

# NURSING POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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**Degree Offered:** Advanced Certificate

**Program Leadership:**

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You may also contact the coordinator for the specialty (<https://ucsf.box.com/s/tsi9ynekhbm91nr8po4xrvd4ikln1qu/>) you're interested in if you have questions.

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## Program Description

The Nursing Post-Master's Certificate Program enables nurses with a master's degree in nursing to pursue state certification in an additional specialty area or seek a program of study that may lead to a change in role (e.g., a CNL or CNS seeking an NP specialization certificate).

## Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed and received a master of science degree in nursing, typically MS, MSN or MN.

If accepted, applicants must be licensed by the state Board of Registered Nursing (<https://rn.ca.gov/>) and their nursing license must be recognized as valid for practice within the State of California during the complete course of study. (If your RN is from another U.S. state, or from Canada, you may qualify for Licensure by Endorsement (<https://rn.ca.gov/applicants/lic-end.shtml/>) by the BRN.)

Additional admissions requirements include:

- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions, including any programs in which you are currently enrolled
- Goal statement
- Minimum of 3 letters of recommendation
- Resume or CV
- English proficiency for non-native speakers

Test Type	Minimum Score
TOEFL	92
ILTS	7

Some specialties may have additional requirements. Check the specialty webpages (<https://nursing.ucsf.edu/admissions/welcome-ucsf-nursing/post-masters-and-postdoctoral-studies/post-masters-certificate/>) for more details.

## Learning Outcomes

Advanced preparation as an NP, CNM, CNS, or population health nurse; certification at the state and national level in chosen specialty.

## Degree Requirements

Completion, pending gap analysis, of all didactic and clinical experiences for certification at the state and national level in the chosen specialty. Minimum GPA of 3.0.

## Core Courses

The Post-Master's program does not have a single separate curriculum. Each MS specialty's webpage carries information (<https://nursing.ucsf.edu/academics/programs/master-science-advanced-practice-programs/>) about specific courses and curricula requirements. The specialty coordinator or specialty adviser will work with each student on a gap analysis to determine what specific curricular requirements are required for successful completion of the individual program.