

NURSE EDUCATOR, POST MASTERS CERTIFICATION

This program requires an MS in Nursing or higher.

Students seeking post Master's certification or DNP Degree in the program who already have a nursing graduate degree are evaluated on an individual basis. Their plan of study is based on their academic credentials. A student must complete a minimum of 16 postgraduate credit hours at CSU Pueblo to be eligible for a post masters certification.

Courses are the same as the Post Bachelor's Certificate, plus the NSG 583 and NSG 583L (135 teaching practicum hours).

Specific Admission Requirements

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the Graduate Studies section of the University catalog.

1. Complete application to the nursing program.
2. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado or Colorado Nursing Compact State Registered Nurse license for all MS and MS-DNP emphasis options or by the end of the first semester for the BSN-DNP emphases options).
3. Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS, BSN-DNP and associate post-masters certificate options).
4. All prerequisites must be passed with a C or better (C- is not acceptable) including statistics, microbiology and chemistry. Students receiving a grade less than C in a nursing prerequisite course are not eligible for admission.

MS-DNP Program and associated post-masters certificate options. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher is required.

BSN or MS (Nursing) to DNP or Post Masters Certification

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the *Graduate Studies* section of the University catalog.

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency (or equivalent).
2. Undergraduate BSN cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher will consider courses with a graduate nursing GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or higher.
4. Application for admission to graduate programs in the university Office of Admission (admission to graduate programs does not constitute admission to the nursing graduate program).
5. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado Registered Nurse license by the end of the first semester of the program.
6. Background check per Colorado Law (see application).
7. Current immunizations.
8. Current certification in CPR (Health Care Provider – C or equivalent).
9. Three letters of recommendation:

- a. Professional or Academic
- b. Clinical
- c. Other

10. Letter of intent that includes:
 - a. Brief professional history
 - b. Reason for pursuing advanced degree
 - c. How applicant will manage work, home, and study
11. Curriculum Vitae

(Use the template located under *Graduate Nursing Student Application Instructions on the website*)

Preference for acceptance will be given to applicants who have:

1. 2000 Hours (1 year full-time) experience as a registered nurse (AGACNP, AGACNP/FNP and PMHNP emphases only).
2. One year or more of experience as a clinical adjunct instructor (Nurse Educator only)
3. Residency in Southern Colorado
4. Graduate from CSU Pueblo

If accepted into a program, requirements prior to attending first class include:

1. Drug screen
2. Physical exam within last 12 months

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision-making and technology into advanced nursing practice.
2. Utilize inter-professional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
3. Explore quality improvement initiatives that affect delivery of advanced practice nursing and health care services.

Specific Program Requirements

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