




 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Graduate Programs</b>		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	<b>Department</b> <b>College</b> Christine E Lynn College of Nursing		
<b>Program Name</b> Post Graduate Certificate Program (PGC): APRN Programs		<input type="checkbox"/> New Program* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program*	<b>Effective Date</b> (TERM & YEAR) Spring 2026
<p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>Change in admission criteria to the APRN PGC Programs:</p> <p>Add :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university or college nursing program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Board certified APRN from appropriate certifying body.</li> <li>2. Completion of Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacology; all courses must be Across the Lifespan.</li> <li>3. Current licensure in the State of Florida as a Registered Nurse/APRN.</li> </ol> <p>*A state/federal criminal background check and drug screen are required for all admitted students. All costs for these requirements are the responsibility of the student.</p> <p>Delete:</p> <p>Prerequisites: Basic Statistics course and Baccalaureate level Nursing Research course.</p> <p>Rationale: Majority of PMHNP PGC programs nationwide require PGC applicants to be a nurse practitioner as a requirement for admission. Post Graduate Certificate programs are condensed and require extensive clinical hours. A nurse practitioner(NP) knows the academic rigor and clinical requirements to become a nurse practitioner.</p> <p>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</p>			
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> Beth King, bking@health.fau.edu email: bking@health.fau.edu		<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b> None	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair  College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean  UGPC Chair  UGC Chair  Graduate College Dean  UFS President _____ Provost _____		<b>Date</b> 3/18/2025 3/18/25 09/09/2025 09/09/2025 09/09/2025 _____ _____	

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Nursing

Post graduate certificates (PGC)

#### **APRN Programs**

Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner

Family Nurse Practitioner Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

#### **Non-APRN Programs**

~~Advanced Holistic Nursing (Program suspended effective fall 2024.)~~

Nurse Educator

Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership

#### **Delete:**

~~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 Graduate Certificate (PGC) Programs: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (AGNP), Advanced Holistic Nursing (AHN), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Nurse Educator (NGRE), Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP).~~

#### **Change to:**

**PGC APRN programs:** Applicants holding an earned Master of Science degree in Nursing from an accredited nursing program, meet all M.S.N. admission requirements, and have APRN Board Certification from an appropriate certifying body, may choose from the following Post Graduate Certificate (PGC) Programs: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (AGNP), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP).

**PGC Non-APRN programs:** 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 Graduate Certificate (PGC) Programs: Nurse Educator (NGRE), and Nursing Administration and Financial Leadership.

The Post Graduate Certificate (PGC) programs of study may vary based on the student's Masters concentration curriculum. The PGC is not a degree-granting program; a certificate is issued upon completion of the program. College Credit Certificates require a minimum of 12 credits Section 3(c). <https://www.fau.edu/provost/documents/fau-degree-approval-process-policy.pdf>. A Gap Analysis is completed for all students. ~~if the gap analysis indicates 30 or more credits are needed the student will be advised to complete a second~~

master's degree. All students in the PGC program, regardless of track, are required to complete Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring, NGR 6110.

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PGC programs require a minimum of 10 credits for FAU MSN graduates; a minimum of 13 credits is required for applicants from other institutions. Consideration is given to the student's former master's in Nursing program when creating the specific plan of study for the PGC. Programs may vary according to the courses the applicant has taken in the first master's program.

**Any applicant for a Post Graduate Certificate must meet with the assistant dean for graduate practice programs or the concentration coordinator for initial advisement, gap analysis and program planning.**

#### **Admission Requirements for Post Graduate Certificate Programs (APRN)**

- Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university or college nursing program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- A cumulative 3.0 GPA in the Master's program is required.
- ~~Prerequisites: Basic Statistics course and Baccalaureate level Nursing Research course.~~
- Completion of Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacology; all courses must be Across the Lifespan.
- Curriculum vitae.
- One letter of recommendation.
- Philosophy of Nursing essay.
- Current licensure in the State of Florida as a registered nurse/APRN.
- Board certified APRN from appropriate certifying body.
- An interview will be required.

\*A state/federal criminal background check and drug screen are required for all admitted students. All costs for these requirements are the responsibility of the student.

## Admission Requirements for Post Graduate Certificate Programs (Non-APRN)

1. ReEearned M.S. or M.S.N. from an accredited nursing program: Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university or college nursing program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
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.
8. An interview and on-site writing sample may be required.
9. Practice experience is not required but may be considered as part of the overall quality of the application.

\*A state/federal criminal background check and drug screen are required for all admitted students. All costs for these requirements are the responsibility of the student.

**Note: Admissions decisions are made based upon the quality of the application and the number of available slots in the desired program. Meeting the minimal admission requirements does not guarantee admission. PGC applicants submit a preliminary application along with a copy of all official academic transcripts, a current RN license, one letter of recommendation, a statement of philosophy, and a current CV or résumé to the College of Nursing. Once the College of Nursing reviews the preliminary application, applicants will be notified to complete the online non-degree FAU application.**