

Graduate Certificate - Nursing Leadership

The graduate certificate in Nursing Leadership is designed to support master's-prepared nurses in being effective leaders in the nursing profession. It also helps to prepare these nurses to be an agent of change in the delivery of healthcare, offering a focus in leadership, human resource management, and operational quality. The transformational changes occurring in healthcare today make advanced degree nursing practice essential to the provision of safe, patient-centered care.

This program has specific admission requirements.

Certificate Objectives

Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will be able to:

- Apply ethical principles to advanced professional nursing practice.
- Demonstrate leadership skills supportive of safe nursing practice and patient-centered care.
- Advocate for healthcare policies that improve healthcare outcomes across the lifespan.
- Apply theoretical knowledge and evidence-based practice to influence the delivery of cost-effective care to improve health outcomes.
- Advocate for business practices that promote healthcare quality and patient safety.
- Synthesize knowledge of key business and human resources practices to effectively lead healthcare teams.

Programmatic Admission Requirements

For this program, the following documentation is required and must be provided prior to course registration:

- Official transcripts showing a conferred Master of Science in Nursing degree from an accredited program or a BSN degree in nursing and master's degree in a closely related field.
- Current and active unencumbered registered nurse (RN) license in state where practicums will be conducted.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for the Master of Science degree.
- Current resume/CV.
- Signed statement of understanding (SOU).

Please visit our AMU (<https://www.amu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) or APU (<https://www.apu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) graduate admission page for more information on institutional admission requirements.

Need help?

If you have questions regarding a program's admission requirements, please contact an admissions representative at 877-755-2787 or info@apus.edu.

Certificate Requirements (18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HCAD650	The Business of Healthcare	3
HCAD651	Healthcare Finance	3
HCAD652	Operational Quality in Healthcare	3
HCAD605	Human Resource Management in Healthcare	3
HCAD520	Legal and Ethical Aspects of Healthcare Administration	3
NURS696	Practicum in Nursing Leadership	3
Total Semester Hours		18