

Certificate Programs

Graduate Certificate in Addictions

This graduate certificate provides specialized advanced clinical training for social work students and professionals working in the addictions field. It will meet all of the classroom educational requirements laid out by the State of Florida for certification through the Florida Certification Board.

Requirements: (30 credits)

SOW 5105	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I or BSSW equivalent	3
SOW 5125	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II – Psychopathology	3
SOW 5324	Theory and Practice with Groups or BSSW equivalent	3
SOW 5342	Social Work Practice with Individuals & Families or BSSW equivalent	3
SOW 5629	Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations or BSSW equivalent	3
SOW 6351	Clinical Intervention in Couple and Family Social Work Practice	3
SOW 6435	Evaluating Empirically Based Social Work Practice	3
SOW 5710	Current Issues in Addiction Practices	3
SOW 6114C	Assessment & Treatment of Addiction & Related Problems	3
SOW 6711	Prevention of Addiction & Related Problems	3

Graduate Certificate Program in Community Nutrition

The Graduate Certificate Program seeks to provide graduate level instruction in nutrition to non-graduate-degreed practitioners or as a specialization within the MPH degree. Upon completion of the certificate the student will be able to develop, implement, manage, and assess nutrition programs for local, state and Federal public health agencies.

Program Requirements

The Graduate Certificate Program requires completion of 18 credit hours of course work. The following prerequisites or their equivalents must have been completed: HSC 3549 Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals, HUN 4240 Nutrition Biochemistry, and HUN 4241 Advanced Nutrition.

Required Courses (18)

HUN 6522	Public Health Nutrition
HUN 5611	Nutrition Education in the Community
One course in Macronutrients:	
HUN 6307	Carbohydrates and Lipids
or	
HUN 6327	Proteins
One course in Micronutrients:	
HUN 6335	Functions of Vitamins
or	
HUN 6355	Minerals in Human Nutrition
Two of the following:	
HUN 6255	Nutrition in Wellness
HUN 5123	Ethnic Influences on Nutrition and Food Habits
HUN 6435	Nutrition and Aging
HUN 5195	International Nutrition

Graduate Certificate Program in Environmental Health

The Graduate Certificate Program seeks to provide graduate level instruction in environmental health to non-graduate-degreed practitioners or as a specialization within the MPH degree. Upon completion of the certificate program the student will be able to develop, implement, manage, and assess environmental and occupational contaminants programs for local, state and Federal regulatory agencies. The program has been developed to allow working professionals in Public Health to expand or upgrade their skills and to provide incremental academic steps for individuals heading towards their first or second professional degree in environmental health sciences. Online Certificate is also available.

Program Requirements

The Graduate Certificate Program requires the completion of 18 graduate credits. The student must demonstrate proficiency in the identification and characterization of human and ecological exposures to environmental and occupational contaminants. Students who are proficient in any one area covered by the required courses may choose from selected alternative courses to complete their requirements.

Required Courses (18)

PHC 6315	Public Health and Environmental Management
PHC 6355	Public Health and Occupational Health and Safety
PHC 6310	Environmental and Occupational Toxicology
PHC 6307	Environmental Health Monitoring and Laboratory
PHC 6001	Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
PHC 6004	Injury Epidemiology and Violence Prevention

Admission Requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university, and must have completed a prerequisite graduate course in biostatistics or social science statistics.

Graduation (completion) Requirements

Completion of 18 graduate credits with an overall 'B' average.

Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology

This Graduate Certificate seeks to provide graduate level instruction in epidemiology to non-graduate-degreed practitioners. Students shall be provided with a scientific foundation to utilize the fundamentals of biometry to describe and study variables related to disease risk, and to organize and maintain databases, while at the same time be provided with opportunities for practical application.

Program Requirements

The Graduate Certificate requires the completion of 18 graduate credits. The student must demonstrate proficiency in research methodology, basic statistical and computer skills related to distribution and determinants of disease. If students are proficient in any one area covered by the required courses, alternative courses may be

selected. Substitution of courses must be approved by the advisor. Students should consult with advisors since new courses are frequently added, and some courses have prerequisites and enrollment stipulations.

