POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: CLINICAL NURSE LEADER

The Clinical Nurse Leader role is a national initiative developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in 2004 to address fragmentation in health care delivery. The CNL role is a proactive, integrative and comprehensive role that assists direct care providers in bringing the best of health care science and practice to the point of direct patient care. Students who choose the MSN Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) post-master’s certificate program will be prepared to meet the health care needs of a growing population requiring complex care. This post-master's program is designed for the registered nurse with a previous MSN who wishes to complete CNL coursework, obtain an official Xavier University transcript and be eligible to take the CNL certification exam. Additional information on CNL role: [www.aacn.nche.edu/CNL](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CNL)

CNL OBJECTIVES

1. Apply the art and science of nursing to the role of the Clinical Nurse Leader at the point of care
2. Communicate effectively across health care disciplines
3. Ensure quality and safety in health care delivery
4. Implement and coordinate the best practice at the point of care and across settings
5. Integrate knowledge of nursing theory, research, epidemiology, informatics, ethics, health care policy, economics, healthcare finances and leadership into the management of healthcare delivery

CNL CURRICULUM (23) semester hours/400 clinical hrs./scholarly project)

NURS 558 Introduction to the CNL for RNs (2)
NURS 602 Applying CNL Concepts for RNs (3)
NURS 658 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology for RNs (3)
NURS 680 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
NURS 756 Advanced Health Assessment for RNs (3)
NURS 559 CNL Clinical Practicum Microsystem Assessment (1)
NURS 603 CNL Microsystem Intervention Practicum (1)
NURS 855 CNL Leadership Scholarly Project (2)
NURS 859 Leadership Practicum for RNs (5)

This curriculum includes the required 400 Clinical Nurse Leader clinical hours.

COURSE SCHEDULING

Scheduling is designed to meet the needs of the working nurse. Courses are generally offered one late afternoon/evening per week and are scheduled such that it is usually possible to take two courses in the same evening. Individuals who have the ability for full-time study can do so by attending more than one evening per week.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY
Applicants to the program must
• Have an unencumbered RN license in the United States with a master's degree in nursing and must have licensure in the state of clinical experiences.
• Submit the graduate nursing application (online) including current registered nurse license number
• Submit official transcript of MSN completed coursework from an accredited institution of higher learning

Applications are evaluated individually. Credit may be granted for prior completed coursework such as advanced pharmacology or advanced health assessment. If leadership and informatics courses have not previously been completed, those courses will be required.

Application terms: Applications accepted for fall, spring or summer.
Recommended application dates: Fall by August 1; Spring by December 1; Summer by April 1

APPLY at https://admit.xavier.edu/apply

COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID
• Tuition and fees: www.xavier.edu/bursar/Tuition-and-Fees.cfm
• Utilize employer tuition reimbursement if available

ACCREDITATION
Xavier University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission North Central Association. The MSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) and endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC).

OTHER GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS
MSN including RN to MSN and MSN Second Degree MIDAS
Post-Master’s Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner
Doctor of Nursing Practice in Population Health Leadership

FURTHER INFORMATION
www.xavier.edu/msn/Post-Masters-Options.cfm
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