

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Post Masters Certificate in Nursing Program Goals

The Goals of the Post Masters Certificate in Nursing Program are to:

1. Prepare graduates with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes for advanced nursing practice as a nurse practitioner.
2. Prepare graduates to function and excel in the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) role of nurse practitioner (NP).
3. Prepare graduates to make significant contributions to the improvement of healthcare and to the advancement of nursing knowledge and practice.
4. Provide a foundation for doctoral study.

Post-Masters Certificate Program Objectives (Student Learning Outcomes)

At Program Completion, Post-Masters Certificate Completers will be able to:

1. Integrate theories, knowledge, skills, and findings from nursing science, scientific disciplines, and humanities to guide the delivery of culturally sensitive care to clients, families and communities within the professional scope and standards of the advanced practice of nursing.
2. Demonstrate responsibility and accountability as a practitioner of advanced nursing and consumer advocate to affect relevant change that will improve the health of citizens at a local, state, and national level.
3. Utilize a scholarly inquiry process, grounded in evidence-based research, to become a producer and consumer of research evidence which contributes to the development and improvement of nursing theory, nursing practice and ultimately client and healthcare outcomes.
4. Analyze the effect of historical, cultural, economic, ethical, legal and political influence on nursing and health care delivery.
5. Manage resources within a health care delivery system through collaboration with other health care providers, communities, and clients.
6. Contribute to the continued professional development and improvement of self, client, community and healthcare delivery systems.