Required Courses (18)

PHC 6002	Chronic and Infectious Diseases Epidemiology	3
PHC 6000	Introduction to Public Health Epidemiology	3
PHC 6001	Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology	3
PHC 6004	Injury Epidemiology and Prevention	3
PHC 6009	AIDS Epidemiology and Control	3
PHC 6539	Health Demography	3

Alternate Courses (6 maximum)

If students are proficient in any one area covered by the required courses, the following courses may be substituted:

PHC 6012	Current Research in Epidemiology	3
PHC 6014	Behavioral Epidemiology	3
PHC 6015	Epidemiology Methods	3
PHC 6016	Social Epidemiology, Health Promotion and Policy	3

Admission Requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university.

Graduation (completion) Requirements

Completion of 18 graduate credits with an overall 'B' average.

Professional Certificate in Family-Focused Health Care Across Cultures

The objective of the certificate is to educate health care practitioners in the use of an international perspective through attitude, thinking processes and practice skills in their approach to health care either locally with ethnic group or abroad. This program responds to the demand for cultural expertise in the local community and worldwide. This program include possibilities for a semester of study abroad. With the exception of the practicum, all courses are entirely web-based.

Admissions

Students must have previously earned a Bachelor's degree in a health of health-related profession. They must be admitted to the certificate program by the Associate Director for the Graduate Program who will serve as the advisor. Students will apply directly to the School of Nursing. They also must complete the online graduate certificate application available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>. Transcripts and previous work are reviewed by the Associate Director for the Graduate Program at the School of Nursing who develops a program of study.

Curriculum

Introduction Seminar (3 weeks)

NGR 5935	Cultural Immersion for International Health Care	1-2
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International Health Core

NGR 5604	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 4610C	Family Theory and Nursing Intervention Across Cultures	3

NGR 5640C	Interdisciplinary Health Care Across Cultures	3
Practicum (3 weeks)		
NGR 5632	Practicum in International Family-Focused Nursing	1

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology

The objective of the certificate is to provide graduate students and qualified practitioners in the field of aging with a range of gerontological courses leading to a specialization in gerontology to supplement their chosen disciplines. Through provision of an in-depth understanding of the bio-socio-psychological nature of the aging process, and the relation of political and economic resources, the program's long range objective is to increase the knowledge and sensitivity of professionals in this area, and thereby improve the service delivery system for the increasingly large population of elderly Floridians.

Admission

Students must have a bachelor's degree and be admitted to the program by the Program Coordinator who will serve as their faculty advisor.

Program of Study (18)

SOW 5641	Understanding the Process of Aging	3
NGR 5250	Physical Change and Healthy Aging	3
HSA 5226	Management of Long Term Care Systems	3

The balance of four courses to be selected from the following areas of concentration. Students who have not had direct practice with older people will be required to select an Individual Study course which will include 225 hours of practicum experience.

Long Term Care Administration

HSA 5225	Long Term Care Management I	3
HSA 5226	Management in Long Term Care	3
HSA 5227	Long Term Care Management II	3
HSA 5454	Ethical Decision Making in Health Services Administration	3
HSA 5816	Practicum in Long Term Care Management	3

Aging and Rehabilitation

OTH 5600	Study of Gerontology as Related to Occupational Therapy	3
OTH 5613	Interdisciplinary Approach to Aging	3
OTH 5630	Occupational Therapy Assessment of the Elderly	3
OTH 5764	Research (<i>topic selected in Geriatric Clinical Specialty</i>)	3
OTH 5905	Independent Study (<i>variable credit</i>)	
PTH 6238	Motor Development: Adult Through Geriatrics	3
PTH 6239	Adult Congenital Handicapping Conditions	3

