Master of Science in Nursing: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
Post-Master’s Graduate Certificate: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
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Accreditation
The Master of Science in Nursing degree program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Program description
The Master of Science in Nursing degree program prepares professional nurses for advanced nursing practice, leadership in the nursing profession and future doctoral study.

The plan of study for the Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (Adult/GNP) program prepares the advanced practice nurse as a primary care provider for adult, older adult and frail elder clients in a variety of settings. The curriculum focuses on culturally sensitive care, incorporating health promotion and management of acute and chronic health problems. The graduate is prepared to apply nursing theory, principles of advanced practice nursing and evidence-based practice in the design and delivery of primary care. Knowledge for advanced nursing practice is synthesized from concepts in nursing as well as the biological and social sciences. Graduates of the Adult/GNP program are prepared to take the Adult/GNP national certification examination.

Master’s Program Objectives
Building on the foundation of the undergraduate program, the master’s program will prepare the graduate student for advancement in nursing practice. The Master’s graduate will:

1. Integrate theories and research findings from nursing and the related sciences to translate evidence into practice.
2. Integrate professional practice standards and guidelines in the provision of nursing practice in the student’s specialty area.
3. Demonstrate the foundational competencies necessary for successful completion of the certification examination in the student’s specialty area.
4. Demonstrate the foundational competencies necessary for continued study at the doctoral level.

Admission terms and application deadlines
Before an applicant’s file can be reviewed for full program admission, all application documents must be received in Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning by the semester deadlines listed below. Incomplete applications will not be sent to departments for admission review.

- April 1, 2014 for the Fall 2014 semester
- April 1, 2015 for the Fall 2015 semester

Application requirements
To be considered for graduate admission, applicants must submit all of the following university and program application documents by the published application deadlines.

University graduate application requirements
- Application for Admission to Graduate Study
- Official transcripts providing evidence of an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. institution, OR a degree equivalent to a four-year U.S. baccalaureate degree from a college or university of government-recognized standing.
- Official transcripts for all post-secondary educational institutions from which the applicant earned a degree (beginning with the first baccalaureate) and for all enrollment in graduate-level coursework beyond the bachelor’s degree. International university transcripts must be evaluated by a professional credential evaluation service.
  - As part of the admission requirements, graduate programs may require official transcripts from post-secondary educational institutions from which the applicant earned an associate’s degree and all enrollment in coursework both pre- and post-bachelor’s degree.
- Two official and original Recommendation for Graduate Admission forms.
- Proof of English language proficiency
- **International supplemental application and supporting documentation** must be submitted before international applicants can be issued the Certification of Eligibility (I-20). This certificate is required to apply for a student visa from the U.S. embassy or consulate.

**Program application requirements**

- **School of Nursing Supplemental Application**
  - The two recommendations (above) must be from health care professionals (prefer letters from nurses in leadership/education) who are able to attest to the applicant’s nursing skills and/or abilities. Applicants must have at least one reference from a colleague who is familiar with your work.
  - Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) results for those applicants whose undergraduate GPA’s are less than 3.2. The institution code for Oakland University is 1497. Satisfactory achievement on the GRE is V>146, Q>140, A>3.0. The GRE scores must be five years or less at the time of the applicant’s intended enrollment at Oakland University.
  - Professional goal statement of 500 to 1,000 words. The goal statement should focus on career goals after completion of the program, how recent clinical experiences have prepared him or her for an advanced practice role, and plans for professional development. The goal statement will be evaluated on content and appropriate use of grammar, style, spelling and rhetoric.
  - Qualified applicants will be selected for Individual interview with a School of Nursing faculty will be scheduled after all admission materials have been submitted.
  - Applicants for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program must have completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with a total undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above from an institution accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
  - Applicants must be eligible for a current Registered Nurse license in their state of practice.
  - Applicants must have completed an undergraduate physical assessment course.
  - A minimum of one year of clinical experience as an R.N. is required during which time the applicant has functioned as an independent decision maker, and demonstrated advanced psychomotor skills, within two years of the application deadline.

**Admission review and assessment**

Admission to graduate study at Oakland University is selective. In making admission recommendations to Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning, each department assesses the potential of applicants for success in the program by examining their undergraduate records, goal statement, letters of recommendation, prerequisite courses and any other admission requirements established by the academic department.

