

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	Department Nursing College Nursing		
Program Name Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Spring 2020	
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment Change the title of post masters certificates to post graduate certificates. Rationale: 1. The term post graduate certificates is used by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), by whom we are accredited. 2. With the advent of the DNP program, many nurse practitioners seeking additional certification in a specialty already have a doctoral degree. The term post graduate better captures this population. See attached catalog changes.			
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Shirley Gordon sgordon@health.fau.edu 7-2457		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation NA	
Approved by Department Chair <u>Jeffrey</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>Shirley Gordon</u> College Dean <u>Karen Edwards</u> UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____		Date <u>9/23/19</u> <u>9/23/19</u> <u>9/23/19</u> _____ _____ _____ _____	

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1. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree for graduating high school students in the Freshman Direct Admit Track and an Honors in Nursing Program for Freshman Direct Admit students.
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3. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree in an accelerated format to individuals with a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than nursing.
4. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree in a part-time format for individuals with a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than nursing (also referred to as Working Professional B.S.N.).
5. Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree with concentrations in: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Holistic Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Post Master's **Graduate** Certificate Programs are offered in all nurse practitioner, administration, advanced holistic and nursing education areas.
6. Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) for students with master's degrees in an area of advanced nursing practice or nursing administration, or for highly qualified Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates through the B.S. to D.N.P. program. Highly qualified D.N.P. graduates may also pursue the D.N.P. to Ph.D. program.
7. Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Nursing (Ph.D.) degree with admission to students with B.S.N. or M.S.N. preparation. The major area of focus is research and theory development related to the phenomenon of caring.

MASTER'S AND POST MASTER'S GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS/[Link to Doctoral Programs](#)

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing offers two master's programs: the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) and Post Master's **Graduate** Certificate Programs.

Those applicants seeking a Master of Science in Nursing choose from one of the following concentrations for a program of study: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Holistic Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Completion of one of the Nurse Practitioner concentrations prepares the graduate nurse to seek certification as a nurse practitioner in the area of concentration. Upon graduation, national certification is required for authorization to practice in the advanced practice role in Florida.

Post Master's Graduate Certificate Options (PMC)-(PGC)

Applicants holding an earned Master of Science degree in Nursing from an accredited nursing program and who meet all M.S.N. admission requirements may choose from the following Post Master's **Graduate** Certificate (PMC) (PGC) Programs: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (AGNP), Advanced Holistic Nursing (AHN), Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Nurse Educator (NE), Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP).

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Admission Requirements for Post Master's Graduate Certificate Programs

1. Earned M.S. or M.S.N. from an accredited nursing program.
2. Minimum graduate program GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Résumé or CV.
4. A written essay describing the student's philosophy of nursing.
5. One letter of recommendation.
6. Current RN licensure to practice nursing.
7. Complete Level 2 background check.
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