



Master of Science in Nursing *Clinical Nurse Leader*



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)** Program at Sacred Heart University consists of 36 graduate credit hours and the completion of a 300 hour Role Immersion Course in a local approved hospital. This **online program** is designed to prepare Registered Nurses with a bachelor's degree for this newly designed and evolving role. Graduates of this program are prepared to be professional leaders with advanced skills in patient assessment and management along with leadership and health systems skills to promote safe, high quality and cost effective care in any healthcare system. The CNL will be responsible for a group of patients in a specific patient unit or healthcare setting. **The major roles of the CNL** are clinical care coordinators, outcome managers, patient advocates, educators, information managers and care team leaders. This program provides a strong foundation for doctoral study and application of evidence based research. **This program will prepare you to sit for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) CNL Certificate Exam**

UNIQUE PROGRAM ATTRIBUTES

Faculty: Nursing faculty have received state and national recognition for expertise in their specific fields and are engaged in their clinical practice outside of the university. Faculty specializations and interests include: **Transformational Leadership, Public Health and Epidemiology, Emergency Preparedness, Geriatrics, Disenfranchised Populations, Rural and Urban Health, Pediatric Developmental Disorders.** All of the graduate faculty have achieved their doctoral degrees. Most of our Graduate faculty have received **Statewide Organization Awards for Excellence** and our Chair earned a **University Teaching Excellence award.** Our faculty will treat you not just as a student, but rather a colleague.

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Clinical Practice and Fieldwork: We have established relationships with **leading healthcare organizations** in the region. The curriculum integrates role practicums, clinical immersion experiences and direct patient care opportunities throughout the program. These programs are designed to advance nursing careers to best meet the healthcare needs of our communities.

Online Learning: Sacred Heart University's Online Learning is an Internet-based teaching/learning experience. The University uses Blackboard as its electronic delivery and learning platform for all distance learning programs. Blackboard is a web-based system which provides a user-friendly interface with simple point and click access to course content, collaborative workspaces and online resource centers. **It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and allows for easy information interchange between student and instructor.**

When you register for an online course, you can expect **equivalent content and opportunity** for learning comparable to students who take the same course on campus. With a positive attitude, an appropriate place in which to study and a structured schedule to keep you on track, your success with online learning is assured. Please contact the Office of Instructional Technology (203-365-7613) if you have any questions regarding the logistics of taking an online course.

MSN CORE REQUIREMENTS

SHU Course	Credits
*NU 501 Health Care Policy & Ethics for Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
*NU 530 Theory & Professional Roles for Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
*NU 601 Principles of Health Care Research for Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
*NU 602 Evidence Based Practice for Quality Care	3



FNP REQUIREMENTS

SHU Course	Credits
*NU 550 Family and Community context for Health Care	3
*NU 553 Advanced Pathophysiology	3
*NU 554 Application Of Comprehensive Health Assessment Methods	3
*NU 575 Health Care Information Systems	3
*NU 611 Care Management and Resources Across the Continuum	3
*NU 612 Disease Management and Outcomes Assessment	3
*NU 613 CNL Role Immersion Practicum	6

***Indicates these courses are available online.**

ADMISSION

This Program is designed for the academically talented student who has experience in Nursing. The criteria for admission include:

- Completed online application
- Bachelors degree with GPA of a 3.0 or better (Provisional Admission possible with a GPA less than 3.0 at the discretion of the department)
- RN License
- Interview with a graduate nursing faculty
- Official copies of all college transcripts
- Resume
- (2) Strong letters of recommendation
- Completion of Statistics course
- Completion of Health Assessment (30 hours or greater) or Prior Learning Portfolio
- Statement of professional goals

MORE QUESTIONS?

Call us at 877-791-7181 to speak to an Admissions team member who can assist you throughout the process or visit our website at www.sacredheartonline.com/msn-online.asp

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