

# POST-GRADUATE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN) CERTIFICATE

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- Communicate, collaborate, and consult with members of the interprofessional team in the improvement of patient and population health outcomes.

The Post-Graduate APRN Certificate program is designed for graduate prepared registered nurses who wish to obtain preparation in an additional advanced practice nursing role and/or population, and eligibility for completing the certification examination in that role and/or population. A gap analysis that considers prior graduate level coursework and the recency of that coursework serves as the foundation for an individualized program of study leading to the certificate.

## Program Goal

The goal of the post-graduate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) certificate programs is to prepare APRNs in a selected role and population, with the option of a specialty focus, by building on previous graduate level nursing education.

## Related Programs

### Master's

- Nursing and Healthcare Administration (MSN) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/nursing/nursing-healthcare-administration-msn/>)

### Doctoral

- Nursing (PhD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/nursing/nursing-phd/>)

### Certificate

- Oncology Nursing Certificate (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/nursing/oncology-nursing-certificate/>)

The coursework in the Post-Graduate APRN Certificate Program is individualized, based on prior graduate level coursework in nursing, and the recency of that coursework. At a minimum, students in the Post-Graduate APRN Certificate Program will complete patient care management coursework and clinical practicum experiences relevant to the role and population focus being pursued through the program.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon the successful completion of the Post-Graduate Certificate Program, the graduate will be able to:

- Integrate scientific findings from nursing, healthcare, biopsychosocial fields and public health into values-based advanced practice nursing care.
- Function as a clinical leader, emphasizing ethical and critical decision-making and effective working relationships in the delivery of safe, high quality, patient-centered care.
- Use translational science to integrate evidence into practice.
- Employ advocacy strategies in advanced nursing practice.
- Collaborate with patients, families, and communities, utilizing culturally sensitive, evidence-based strategies for health promotion and disease prevention.