

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

The Post-Master's Certificate (PMC) prepares nurse practitioners to broaden their scope of practice to other patient populations as providers. You will gain the theory and skills to effectively provide care and prescribe in another nurse practitioner specialty. In addition to learning to assess healthcare problems, you will learn the pharmacological, non-pharmacological and interventional skills required for the chosen population. The PMC programs are online with two distinct, focused immersions on campus. Completion of a PMC program confers eligibility to take a national certification exam for that nurse practitioner specialty.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Post-Master's Certificate program are prepared for higher level professional practice and leadership roles in a variety of healthcare settings, as well as advanced study at the doctoral level.

Specifically, graduates will be able to:

1. **Incorporate** knowledge from the sciences and humanities for improvement of health care across diverse settings.
2. **Demonstrate** leadership abilities encompassing ethical and critical decision-making that embraces a systems perspective.
3. **Apply** appropriate measurement and analysis methods related to organizational quality and safety.
4. **Apply** evidence-based findings to resolve practice problems, and serve as a catalyst for change.
5. **Use** informatics and healthcare technology to integrate and coordinate care.
6. **Participate** in policy development and advocacy strategies at the system level to influence health and health care.
7. **Collaborate** effectively on interprofessional teams to improve health outcomes.
8. **Integrate** principles of clinical and population health into care delivery and management.
9. **Deliver** direct and/or indirect nursing practice interventions at the master's level of practice.

Post-Master's Certificate Programs

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (<http://catalog.qu.edu/graduate-studies/nursing/post-masters-certificate/adult-gerontology-acute-care/>)

Admission Requirements

An applicant to the Post-Master's Certificate program must be a registered nurse or NCLEX-eligible nurse and have a bachelor's degree in nursing or another field. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better is required. Applicants should submit the following to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. A completed admissions application including a resume and a personal statement addressing the following:
 - a. professional goals and motivations
 - b. a nursing experience that has influenced or shaped your practice
 - c. a healthcare problem that interests you for potential doctoral study.
2. Official transcripts from all schools previously attended.

3. Official recent results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for international applicants.
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons with authority to evaluate your professional ability.
5. Proof of current licensure or eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Connecticut.

Candidates applying for full-time admission for the fall term must submit a completed application by May 1. Candidates may be on a waitlist for the fall in the event a space becomes available. However, acceptances are not deferred and wait-listed candidates need to reapply for the following fall. Exceptions may be made in rare circumstances by the chair of the graduate nursing program.

All accepted students are required to complete a background check and urine drug screen following acceptance and before the start of classes. Acceptances are conditional until satisfactory completion of both.