Psychology of Aging

DEP 5404	Proseminar in Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	3
DEP 6438	Gerontological Assessment	3
DEP 6465	Psychology of Culture and Aging	3
DEP 6446	Cognitive Processes of Aging	3

Social Work Practice with Older Persons

SOW 5605	Medical Social Work	3
SOW 5845C	Counseling the Elderly	3
SOW 5905	Individual Study	1-3

SOW 6245	Social Welfare Policy and Services for the Elderly ¹	3
SOW 6247	Housing and Environmental Needs	3
SOW 6359	Social Work Treatment with Families of Elderly ¹	3
SOW 6646	Social Work Practice with Elderly ¹	3
SOW 6647	Advocacy in Social Work Practice	3
SOW 6649	Social Work Practice in Long Term Care and the Elderly	3

¹Open only to students with MSW degree or students in Master's degree program in Social Work.

Education

ADE 5195	Designing Education and HRD Programs for Disadvantaged Adults	3
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Criminal Justice

CCJ 5935	Special Topics: Crime and the Elderly	3
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Graduate Certificate Program in Health Promotion

The Graduate Certificate Program seeks to provide graduate level instruction in health promotion to non-graduate-degreed practitioners. Students will gain a scientific foundation for designing, conducting, and evaluating health promotion programs in public health, while at the same time benefit from numerous opportunities for practical application. Online Certificate is available.

Program Requirements

The Graduate Certificate Program requires completion of 15 graduate credits. The student must demonstrate proficiency in health promotion design, implementation, and evaluation. If students are proficient in any one area covered by the required courses, alternative courses may be selected. Substitution of courses must be approved by the advisor. A graduate statistics course (biostatistics, social statistics) is a prerequisite.

Students should consult with advisors since new courses are frequently added, and some courses have prerequisites and enrollment stipulations.

Required Courses¹: (15)

PHC 6504	Introduction to Health Education and Wellness	3
PHC 6409	Public Health Behavior Change Theory and Practice	3
PHC 6501	Health Promotion Communication Theory and Design	3
PHC 6750	Program Development and Evaluation in Health Promotion	3
PHC 6589	Health Promotion in Institutional Settings	3

¹If students are proficient in any one area covered by the required courses, the following alternative courses may be substituted:

Alternative Courses: (6 credits maximum)

PHC 6112	Health Risk Appraisal
PHC 7702	Advanced Measurement in Public Health
PHC 6531L	Environmental Health Risk Assessment
PHC 6004	Injury Epidemiology and Prevention
PHC 6520	Public Health Aspects of Foodborne Diseases
PHC 6580	Contemporary Issues in Health

PHC 6530	Promotion Principles of Maternal and Child Health
PHC 6016	Social Epidemiology, Health Promotion, and Policy
PHC 5415	Public Health in Minority/Urban Populations

Admission Requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university.

Graduation (completion) Requirements

Completion of 15 graduate credits with an overall 'B' average and passing the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam.

Graduate Certificate in Health Services Administration

The objective of this graduate certificate is to provide individuals with a basic understanding of the context, management and financial issues for health care organizations.

Admission

Students must have an earned baccalaureate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, OR a composite score on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE of at least 1000 or higher or a GMAT of 500 or higher.

Prerequisite:

Computer Literacy including: Word, Excel and Powerpoint

Program of Study (18)

Students must adhere to prerequisite and sequencing requirements.

HSA 5125 Introduction to Health Services must be taken in the first semester.

All students will take

HSA 5125	Intro to Health Services	3
HSA 6185	Health Organization and Management	3
HSA 6176	Financing and Reimbursement of Health Systems (Prereq: HSA 5125)	3
HSA 6155	Health Policy and Economics (Prereq: PHC 6050)	3
HSA 6186	Leadership and Organizational Behavior in Health Care (Prereq: HSA 6185)	3
HSA 6197	Design and Management of Health Information Systems (Prereq: IHS 6508)	3

Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Policy and Management

Human Resource Policy and Management is designed to give graduate students a range of policy-analytic and management skills. It provides training in alternative personnel systems, (civil service, collective bargaining, privatization and service contracting), personnel techniques for productivity improvement, current issues, and ethics and professionalism. This certificate emphasizes the application of behavioral science concepts and techniques to employers in a multicultural context.

