



Accelerated
graduate program for
individuals with
non-nursing
bachelor's
degrees

Clinical Nurse Leader Masters of Science in Nursing

Launch your nursing career at Augusta University

The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program is an innovative master's-entry accelerated graduate program for individuals with non-nursing bachelor's degrees. The CNL graduate is an advanced generalist (not an Advanced Practice RN).

CNL students can complete this degree program in 16 months and enter the nursing profession by translating the skills and experiences from their education to launch their careers in nursing.

Graduates of this program are eligible to take the NCLEX licensure examination for Registered Nurses and the CNL Certification exam offered by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. CNL graduates are highly recruited by major health systems.



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Full-Time Study

COURSE OF STUDY

- 16-month accelerated program (4 semesters)
- Full-time only; hybrid
- 60 total semester hours
- 1020 total clinical/lab hours
- Cohort - Fall acceptance only

ADMISSIONS & PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate or higher degree from accredited school in any area other than nursing
- GPA 3.0 or above on 4.0 scale
- 3 Letters of recommendation and resume
- Personal Essay
- Official Transcript
- 7 prerequisites:
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II (8 credits) **(Within last 10 years)**
 - Microbiology **(Within last 10 years)**
 - Chemistry with lab
 - Statistics
 - General Psychology
 - Human Growth & Development-Lifespan



What is a CNL?

(From the American Association of Colleges of Nursing)

The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) is a masters-educated advanced generalist nurse, prepared for practice across the continuum of care within any healthcare setting. The CNL was developed by AACN in collaboration with leaders from healthcare practice and education to address the critical need to improve the quality of patient care outcomes. The CNL is a clinical leader who focuses on:

- Care Coordination
- Outcomes Measurement
- Transitions of Care
- Interprofessional Communication & Team Leadership
- Risk Assessment
- Implementation of Best Practices Based on Evidence
- Quality Improvement
- Possess strong technology, written and verbal skills

Plan of Study (4 semesters)

Fall

- NURS 6100 Pathophysiology
- STAT 6300 Introduction to Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- NURS 6600 Health Care Delivery Models, Economics and Policy
- NURS 6700 Nursing Therapeutics and Professional Nursing

Spring

- NURS 6200 Advanced Pharmacology & Nutrition
- NURS 6400 Evidence-based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare
- NURS 7001 Nursing Practice through Clinical Reasoning
- NURS 7300 Integrated Health Care: Mental Health

Summer

- NURS 7100 Integrated Health Care: Population Health
- NURS 7215 Nursing Practice through Clinical Reasoning II
- NURS 7400 Integrated Health Care: Women, Children and Family Health
- NURS 7500 Leading Teams to Promote Quality and Safety

Fall

- NURS 7600 Nursing Management of Complex Health Alterations Across the Lifespan
- NURS 7801 Synthesis of Clinical Nurse Leader Role in Practice
- NURS 7900 Professionalism and Transition to Nursing Practice

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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