

McAuley School of Nursing

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

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The **BSN to DNP with Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)** exit degree with a major in Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS), prepares graduates to be Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in the Clinical Nurse Specialist role.

The AGCNS major includes the core essentials of a master's in nursing education, advanced learning in the areas of pathophysiology, physical assessment, pharmacology and the role of the CNS in adult-gerontology from wellness to acute care settings.

Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for national AGCNS certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and if additional criteria is met, Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation. Students are urged to contact the specific Board of Nursing in the state in which they intend to practice in order to ensure they are in full compliance with the education, practice and certification requirements.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

The post-BSN to DNP with the AGCNS component requires a total of 66 credits. A total of 41 credit hours and 500 clinical hours must be completed for the MSN exit where the Master of Science in Nursing is conferred. An additional **25 credits and practicum hours** are required to complete the DNP. *Once the MSN is conferred, students can choose to exit the program, continue to complete the DNP, or return at a later time to complete DNP requirements.*

Programs are taught on-line in a flexible and student-centered format. Students need not be a resident of Michigan to be in the program. Clinical sites and qualified preceptors are identified near the student's home to complete the required clinical components.

A NOTE TO ONLINE STUDENTS

It is the responsibility of all applicants applying for admission in an online graduate nursing program to confirm if the program meets specific licensure requirements in the applicant's state of residence. Applicants should contact the applicable licensing board to determine the specific requirements for State licensure.

For further information on McAuley School of Nursing graduate programs: <http://healthprofessions.udmercy.edu/academics/nursing/grad.php>

BSN TO DNP WITH MSN EXIT ADMISSION CRITERIA:

1. A Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited program. RNs with a Baccalaureate degree outside of nursing may qualify. Each application will be individually assessed to determine courses needed to bridge into the program. A gap analysis will determine what additional courses will be required at the baccalaureate level to ensure they meet the prerequisites necessary for graduate education.
2. A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
3. A minimum of 2,000 hours of experience as a registered nurse.
4. A license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Michigan or in the state of home residence.
5. Official transcripts from colleges and universities attended (excluding Detroit Mercy).
6. Three professional recommendations with one from someone in a supervisory capacity (form available through the online application).
7. An autobiographical statement of personal goals and objectives.
8. Current resume or CV.
9. An interview with graduate faculty.

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