Differential Diagnosis	3
NSG 556	APN Adult Health/Gero Health Illness Transitions	3
Total Minimum Credits Required		43

Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Audit via RamPortal and consult their Graduate Coordinator. For more information, visit the Degree Audit FAQ webpage (<https://www.wcupa.edu/academicEnterpriseSystems/student-system-modernization/degree-audit-faqs.aspx>).

The following is a sample suggested course sequence for this program; course offerings and availability are not guaranteed. Students should consult their academic advisor with any questions.

Full-Time Status

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
NSG 532	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NSG 533	Physical Assessment for APNs	4
NSG 535	Population-based Health Promotion	3
Credits		10
Spring		
NSG 530	Nursing Theories & Issues	3
NSG 531	Healthcare Policy, Leadership & Organization	3
NSG 534	Pharmacology for APN	3
Credits		9

Year Two		
Fall		
NSG 536	Evidence-Based Practice Research	3
NSG 537	Bioethical Decision Making in Health Care	3
Credits		6
Spring		
NSG 551	Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum I	2
NSG 554	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Scientific Foundations of Care I	3
Credits		5
Year Three		
Fall		
NSG 552	Management of Adults with Acute & Chronic Illness	3
NSG 555	APN Adult Health/Gero Differential Diagnosis	3
Credits		6
Spring		
NSG 553	Management of Adults with Complex Acute & Chronic Illness	3
NSG 556	APN Adult Health/Gero Health Illness Transitions	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		42

Part-Time Status

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
NSG 532	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Credits		3
Spring		
NSG 530	Nursing Theories & Issues	3
Credits		3
Year Two		
Fall		
NSG 535	Population-based Health Promotion	3
Credits		3
Spring		
NSG 534	Pharmacology for APN	3
Credits		3
Year Three		
Fall		
NSG 536	Evidence-Based Practice Research	3
Credits		3
Spring		
NSG 533	Physical Assessment for APNs	4
Credits		4
Year Four		
Fall		
NSG 537	Bioethical Decision Making in Health Care	3
Credits		3

Spring		
NSG 531	Healthcare Policy, Leadership & Organization	3
Credits		3
Year Five		
Fall		
NSG 551	Clinical Nurse Specialist Practicum I	2
NSG 554	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Scientific Foundations of Care I	3
Credits		5
Spring		
NSG 552	Management of Adults with Acute & Chronic Illness	3
NSG 555	APN Adult Health/Gero Differential Diagnosis	3
Credits		6
Year Six		
Fall		
NSG 553	Management of Adults with Complex Acute & Chronic Illness	3
NSG 556	APN Adult Health/Gero Health Illness Transitions	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		42