**CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS) COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Prerequisite (all MSN students)**  
Graduate Level Statistics Course  3

**Core Courses (all MSN students)**  
NURS 6103 Research Design and Methodology  3  
NURS 6203 Theory Development in Nursing  3  
NURS 6303 Health Care Issues and Policy  3  
NURS 6402 Professional Role Development in Advanced Nursing  2  
NURS 6003 Adv. Clinical Physiology  3  
NURS 6013 Adv. Clinical Pharmacology  3  
NURS 6023 Adv. Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation  3

**Adult Health Nursing CNS Required Courses:**  
NURS 6443 Adv. Adult Health Nursing I  3  
NURS 6453 Adv. Adult Health Nursing II  3  
NURS 646V Advanced Adult Health Practicum  6  
NURS 6473 Advanced Adult Health Clinical Synthesis  3  
NURS 6762 Applied Clinical Research and Role Seminar  2  
Elective required  3

Clinical Nurse Specialist students must take three (3) elective hours approved by their advisor.

**Thesis Option Available - NURS 6893**

540 hours of clinical practice are required for CNS students. CNS students, upon graduation, are eligible for specified certification exams offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

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Prior to taking the first clinical course, the student must have an unencumbered RN license and present evidence of professional liability insurance (minimum: $1,000,000/ $3,000,000 coverage), current CPR (professional level) certification and acceptable immunization status.

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION
To establish unconditional admission at the master’s degree level, applicants must have a grade point average of 2.75 overall or 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. All courses attempted, including any repeated courses, are considered in the computation of the grade point average. Admission to the Graduate School and meeting eligibility requirements for graduate study in the School of Nursing does not guarantee admission to all the majors.

SCHOOL OF NURSING ADMISSION INFORMATION
- Graduate School acceptance (see admission information)
- Complete MSN Application found on the Nursing Website (http://conhp.astate.edu/nursing/msn)
- Application deadlines for the Adult Health CNS
  - April 15 for Fall Admission and
  - October 15 for Spring Admission
- Pre-clinical requirements
  - One year experience as a RN
  - CPR certification
  - TB skin test
  - Evidence of Hepatitis B immunization
  - Professional liability insurance
  - Valid, unencumbered RN license in the state of practice

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- Hold a BSN degree from an accredited institution.
- Hold a current unencumbered license to practice nursing. An unencumbered license to practice nursing is required prior to the first clinical nursing course.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 overall or 3.0 on the last 60 hours of course work.
- Have completed a graduate-level course in statistics.
- Be CPR certified (professional level).

Any student enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing program must be registered or exempt with selective service. Affirmation form required. http://graduateschool.astate.edu
To contact the Graduate School by telephone call: (870) 972-3029
Policies and other information are available in a guide for graduate nursing students entitled Graduate Information Guide (GIG). This is a PDF document and is available online at: www.astate.edu/a/conhp/nursing/majors/master-of-science-in-nursing
For more information on the degree options ASU offers in the Master of Science in Nursing Program, please visit our website at www.astate.edu/a/conhp/nursing or contact the School of Nursing by phone at (870) 972-3074.