

**Murray State University
Master of Science in Nursing**

Clinical Nurse Specialist

The Clinical Nurse Specialist is an advanced practice nurse with a concentration in a selected area of clinical nursing. Emphasis is placed on the management, support, and coordination of the care of acutely and critically ill adult patients with episodic illness or acute exacerbation of chronic illness within the context of advanced standards of practice and professional performance. The CNS influences outcomes of client care, nursing personnel activities, and the organizational environment. The CNS is prepared to function as an expert practitioner, educator, researcher, consultant and leader within a variety of settings.

The CNS in Adult Health option offers full time as well as part time schedules. The curriculum prepares the student to write the AACN critical care-CNS and the advanced medical-surgical-CNS ANCC certification exams. **The CNS option is taught 100% on-line.**

Prerequisites: anatomy, physiology, chemistry, nursing assessment, nursing research, statistics (descriptive and inferential)

42 credit hours

<i>Part time option</i>		<i>Full time option</i>	
<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>
NUR 673 - 3	NUR 642 - 3	NUR 673 - 3	NUR642 - 3
NUR 603 - 3	NUR 630 - 3	NUR 641 - 4	NUR624 - 4
NUR 605 - 3	6	NUR 603 - 3	NUR630 - 3
9		NUR 605 - 3	10
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<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>
NUR 631 - 3	NUR 624 - 4	NUR 623 - 5	NUR 650 - 5
NUR 641 - 4		NUR 631 - 3	NUR 622 - 3
7		NUR 520 - 3	8
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<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>		
NUR 623 - 5	NUR 650 - 5		
NUR 520 - 3	NUR 622 - 3		
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Note: All degree requirements must be completed within 5 calendar years.
Clinical hours = 585 and are based on a 1 credit hour to 3 credit hour ratio.

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