

## University of Virginia

### **Direct Entry MSN: Clinical Nurse Leader Program**

The Direct Entry MSN: Clinical Nurse Leader program takes into account your educational, career, and life experiences as well as your critical thinking ability and maturity as you prepare to become a leader in nursing and health care. The curriculum prepares individuals with undergraduate or graduate degrees in other disciplines to become Registered Nurses who provide direct patient care and who lead at the point of care.

This Clinical Nurse Leader program educates individuals to provide leadership at the point of care. The school admits students each summer into a 24-month, full-time program leading to a master's of science in nursing. The CNL is a nursing generalist, and will be prepared to direct care at the unit level. This could be direct care in an inpatient hospital unit, in an outpatient environment, or in a public/community health setting.

The graduate will be prepared to collect and evaluate patient outcomes, assess cohort risk, and use decision-making authority to change care plans when necessary. The CNL will function as part of an interdisciplinary team by communicating, planning, and implementing care directly with other health care professionals, including physicians, pharmacists, social workers, and advanced practice nurses.

The Direct Entry MSN program is not intended to prepare individuals for a specific job title as a "Clinical Nurse Leader;" graduates will likely obtain various professional positions from different employers. It is also anticipated that new CNL grads will be hired as novice nurses in whatever position they seek. It is expected that graduates will more rapidly rise to positions as Clinician, Team Leader, Patient Care Coordinator, Outcomes Manager, Client Advocate, Systems Analyst/Risk Anticipator, etc. One of the objectives of the Direct Entry CNL program at the University of Virginia is to provide graduates with clinical experiences in different healthcare settings as well as professional skills/abilities that can be used in different environments.

This program is a full-time program that leads to a MSN degree after 24 months. The May 2012 cohort will graduate in May 2014.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Entry to Program \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Grad \_\_\_\_\_

Course  
Number  
Course Name Prerequisite  
Courses  
Credit  
Hours  
Term(s)  
Offered  
Term  
Planned  
Term  
Completed

**Summer Term, Year 1**

NUIP 4200 Pathophysiology 4 Summer  
GCNL 5100 Health Assessment & Clinical  
Interventions  
4 Summer  
GCNL 5140 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:  
Women & Childbearing Families  
GCNL 5100 3 Summer

**Fall Semester, Year 1**

GCNL 5210 Nursing Leadership & Healthcare  
System  
2 Fall  
GCNL 5110 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:  
Nursing Care of Adult & Older Adults  
GCNL 5140 4 Fall  
GCNL 5160 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:  
Persons with Psychiatric Illness  
GCNL 5140 3 Fall  
GNUR 6010 Pathophysiology NUIP 4200 4 Fall  
NUIP 3020 Pharmacology NUIP 4200 3 Fall

**Spring Semester, Year 1**

GCNL 5220 Leading Teams GCNL 5210 1 Spring  
GCNL 5130 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:  
Adults with Common Health Problems  
GCNL 5110,  
GCNL 5160,  
GNUR 6010  
3 Spring  
GCNL 5170 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:  
Complex Health Problems  
GCNL 5110,  
GCNL 5160,  
GNUR 6010  
3 Spring  
GCNL 587 Theory and Evidence-Based Practice 4 Spring  
GNUR 5210 Care Environment Management I 3 Spring

**Summer Session, Year 2**

GCNL 5120 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:

Children & Families

GCNL 5130,

GCNL 5170

3 Spring

GCNL 5150 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:

Community Health

GCNL 5130,

GCNL 5170

3 Summer

GNUR 6060 Culture & Health 2 Summer

**Fall Semester, Year 2**

GCNL 5240 Leadership Seminar GCNL 5220 1 Fall

GCNL 5180 Clinical Practice & Decision-Making:

Synthesis Practicum

GCNL 5120,

GCNL 5150

5 Fall

GNUR 5220 Care Environment Management II GNUR 5210 3 Fall

GNUR 6052 Epidemiology & Global Health 3 Fall, Spring,

Sum

GNUR 6058 Nursing, Ethics and the Larger

Healthcare Arena

3 Fall

**Spring Semester, Year 2**

GCNL 5250 CNL in the Health Care System GCNL 5240 3 Summer

GNUR 6056 Health Policy: Local to Global 3 Spring, Sum

GCNL 5991 CNL Capstone Practicum GCNL 5240, GCNL

5180

5 Summer

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Faculty Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_