

## Post-Graduate APRN Certificate

### Certificate Program

For practicing APRNs, a post-graduate certificate will be a minimum of four semesters, part-time. All other graduate nurses will require a minimum of six semesters, part-time. A minimum of 18 nursing graduate credit hours including 600\* residency hours are required. Post-graduate APRN certificate students should have completed the following didactic courses or it's equivalency from their previous accredited graduate nursing program:

- Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Clinical Diagnostics for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Advanced Practice Nursing Role

If any of these courses were not completed, the course will need to be completed as part of the post-graduate certificate plan of study.

\*For practicing APRNs, 100 residency hours will be "credited" for the role of the APRN. Additional residency hours from the previous APRN program or APRN employment may also apply pending approval from the area emphasis coordinator and program director.

### **Post-Graduate Certificate Population Program Tracks:**

- Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (AGNP-PC)
  - Coordinator: Allison Brauch, DNP, APRN, AGNP-BC, PMHNP-BC ([braucha@umsl.edu](mailto:braucha@umsl.edu))
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
  - Coordinator: Natalie Murphy, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC ([murphyn@umsl.edu](mailto:murphyn@umsl.edu))
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Acute Care (PNP-AC)
  - Coordinator: Jessica Mann, DNP, APRN, PNP-AC ([jk154a@mail.umsl.edu](mailto:jk154a@mail.umsl.edu)) or Catherine Reese, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PNP-AC ([cjge56@mail.umsl.edu](mailto:cjge56@mail.umsl.edu))
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (PNP-PC)
  - Coordinator: Lisa Merritt, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC, PMHS ([schaegE@umsl.edu](mailto:schaegE@umsl.edu))
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
  - Coordinator: Allison Brauch, DNP, APRN, AGNP-BC, PMHNP-BC ([braucha@umsl.edu](mailto:braucha@umsl.edu))
- Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)
  - Coordinator: Laura Kuensting, DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPNP, CPEN ([kuenstingl@umsl.edu](mailto:kuenstingl@umsl.edu))

### Program Website

<http://umsl.edu/go/PostMSNGradCert>

### Application Requirements

1. Graduate School Application: <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. College of Nursing Application: [https://apps.umsl.edu/webapps/ITS/Nursing\\_apps/index.cfm](https://apps.umsl.edu/webapps/ITS/Nursing_apps/index.cfm)
3. Evidence of U.S. permanent resident or citizen (e.g., social security card, passport, etc.) or visa to the United States.

4. Grade Point Average
  - a. Minimum of 3.25 GPA on 4.0 scale in the MSN program
5. Submit transcripts:
  - a. Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - b. International applicants are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an
  - c. internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission
  - d. Official transcripts must reflect successful completion [grade 'B' or higher] graduate coursework in advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology [5,000 level or higher]
6. Proof of RN licensure with or eligibility for state licensure, and advanced practice recognition by the state board of nursing (if applicable)
7. Proof of board certification (if applicable) as an APRN in one of the six population of foci (e.g., adult-gero, family, neonatal, pediatric, psychiatric, women's health)
8. Curriculum Vita
6. Two to three page maximum, double-spaced, APA format. Essay contents:
  - Introduction (250 word max.)

Include professional background, but not personal identifiers such as name, place of employment, etc., and the population track of interest (i.e., leadership, FNP, AGNP, etc.).
  - Learning (250 word max.)

Describe how you think about and pursue learning in your profession.
  - Diversity (250 word max.)

Discuss a nursing practice experience that changed or impacted your understanding of diversity and why.
  - Meaningfulness (250 word max.)

Describe an activity that brings meaning to your life.
  - Leadership (250 word max.)

Describe direct or indirect leadership experiences you have had.
  - Summary (optional)
9. Two letters of recommendation for the program from individuals who can attest to the applicant's likely success in the Post-Graduate certificate program.

## **Application Deadline**

The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is January 15 of each year for the following fall admission. A rolling admission will occur until class is full. Applications must be received in full (i.e., all required documents are submitted) for consideration. Acceptance notification will occur by March for January applicants, and within four weeks during rolling admission.

## **Application Fee**

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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## **MSN/DNP Program Director**

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