

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

This graduate certificate program is designed as a post-baccalaureate option for nurses with a desire to teach in diverse settings. Nurses who want to work in staff development, patient/family education, academic nursing education, or in any setting where teaching and learning takes place, will find these courses beneficial. The courses are offered online to make it easy to enroll if students are employed part-or full-time.

The program provides an understanding of the principles of teaching and learning, factors that influence teaching and learning in nursing, and methods for developing and implementing interprofessional education.

The goals of this program are to:

- Prepare individuals with knowledge, skills, and attitudes in teaching diverse populations (individuals and groups) in a variety of settings including among healthcare professions.
- Prepare future teachers of nurses, interprofessional team members, and health-care consumers who know how to help others "learn how to learn" in a rapidly changing health-care delivery environment.
- Provide individuals with a foundation for role development in the area of nursing education.

Graduates of this certificate program will be expected to:

- Develop educational programs in response to the learning needs of interprofessional health professionals and health-care consumers.
- Assess, implement, and evaluate clinical and non-clinical educational offerings.
- Collaborate with others in the development of programs that are responsive to the changing educational needs of the times.

The courses within this program are open to registered nurses who have a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Program certificate requirements include completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work, including an education practicum. All course work for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education must be completed within four years. These courses may be applied to the Nurse Educator Interprofessional Practice Program Master of Science in Nursing. A minimum GPA of B (80-89) is required to remain in the program and/or apply courses to the Nurse Educator for Interprofessional Practice Program Master of Science in Nursing.

Admission Requirements:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited (NLNAC or CCNE) nursing program with an overall GPA of 2.5. (Official transcript showing date bachelor's degree was awarded is required.)
2. Licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which you practice.

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Plan of Study**

Semester Offered	Course Title	Credit Hours
Fall: *Must be the first course in the certificate program	*NURS 7510 Theories and Strategies for Learning	3 credit hours
	NURS 7540 Innovative Curriculum Development	3 credit hours
		Credit Hours: 6
Spring: *Must be the last course in the certificate program	NURS 7520 Instructional Design for Interprofessional Education	3 credit hours
	*NURS 7941 Nurse Educator Practicum for Interprofessional Practice	3 credit hours (180 practicum hours)
		Credit Hours: 6
		Total Credit Hours: 12 Total Clinical Hours: 180

**Credit Hour Ratio: Theory 1:1; Clinical 1:4

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