

NURSE ADMINISTRATOR GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code	NSGADM
Campus(es)	World Campus

The purpose of the Nurse Administrator graduate credit certificate is to prepare nurses with a baccalaureate or higher degree in Nursing for certification as a nurse administrator.

Effective Semester: Spring 2022
Expiration Semester: Spring 2027

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's or higher degree in nursing from a U.S. regionally accredited institution or from an officially recognized degree-granting international institution. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>) must accompany the application. Prior to an applicant's admission, transcripts are evaluated by the Graduate Admissions Committee to ascertain the applicant's potential for successful completion of the core courses. A recommendation regarding admission is discussed with the Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research prior to making an offer of admission to this certificate program.

Applicants must hold a current license to practice professional nursing in the United States or a foreign country.

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

The certificate requires completion of three 3-credit graduate-level nurse administrator didactic courses (9 credits); an optional practicum course (4 credits) is available as well. All courses are delivered using distance technology and are available through the World Campus.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
NURS 845	Healthcare Economics and Policy for Nurse Administrators	3
NURS 846	Leadership Concepts and Theories for Nurse Administrators	3
NURS 847	Human Resource and Work Force Issues for Nurse Administrators	3
<i>Optional Practicum Course</i>		
NURS 848	Synthesis and Application of the Nurse Administrator Role	
Total Credits		9

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Learning Outcomes

Provide essential knowledge, skills and abilities relevant to the nurse administrator role for successful evidence-based application of a variety of leadership and management concepts in health care settings. Specific outcomes for students include:

1. Evaluate organizational, leadership and change theories.
2. Analyze factors that influence the business and economics of health care.
3. Describe principles for the recruitment and retention of a diverse work force.
4. Demonstrate varied role expectations of the nurse administrator in a healthcare setting.

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