Admission

All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. Students must be admitted to the certificate program. Admission to a certificate program does not ensure admission to the master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) program.

Note: Those students who apply for and are admitted to the Master of Public Administration degree program may have certificate courses credited toward an outside specialization in Human Resource Policy and Management. All the credits earned in a Graduate Certificate Program may be used in a master's degree program provided the student is admitted to the master's degree program prior to the completion of no more than 12 Graduate Certificate credits.

Program of Study (15)**The following course is required:**

URS 6130	Human Resource Policy and Management	3
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Four of the following nine courses must be taken to complete the certificate.

PAD 5043	Government and Minority Group Relations	3
PAD 5427	Collective Bargaining and the Public Sector	3
PAD 5435	Administrator and the Role of Women	3
PAD 5460	Productivity Improvement	3
PAD 5616	Contracting and Managing Third Party Governments	3
URS 6436	Professionalism and Ethics	3
URS 6930	IT & E Government	3
PAD 6605	Administrative Law	3
URS 6654	Applied Organization Theory and Behavior	3

Students must complete their program of study within three years from the date of admission and receive no less than 3.0 GPA.

Graduate Certificate in Justice Administration and Policy Making

The Graduate Certificate in Justice Administration and Policy Making is a professional certificate designed to complement a range of professional activities, academic programs, and degrees in the field of criminal justice. The goals of the program are (1) to stimulate interest in the study of justice administration and policy making at the graduate level, (2) to promote graduate studies with a concentration in criminal justice, and (3) to provide practitioners in the field of criminal justice with a cluster of courses leading to a specialization in criminal justice.

Admission

Students must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Students must be admitted to the certificate program. Admission to the graduate certificate program does not ensure admission to the Master's degree in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) program. *NOTE:* Those students who apply for and are admitted to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree program may have their Certificate credits with a grade of 'B' or better credited toward the Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree, provided the student is admitted to the master's degree program prior to the completion of no more than 12 Graduate Certificate credits.

Program of Study

A total of 15 successfully completed semester hours is required for the award of the Graduate Certificate in Justice Administration and Policy Making. Students must complete their program of study within three years from the date of their admission and receive no less than a 3.0 GPA in their program of study.

Core Required Courses

CCJ 5288	Legal Issues for Criminal Justice Administrators
CCJ 6058	Theory in the Administration of Justice
CCJ 6456	Administration and Management of Justice Agencies
CCJ 6716	Planning and Program Evaluation

Optional Courses

Select one of the following courses: substitution may be made with the approval of the faculty adviser.

CCJ 5605	Deviance and Social Control
CCJ 5935	Special Topics
CCJ 6477	Seminar in Information Systems

Graduate Certificate in Management in Social Work

This graduate certificate provides specialized management training for social work students and professionals planning to enter or work in managerial positions in the social work field. Courses do not meet elective requirements for MSW clinical program.

Requirements: (15 credits)

Required:		
SOW 5344	Theory & Practice with Communities & Organizations	3
URS 6654	Applied Organizational Theory & Behavior	3
SOW 5455	Writing and Managing Grants for Social Service Programs	3
Select 2 from the following 5:		
PAD 6205	Public Financial Management	3
PAD 5435	Administration & the Role of Women	3
HSA 6425	Mental Health Administration & Planning	3
URS 5645	Strategic Planning in Public & Non-Profit Organizations	3
URS 6378	Leadership and Decision Making	3

Nurse Executive Certificate Program

Students who are not seeking the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree, but who still seek professional preparation for a nursing management career are candidates for the Nurse Executive Certificate Program. The purpose of the certificate program is to enhance the knowledge and skills of the first line nursing supervisory staff. These courses can also be applied toward a Nurse Executive graduate (MSN) degree. Eligible candidates for admission to the program must have a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Curriculum

