**How to Apply**

**Post Master’s Clinical Nurse Specialist Certificate**

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**Application Deadline**

September 1 for a Spring start

**Prerequisites**

Graduate level course (3 credits each) in Physiology, Physical Assessment and Pharmacology are required with a grade of B or better prior to the start of the program. Courses in physiology and physical assessment must be completed within 5 years and pharmacology must be within 3 years of the start of the program. Note: Evidence of prescriptive authority granted through a State Board of Nursing will be accepted in place of graduate pharmacology.

Applicants must hold a bachelor’s and master’s in nursing from a professionally accredited program with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (4.00 scale) to be considered for admission.

**Application Process**

To be considered for admission, all applicants must apply through the Graduate School’s application system: Panthera. Go to the UWM Graduate School website, and select “Apply”, next, select Graduate Certificate Programs, next, scroll down to Clinical Nurse Specialist, and select.

- Complete online Graduate School Application and include the following materials listed below.
- Pay a nonrefundable application fee
- Upload unofficial transcripts from all and any schools attended (regardless of how long ago it may have been). Applicants will be required to submit official transcripts after an admission offer is accepted
- Upload current resume
- Submit the names and email addresses from 3 different people who are willing to submit a reference for you that are knowledgeable about your academic experience and potential for graduate study in nursing
- Upload Personal Statement: and address the following topics:
  - Professional activities since earning your master’s degree in nursing
  - Rationale for graduate study
  - Strengths you bring to graduate study in nursing at UWM
  - Population(s) of particular interest to you
  - Rationale for selection of program choice
  - Long-range career goals
- Upload RN License (must include license number) License must be from the State of Wisconsin
- Upload Evidence of English Proficiency: The language of instruction at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is English. All international applicants must provide scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with some exceptions. Minimum test scores are located on the Center for International Education/CIE website. See url: http://uwm.edu/cie/ Email questions to: isss@uwm.edu

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