

Clinical Leadership MSN Program

The Clinical Leadership MSN Program is based at the Rutgers Health Sciences Campus in Newark. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination as a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), offered by the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC) and are qualified to apply for the doctorate of nursing practice (DNP) program.

Clinical leadership qualifications: The clinical nurse leader role was developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in collaboration with an array of leaders in the practice environment. The CNL was established following several years of research and discussion with stakeholders as a way to improve the quality of patient care and best prepare nurses with competencies needed for today's changing healthcare environment.

Scope of practice: The CNL is a master's educated nurse prepared to practice across the continuum of care following a distinct cohort of patients to improve outcomes through lateral integration and the application of evidence based practice using systematic evaluation of practices and processes. Key features include: system assessment, care coordination, transition of care facilitation, data management, interdisciplinary communication and project management.

Curriculum: The 37-credit track, along with 410 clinical hours, can be completed in six (6) semesters of part-time graduate study, and is a hybrid of online and in-classroom courses.

Applications are accepted for fall semesters.

The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 6060	Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 5104	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
NURS 5105	Advanced Clinical Pharmacology	3	
ADHA 5107	Advanced Health Assessment	3	

Supplemental Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	50
NURS 6930	Information Technology for Evidence Based Practice	3	
NURS 6040	Social Determinants of Health	3	
CLDR 6440	Quality and Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
CLDR 6320	Illness & Disease Management	3	60
CLDR 6310	Project Development	3	75
CLDR 6330	Clinical Leadership Role Practicum	7	225
Totals		37	410