

Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Certificate

The Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Certificate (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/pediatric-cns-certificate/>) program is a nondegree course credit option for nurses with a master's degree in nursing.¹ Pediatric clinical nurse specialists influence best-practice care of pediatric populations across the care continuum through direct care and as consultants and educators. This program provides theory and clinical experiences to prepare nurses to apply to the state of California for certification as a CNS. Graduates may also apply for national certification as a pediatric CNS through examination. **Note: Students must be admitted to the university before registering for this program (see Admission section below).**

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Advanced Practice Core Courses ¹		12
GNRS 513	Advanced Nursing Practice Role ²	2
GNRS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
GNRS 611	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNRS 612	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	4
Advanced Practice Specialty Courses		20
GNRS 530	Theory and Practice of the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Care of the Pediatric Patient ³	6 (2/4)
GNRS 531	Clinical Specialization in the Care of the Pediatric Patient	6 (2/4)
GNRS 543	Transitions Across the Care Continuum	6 (2/4)
GNRS 548	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
Specialized Option Courses		2
Select from the following:		
GNRS 589	Adolescent Health Care	2
-or-		
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
Total Units		34

¹ Students may be given transfer credits for previous content completed in a master's degree program.

² This requirement is waived for 1992-96 APU master's graduates, as the content was integrated in the clinical courses.

³ Units in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.