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Policy Title: Advanced Practice Certificate for Post-Master's Students

Policy

Post-MSN students have completed nursing master's coursework that includes both didactic and clinical experiences. Admission and progression for these students may be individualized based on the student's background, master's coursework, and practice experiences. Program completion requirements should be in keeping with national certification and state board of nursing guidelines, as with regular MSN students. Post-MSN students may obtain equivalency credit for previously completed core courses leading to preparation as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) in a population-focused area.

Background

In recognition of the unique backgrounds, coursework and previous experience of post-MSN students, a flexible approach to admission and progression for these students is preferable. Validation of previous learning through a gap analysis promotes both confidence in the student and individualization of the program of advanced study. Post-MSN students may demonstrate competencies identified in the post-MSN program based on their previous course work.

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Post-MSN Student Seeking Equivalency Credit	
Admission	<p>1. Post MSN APRN students must complete the advanced practice core courses listed below or seek equivalency credit.</p> <p>2. Equivalency credit must be approved by the Track Director</p> <p>3. To grant equivalency credit, the Track Director must determine if the course taken by the student in a previous university meets the criteria for equivalency for the course required by the Cizik SON. The Track Director should evaluate the student's official transcripts. If a determination cannot be made by evaluating the transcript, the Track Director may request the student to submit the syllabus for the course.</p> <p>N6165W: Advanced Practice Role in Population Health N6151W: Advanced Pathophysiology N5529W: Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice N6152W: Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Didactic N6152B: Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum N6551W: Diagnostic Tests and Procedures</p> <p>See G7040: Validation of Clinical Experiences for Post Master's Students for the policy and procedure for evaluation of prior advanced practice experience</p>
Progression	<p>Enroll in required courses or have evidence and approval of equivalency in courses taken elsewhere</p> <p>Adhere to the Cizik SON requirements for progression and completion of course work as outlined in the Cizik SON policies for graduate students.</p> <p>All track didactic, clinical, and preceptorship courses must be taken at the Cizik SON. Track Directors should use the degree plan to advise and track progress for post-MSN students</p>
Completion	<p>Certificate awarded for nurse practitioner role in a population</p> <p>Forms for Texas Board of Nursing</p> <p>Approval – Student Affairs and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs</p> <p>Certification exam applications, as appropriate – Track Director</p>

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Post-MS/N Nurse Practitioner Certificate Completion Requirements

Students enrolled at the Cizik School of Nursing for a post-MS/N Nurse Practitioner (NP) role in a population-focused area must meet the course requirements listed below. Students may meet these requirements by either taking the courses, achieving course objectives using a gap analysis validation procedure, or through equivalency credit (transferring courses from another university)

All students must complete the following Advanced Practice Core courses or have written approval and official verification of having taken them in another graduate program:

N6165W: Advanced Practice Role in Population Health
N6151W: Advanced Pathophysiology
N5529W: Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice
N6152W: Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Didactic
N6152B: Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum
N6551W: Diagnostic Tests and Procedures

Students with an MS or MSN in population but with a different advanced practice role (i.e.; CNS to NP) must take:

Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit)
Clinical Sequence including N6154W Transition to Advanced Practice Nursing
Preceptorship (4-5 credit hours, 240-300 clinical clock hours) – hours vary by track requirements
The total clinical hours for the new role is 660

Students with an MS or MSN in another specialty and a different role must take:

Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit)
Clinical Sequence including N6154W Transition to Advanced Practice Nursing
Preceptorship (4-5 credit hours, 300 clinical clock hours) – hours vary by track requirements
The total clinical hours for the new role is 660

Students with an MS or MSN in another population but in the NP role (i.e.; FNP to PMHNP) must take:

Advanced Practice Core Courses (or have equivalency credit)
Clinical Sequence excluding N6154W Transition to Advanced Practice Nursing
Appropriate Preceptorship Hours (2-4 credit hours, 120-240 clinical clock hours) – based on gap analysis of prior faculty-supervised academic clinical experiences and those needed to develop competencies in the new population-focused areas of practice – hours vary by track requirements
The minimum total clinical hours for the new population is 540.