

McAuley School of Nursing

ADULT- GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

For More Information

Program Website:
<https://healthprofessions.udmercy.edu/academics/nursing/grad/agcns.php>

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At Detroit Mercy, students become Clinical Nurse Specialists who:

- prescribe patient-centered care,
- transform nurses and nursing practice,
- lead projects with an integrated and holistic viewpoint, and
- meet all competencies of CNS practice (NACNS, 2019).

Our program has 100% pass rates on national AG-CNS exams (ANCC & AACN).

Our program is ranked in “Best On-Line Master’s in Nursing Programs” (U.S. News & World Report, 2020, 2021).



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Students can meet requirements in 5 semesters (full-time) or 7 semesters (part-time) or slower plans. The program is 41 credits and 500 clinical hours. An additional 25 credits and practicum hours are required to complete the DNP.

Our program has been online since 2007. It is student friendly and faculty support students on this journey during and beyond graduation. We host students from all over the country. Please check with Dr. Saunders on your state’s requirements before applying.

Clinical sites and qualified preceptors are identified near the student's home to complete the required clinical components. We assist in that process.

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. Please consult with Dr. Saunders.

For further information on McAuley School of Nursing graduate programs:
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BSN TO DNP WITH MSN EXIT ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. A Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited program.
2. A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
3. A license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Michigan or in the state of home residence.
4. Official transcripts from colleges and universities attended (excluding UDM).
5. Three professional recommendations with one from someone in a supervisory capacity (form available through the online application).
6. An autobiographical statement of personal goals and objectives.
7. Current resume or CV.
8. An interview with Dr. Saunders.

FOR ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

Graduate Nursing
gradnursing@udmercy.edu
313-993-1828

or

Dr. Saunders, Program Coordinator

***OUR GRADUATES BECOME CERTIFIED AND LICENSED APRNs SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION AND READY TO SERVE IN A VARIETY OF ROLES AS A PRACTITIONER, CONSULTANT, EDUCATOR, RESEARCHER, LEADER, AND/OR MANAGER. THE CNS DEGREE IS THE MOST VERSATILE FOR NURSING PRACTICE.**