

POST-GRADUATE APRN CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC): CNS Tracks

These courses will assist the student in preparing for various aspects involved in the role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) based on the spheres of influence and clinical specialty. An overview of advanced practice roles and their implementation and utilization in health care systems will be explored. The investigation of issues and trends related to quality, legislation, policy, and reimbursement as they affect advanced nursing practice will be emphasized.

An individualized gap analysis of previous academic credit will be conducted for each applicant to determine courses needed to fulfill the requirements at PLNU.

- Any CNS applicant may submit prior course syllabi and clinical hours log to be reviewed for course equivalency.
- Any applicant who has taken Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology in the last 5 years (5 years or less at the time of matriculation) must provide the syllabi to be reviewed for equivalency. If the course is determined to be an equivalent course taken within the last 5 years and the grade earned was a B- or higher, the course may be waived. (Note: Determination of equivalency does not necessarily mean that PLNU transfer credit has been awarded. Equivalent courses may not appear on the PLNU transcript.)

The CNS Role practicum hours will allow the student to apply and master the role of the CNS within a variety of specialty-specific clinical settings. The PGC: Adult-Gerontology CNS and PGC: Pediatric CNS tracks consist of 2 Graduate core courses (5 units), 4 APRN core courses (9 units), and 9 CNS-specialty courses (21 units, which includes 12 units/500 clinical practicum hours).

The PGC: Adult-Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty track consists of 2 Graduate core courses (5 units), 4 APRN core courses (9 units), and 11 CNS-specialty courses (24 units, which includes 12 units/580 clinical practicum hours).

Code	Title	Units
Graduate Core Courses ¹		
GNSG 6003	Following Faithfully: Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
GNSG 6009	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
APRN Core Courses		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008 and GNSG 6008L	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
CNS-Specialty Courses		21-24
Choose one (1) specialty from the following:		
<i>Adult Gerontology CNS Courses:</i>		
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology	
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I	
GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II	

GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III
GNSG 6064 (A,B,C,D,E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum (12 units required) ²
<i>Pediatric CNS Courses:</i>	
GNSG 6015	Advanced Health Assessment: Pediatrics
GNSG 6035	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition I
GNSG 6045	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition II
GNSG 6055	Pediatric CNS Role Acquisition III
GNSG 6065 (A,B,C,D,E)	Pediatric CNS Role Practicum (12 units required) ³
<i>Adult Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty Courses:</i>	
GNSG 6014	Advanced Health Assessment: Adult Gerontology
GNSG 6016	Advanced Health Assessment: Women's Health
GNSG 6034	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition I
GNSG 6036	Women's Health CNS Role Acquisition I
GNSG 6044	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition II
GNSG 6054	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Acquisition III
GNSG 6064 (A,B,C,D,E)	Adult Gerontology CNS Role Practicum ^{2,4}
GNSG 6066 (A)	Women's Health CNS Role Practicum
Total Units	35-38

¹ 0-9 units, *per gap analysis*.

² 500 clinical hours required.

³ 80 clinical hours required.

⁴ Adult Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty tracks do not include GNSG 6064A. Instead, GNSG 6066A is completed.

Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC): FNP Track

These courses will assist the student in preparing for various aspects involved in the role of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) based on National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) standards.

An individualized gap analysis of previous academic credit will be conducted for each applicant to determine courses needed to fulfill the requirements at PLNU.

- Any FNP applicant may submit prior course syllabi to be reviewed for course equivalency.
- Any applicant who has taken Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology in the last five (5) years (5 years or less at the time of matriculation) must provide the syllabi to be reviewed for equivalency. If the course is determined to be an equivalent course taken within the last five (5) years and the grade earned was a B- or higher, the course may be waived. (Note: Determination of equivalency does not necessarily mean that PLNU transfer credit has been awarded. Equivalent courses may not appear on the PLNU transcript.)
- At a minimum, a total of 750 direct patient care hours are to be included in the past APRN graduate education program and post-graduate certificate program, specifically to meet the end-of-program hours for the new NP role and/or new population (National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, 2022, Criterion III. N.).

The PGC: FNP track consists of 4 APRN core courses (9 units) and FNP-specialty courses (33 units, which includes 16 units/750 clinical practicum hours).

Code	Title	Units
Graduate Core Courses ¹		
GNSG 6006	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNSG 6007	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNSG 6008 and GNSG 6008L	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Practicum	3
FNP-Specialty Didactic and Practicum Courses		
GNSG 7030 and GNSG 7030L	Introduction to Advanced Practice Nursing and Diagnostic Reasoning and Diagnostic Reasoning and Procedures Practicum	4
GNSG 7031 and GNSG 7031L	Health Management I: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management I Practicum: Adults with Acute and Episodic Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7032 and GNSG 7032L	Health Management II: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management II Practicum: Behavioral and Mental Health Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7033 and GNSG 7033L	Health Management III: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care and Health Management III Practicum: Adults with Chronic and Complex Conditions in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7034 and GNSG 7034L	Health Management IV: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care and Health Management IV Practicum: Pediatric and Adolescent in Primary Care	6
GNSG 7035 and GNSG 7035L	Health Management V: Clinical Immersion and Health Management V Practicum: Clinical Immersion	4
GNSG 7036	Entry to the Advanced Practice Role	1
Total Units		42

¹ 0-9 units, *per gap analysis*.

Total Post-Graduate CNS Certificate Units: 26-38

Minimum Required Clinical Hours for Adult-Gerontology CNS and Pediatric CNS Tracks: 500

Minimum Required Clinical Hours for Adult-Gerontology CNS with Women's Health Specialty Track: 580

Total Post-Graduate FNP Certificate Units: 33-42 Minimum

Minimum Required Clinical Hours for FNP Track: 750