NGR 5730C	Organizational Dynamics of Nursing Systems	3
NGR 6726C	Nursing Management/CQI	3
NGR 5723C	Advanced Nursing Administration I	4
NGR 6724C	Advanced Nursing Administration II	4

Post-Master’s Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

This Post-Master’s Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program is built upon a recent Master’s degree in nursing with a clinical nursing major such as adult health nursing, child health nursing, family health nursing, or psychiatric/mental health nursing. Transcripts of previous work are reviewed by the Graduate Nursing Program Associate Director and a program of study is developed. The Certificate program includes the clinical specialty courses (AHN, CHN, PMHN, or FHN), the role development course, and core courses not covered by transcripts of previous work.

Admission Requirements

1. A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with a clinical nursing specialty from an NLNAC accredited program.
2. A graduate (MSN) grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above.
3. Graduate courses in nursing theory (3 credits) and research (3 credits).
4. State of Florida RN licensure. A photocopy of the license must be submitted along with student’s application to the Post Master’s Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program.
5. Pre-admission interview with a member of the Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee.
6. Two letters of recommendation.

Admission Procedure

1. File application for admission directly to the School of Nursing Graduate Program Office prior to registration.
2. Submit official transcripts of all previous college work, both graduate and undergraduate.
3. Application file should be completed at least two weeks before registration. Qualified applicants will be admitted as non-degree seeking students.

Curriculum

Nurse Practitioner Core (9)

NGR 5035C	Advanced Client Assessment	3
NGR 5141	Pathophysiologic Basis of Adult Nursing	3
NGR 6192	Pharmacological Concepts in Advanced Nursing Practice	3

MSN Core (3)

NGR 5604	Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice	3
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Primary Core (6-8)

NGR 6601C	Advanced Family Health Nursing I	4
NGR 6601L	Advanced Family Health Nursing Practice I	4

Role Development (4)

NGR 6704L	Role Synthesis in Advanced Nursing Practice	4
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Graduate Certificate in Public Management

This graduate certificate program provides students with a thorough understanding of the managerial concepts and techniques of public administration and is designed particularly for those who already have a professional field of specialization.

Admission

All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. Students must be

admitted to the certificate program. Admission to a certificate program does not ensure admission to the master’s degree in Public Administration (MPA) program.

Note: Those students who apply for and are admitted to the Master of Public Administration degree program may have certificate courses credited toward the MPA core. All the credits earned in a Graduate Certificate Program may be used in a master’s degree program provided the student is admitted to the master’s degree program prior to the completion of no more than 12 Graduate Certificate credits.

All certificate applicants will be encouraged to acquire proficiency in the use of microcomputers prior to initial registration.

Program of Study (15)

PAD 6053	Political, Social, and Economic Context of PA	3
URS 6654	Applied Organization Theory and Behavior	3
PAD 6227	Public Finance and & Budgetary Process	3
URS 6930	IT & E Government	3
PAD 6807	Urban and Municipal Government Administration	3

Students must complete their program of study within three years from the date of admission and receive no less than a 3.0 GPA.

Graduate Certificate in Social Work Practice with the Elderly

This graduate certificate provides specialized advanced clinical training for social work students and professionals working with elderly populations.

Requirements: (15 credits)

Required:

SOW 5105	Human Behavior & the Social Environment I or BSSW equivalent	3
SOW 5125	Human Behavior & the Social Environment II – Psychopathology	3
SOW 5324	Theory & Practice with Groups or BSSW equivalent	3

Select 2 from the following (Advanced Standing Students or those with a BSSW degree must select four from the following):

SOW 6646	Social Work Practice with the Elderly	3
SOW 6359	Social Work Treatment with Families of the Elderly	3
SOW 5640	Foundations in Gerontology for Health Professions	3
SOW 5641	Understanding the Process of Aging	3
NGR 5250	Physical Change and Healthy Aging	3
HSA 5226	Management of Long Term Care Systems	3