Adult-Gerontology or Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

The Master of Science in Nursing with Adult-Gerontology or Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) allows students to concentrate on one of these two clinical areas of content and practice. Nurses with advanced practice preparation may work in acute, primary, or long-term care settings. Students learn the process of developing and sustaining evidence-based practice in illness management, advancing the practice of other nurses and nursing personnel, and developing organizational or systems modifications to support and improve nursing practice. The traditional CNS roles of expert clinical practice, consultation, clinical leadership, research, and education are shaped toward producing desirable patient outcomes as the CNS works in several spheres of influence. Graduates are eligible to apply to the state of California for certification as clinical nurse specialists, and may apply for national certification through examination by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) (https://www.nursingworld.org/ancc).

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