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Clinical Leadership MSN Specialty

The Clinical Leadership MSN specialty is based at UMDNJ's Newark campus.

Role and Qualifications: Graduates of this program will be prepared at the generalist level to assume clinical nurse leader roles at the point of care. The Clinical Nurse Leader oversees the care coordination of a distinct group of patients and actively provides direct patient care in complex situations. The CNL evaluates patient outcomes, assesses cohort risk and has the decision-making authority to change care when necessary. The CNL is a leader in the health care delivery system, and the implementation of this role will vary across settings.

Role Functions: The Clinical Leader will:

- Lead individualized, evidence-based, highly effective care to patients and families
- Create an environment of clinical excellence that results in improved individual and group clinical outcomes on an identified care unit (e.g., hospital unit, public health track, school, occupational setting, etc.)
- Assume clinical responsibility and authority for decision-making regarding patient care
- Engage in peer practice with other health professionals for coordination/collaboration for the total care dynamic.
- Assume leadership in self-governance activities
- Assume leadership in unit-based planning
- Engage staff in review of cost data and implement strategies to improve cost-effectiveness and reduce inefficiencies
- Delegate, educate, and guide staff nurses and other assisting nursing personnel on the clinical/care team
- Manage information and integrate it with clinical practice (collection and review of data)
- Review research and other forms of evidence regarding identified clinical problems
- Communicate research findings and other forms of evidence and assist clinical team to incorporate this material in practice
- Review effectiveness of practice modifications in collaboration with clinical team
- Develop and review population-based care protocols, standards, and practice guidelines

Curriculum: The 33-credit Clinical Leadership MSN can be completed in three (3) semesters of full-time graduate study. Part-time study is also available. Classes will be structured in an innovative manner to allow for flexibility of scheduling. The following is the recommended full-time sequence of nursing graduate courses:

<p><u>Level 1: Semester 1 (Total Credits: 11)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLDR 5101: CNL Role Perspectives 1 cr. • NURS 5104: Pathophysiology 3 cr. • NURS 5106: Culture & Health Disparities 3 cr. • NURS 5102: Nursing Research 4 cr. 	<p><u>Level 2: Semester 2 (Total Credits: 12)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLDR 5202: Clinical Leadership & Care Management 3 cr. • CSPD 5107: Clinical Skills and Physical Diagnosis 3 cr. • CLDR 5203: Information Technology Knowledge Management 3 cr. • NURS 5105: Clinical Pharmacology 3 cr.
<p><u>Level 3: Semester 3 (Total Credits: 10)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLDR 5304: Illness & Disease Management 3 cr. • CLDR 5305: Clinical Nurse Leadership Role Practicum 7 cr. 	

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