

Outcome/Objectives

Specialty outcome/objectives for the P/CHN specialization build upon the graduate nursing program objectives by expecting that the student will:

1. Integrate theories, research, and experiential knowledge into advanced P/CHN practice with vulnerable rural populations.
2. Demonstrate advanced practice skills in the provision of population-focused care, consistent with ANA's Scope and Standards of Practice for Public Health Nursing.
3. Assume the roles and behaviors of a P/CHN CNS in the spheres of direct client care, nurses and nursing practice, and organizations/systems.
4. Utilize research to effectively improve the care of populations, consistent with CNS role.
5. Effect change in public/community health nursing using leadership, management, and teaching strategies.
6. Collaborate with other disciplines and partner with communities to improve health and health care and influence health policy for vulnerable rural populations.
7. Contribute to the development of public/community health nursing policy, nursing practice, and the profession.



Graduate Nursing Master of Science Specialization

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Specialization Information

The Public/Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist track educates nurses in nursing, social, and public health sciences, while emphasizing population-focused care of vulnerable populations in rural areas. Skills and knowledge for advanced practice leadership in population-focused care are accentuated.

The coursework will be delivered through on-line computer technology which allows students to participate in “virtual classrooms” from their home or work settings.

Students will take clinical practicum courses in locations as close to their home communities as possible, with a qualified nurse preceptor working in population-focused care. Sites for clinical experiences will vary, but may include local and state health departments, schools, shelters, non-profit agencies, and other community-based organizations.

Students can earn a Master of Science degree with a major in nursing or RN to MS degree. The course of study requires 49 – 51 credits, depending on Thesis or Independent Study option chosen. Students may be full or part-time. A Post Masters Certificate will also be implemented.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to complete the national American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification examination for a Public/Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist.

The program requires access to a computer for all courses. Minimum computer requirements may be found at: www.nursing.und.edu/computer.cfm

Admission Requirements

Application for admission to the University of North Dakota is made to the Graduate School. The online application is found at <http://graduateschool.und.edu> Specialization admission requirements include:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLN or CCNE accredited nursing program **OR** entry to this specialization is also available through the RN to MS track— see website www.conted.und.edu/ddp/rn/ . Graduates from non-accredited or foreign schools are evaluated individually
- Undergraduate or graduate statistics course
- Minimum GPA of at least 3.00 for the last two years of baccalaureate study
- Current RN licensure and resume
- One year experience as a registered nurse is preferred
- Successful interview



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Specialization website:
www.nursing.und.edu/grad/pch/

Curriculum

Full-time student*

Semester I (Fall) - 12 credits

N500 Theories and Concepts in Nursing (3)
N526 Ethical, Legal, & Health Policy Issues (3)
N502 Evidence for Practice (3)
N556 Epidemiology (3)

Semester II (Spring) - 14 credits

N523 Health Promotion through the Lifespan (3)
N546 Advanced P/CHN I (4)
N547 Advanced P/CHN Practicum I (4)
N572 Vulnerable Diverse Populations (3)

Semester III (Fall) - 11 credits

N548 Advanced P/CHN II (3)
N550 Global Public Health Issues (2)
N552 Role Development of the CNS (2)
N563 Education in Advanced Practice ** (2)
N997 Independent Study (2) or N998Thesis (2)

Semester IV (Spring) 12/14 credits

N549 Advanced P/CHN Practicum II (7)
N554 Managed Advanced Nurse Practice (2)
N998 Thesis (if Choosing Thesis Option) (2)
Electives (3)

Total Credits: 49-51

*Students may also enroll part-time.

** Also offered in summer

Subject to Change