Master of Science in Nursing

Health Systems Leadership – Post-Master's Certificate (Online)

Concentration Description

The nursing leadership concentration is designed to facilitate the graduate nurse in the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary for leadership positions within the health-care delivery system. Students may choose from one of three foci: Leadership in Acute Care Health Systems, Leadership in Community-Based Health Systems or Leadership in Health Care Educational Systems. Students in all three of these concentration foci develop specialized knowledge and practice in leadership including but not limited to financial management, administrative and organizational theory and ethics, human resource management, health policy, law, and regulation. Students take additional courses and participate in practicum experience in the focus area and role preference selected. Success in this post-master's certificate requires computer proficiency since it is a 100% online offering.

Requirements for Admission

Admission requires the student to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- A Master of Science in nursing degree in nursing from an accredited program
- Current non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in North Carolina or an NCSBN-compact state (Individual advisement may be necessary for licensure regulations for online out-of-state students)
- A statement of purpose essay describing the applicant's interest in graduate study, career goals and the certificate's relationship to those goals
- A current resume
- Three professional references
- A personal interview with a member of the graduate faculty
- One year clinical experience as an RN

Requirements for Clinical Courses

Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/grad_handbook.pdf Upon admission all graduate students are required to complete a criminal background check. Students will receive specific instructions from the Office of Student Services on how to complete this process. The concentration director will review the post-master's certificate student's transcripts to determine the appropriate plan of study for the individual student.

Sample Curriculum Plan – Full-Time (Acute Care Health Systems)

First-Year Students

Spring Semester		
NURS 6988	Population Health Leadership	3
NURS 6971	Health Policy, Law, and Ethical Decision Making	
Or		3
NURS 6974	Financial Management and Decision Making in Nursing Leadership	3
	Semester Total	**6**
Summer Semester		
NURS 6973	Contemporary Issues in Human Relations	3
NURS 6984	Informatics Advance Practice Nursing	3
	Semester Total	**6**
Fall Semester		
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
*NURS 6983	Theoretical and Operational Perspectives for Systems Leadership	3
	Semester Total	**4**
	Year Total	**12**

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* Students who completed NURS 6993 to earn a previous Master of Science in Nursing degree from ECU will satisfy this requirement by taking NURS 6500, Independent Study (1sh), to demonstrate professional competencies of the certificate program.

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Requirements for Graduation

- All graduate students are required to maintain a grade average of "B."
- Graduation application must be submitted at least one semester prior to completing the degree requirements as stated in the graduate catalog.
- Students who do not register for courses for a semester must complete an electronic readmission form (available at www.ecu.edu/gradschool/ and in the Graduate School Office).
- Students are required to keep graduate program/health requirements and liability insurance requirements up to date throughout their clinical courses.
- All post-master's certificate students will be required to complete a terminal program assessment as advised by the concentration director in the final semester.

The master's program at East Carolina University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. (CCNE) 655 K street, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001. Phone: 202.887.6791.

The University. East Carolina University (ECU), a public, four-year university established in 1907, is located in Greenville, North Carolina. ECU has 11 degree-granting colleges/school/institutes. Serving a largely rural population in the coastal region of the state, ECU is one of 17 constituent institutions within the University of North Carolina (UNC) System. ECU accomplishes its mission - to be a national model for student success public service and regional transformation - through education, research, creative activities and service. As of Fall 2018, ECU is the fourth largest institution in the UNC System. ECU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. The UNC System is governed by a Board of Governors, which delegates significant responsibility to ECU's Board of Trustees. The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education classifies ECU as a Doctoral University: Higher Research Activity. In 2010 and 2015, ECU received the Community Engagement Classification from the New England Resource Center for Higher Education.

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