

Nurse Educator Post-Graduate Certificate

Program Description

The Nurse Educator Post-Graduate Certificate is a 15-credit program designed for nurses who hold an Advanced Practice Degree in Nursing (APRN) and are seeking to transition into educator roles within clinical, academic, and healthcare settings. This certificate equips APRNs—such as nurse practitioners (NPs), clinical nurse specialists, nurse leaders and managers, nurse administrators, and nursing informatics professionals—with the essential teaching skills and educational strategies necessary to succeed as nurse educators.

The curriculum focuses on building the competencies for effective teaching, including curriculum design, instructional methods, evaluation strategies, and technology integration in learning environments. Grounded in evidence-based practices, the program prepares participants to foster learning in various settings, from bedside education in clinical environments to formal teaching roles in academic institutions. Students will also explore adult learning theory and the use of innovative technologies to enhance learning experiences.

The Nurse Educator Post-Graduate Certificate program allows clinical nurses to leverage their expertise, expand their career opportunities, and address the critical need for nurse educators in healthcare.

Program Curriculum

15 Credits

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
NURS 6630	Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation	3
NURS 6650	Teaching Methodologies and Technologies	3
NURS 7101	Practicum Capstone	3
Optional Courses (Select Two)		
NURS 6250	Evaluation of Evidence	3
NURS 6300	Information Management and Health Care Technologies	3
NURS 6540	Communication and Collaboration in Nursing Leadership	3

Admissions Requirements

1. Possess a Master of Science in Nursing degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 from a nationally accredited nursing program. Submit official transcripts.
2. Provide proof of active Registered Nurse licensure.
3. Complete a personal statement explaining why you have chosen to pursue a career as a nurse educator.

Certificate Requirements

1. Complete 15 approved credit hours with a grade of B- or higher.
2. Apply for graduation by the dates posted.
3. Complete all other program and university requirements.

Nurse Educator Post-Graduate Certificate Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. **Person-Centered Care:** Design and implement learning-centered curricula for nursing education programs.
2. **Clinical Judgment:** Incorporate technology and simulation to support the development of clinical judgment.
3. **Communication:** Develop and evaluate assessment tools to measure learner progress and ensure competency.
4. **Compassionate Care:** Apply adult learning principles and evidence-based teaching strategies to enhance educational outcomes.
5. **Professionalism:** Demonstrate mentorship and role modeling to support the professional development and growth of future nurses.