**Degree requirements**

The Adult/Gerontological track is 48 credits including minimum of 630 clinical practice hours. The program of study allows full-time students to complete the requirements in three academic years. Part-time students may complete the program within six academic years.

**Course requirements**

**a. Foundation courses (16 credits)**

Foundation courses address critical content needed by all graduate nursing students. These courses include content on nursing theory, diversity, research, ethics, health policy and roles of advanced practice nursing.

- NRS 500 - Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- NRS 521 - Diversity and Social Issues (2 credits)
- NRS 531 - Research Topics in Advanced Nursing Practice (4 credits)
- NRS 610 - Health Policy and Finance (3 credits)
- NRS 643 - Interprofessional Role Development Leadership and Ethics in Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- NRS 687 - Graduate Research: Project (1 credit)

**b. Clinical core courses (13 credits)**

The clinical core courses provide graduate students with advanced clinical knowledge and skills in pharmacology, assessment, anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, and advanced nursing interventions.

- NRS 611 - Pathophysiology for Health and Illness Across the Lifespan (3 credits)
- NRS 613 - Advanced Health Assessment (4 credits)
- NRS 616 - Advanced Nursing Interventions (2 credits)
- NRS 648 - Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice Across the Lifespan (4 credits)

**c. Specialty courses (19 credits)**

The specialty courses are comprised of didactic and clinical courses that prepare students for advanced practice. The specialty courses build upon nursing knowledge and skills learned at the undergraduate level and during foundation and clinical core courses.

- NRS 598 - Holistic Perspectives on Aging (2 credits)
- NRS 631 - Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (2 credits)
- NRS 638 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults I (5 credits)
- NRS 639 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults II (5 credits)
- NRS 641 - Advanced Nursing Care of Frail Elders (5 credits)
Post-Master's Graduate Certificate: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner

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Program application requirements

- School of Nursing Supplemental Application
- MSN degree from an accredited institution.
- Completion of a master’s degree in nursing from an institution accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education with a total graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.
- 500 to 1,000 word professional goal statement. The goal statement should focus on recent clinical experience, how a post-master’s certificate will enhance professional development, and career goals after completion of the program. The goal statement will be evaluated on content and appropriate use of grammar, style, spelling and rhetoric.
- The two recommendations (above) must be from health care professionals (prefer letters from nurses in leadership/education) who are able to attest to the applicant’s nursing skills and/or abilities. Applicants must have at least one reference from a colleague who is familiar with your work.
- If completed graduate level pathophysiology, pharmacology, health assessment must bring syllabus for each course prior to completion of a plan of study.
- Provide evidence of having completed a graduate-level pathophysiology course.
- Eligible for current Registered Nurse license in the applicant’s state of practice.
• Students must meet the same admission requirements as those students entering the Adult/GNP program except the GRE requirement is waived.
• Qualified applicants will be selected for an Individual interview with a School of Nursing faculty which will be scheduled after all admission materials have been submitted.
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Certificate requirements
The Post-Master’s Graduate Certificate: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner is awarded upon satisfactory completion of 19 to 32 credits in an approved program of study.

General core requirements (19 credits)
• NRS 598 - Holistic Perspectives on Aging (2 credits)
• NRS 631 - Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (2 credits)
• NRS 638 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults I (5 credits)
• NRS 639 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults II (5 credits)
• NRS 641 - Advanced Nursing Care of Frail Elders (5 credits)

Additional credits are required for students who have not completed coursework in the following courses:
• NRS 611 - Pathophysiology for Health and Illness Across the Lifespan (3 credits)
• NRS 613 - Advanced Health Assessment (4 credits)
• NRS 616 - Advanced Nursing Interventions (2 credits)
• NRS 643 - Interprofessional Role Development Leadership and Ethics in Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credits)
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Teaching Strategies:
Oakland University School of Nursing uses a variety of teaching formats for its graduate programs. All required MSN Foundation courses are offered via distance learning technology. The MSN Clinical Core and Specialty courses and DNP courses may be taught entirely using distance learning technology, use a combination of distance learning technology and classroom formats, or be entirely classroom-based. Distance learning courses at Oakland University may require up to three face-to-face sessions during a semester. For students unable to attend any course’s required face-to-face sessions, every effort will be made to arrange alternate assignments.

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