

Appendix III-C.3
MSN Curriculum Outline – Clinical Nurse Specialist

Point Loma Nazarene University School of Nursing
 MSN Program Course Progression
 Clinical Nurse Specialist Role

RN Entry (these courses must be completed before moving on to the MSN classes—600 courses)		
FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SESSION
	GNSG 501 Writing/Research inquiry process (3 units—Quad I) GNSG 545 RN to MSN Transition I (4 units—Quad II)	GNSG 546 RN to MSN Transition II (4 units)
	Total – 7 units	Total – 4 units
BSN Entry		
FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SESSIONS
GNSG 601 Theoretical Foundations and Research (4 units)	GNSG 605 – Advanced Assessment and Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (2 units) GNSG 605L –Practicum (2 units) 80 Clinical Hours	GED 670 Advanced Educational Psychology (3 units)
GNSG 602 – Teaching Faithfully: Communicating With Adult Learners in a Diverse Society (2 units)	GNSG 606 Advanced Pathophysiology (3 units)	GED 672 Philosophy of Education (3 units)
	GNSG 604 - Project/Thesis (1 unit)	GNSG 604 - Project/Thesis (1 unit)
Total – 6 units	Total –8 units	Total – 7 units
FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SESSIONS
GNSG 608 - Development of Educational Programs (3 units) GNSG 608L – Nursing Education Role Practicum (2 units) 80 Clinical Hours	GNSG 607 Advanced Pharmacology (3 units)	GNSG 610L, 611L, 612L or 613L Clinical Nursing Specialty Practicum (4 unit) 40 Clinical Hours
GNSG 604 – Project/Thesis (1 unit)	GNSG 604 – Project/Thesis (1 unit)	GNSG 604 – Project/Thesis (1 unit)
GNSG 603 Healthcare Issues, Ethics and Politics (2 units)	GNSG 610, 611, 612, 613 Capstone Nursing Specialty Seminar (2 units) GNSG 610L, 611L, 612L or 613L Clinical Nursing Specialty Practicum (2 units) 80 Clinical Hours	Total Clinical Hours: 400* (Necessary for CA CNS) *An Additional 100 hours are required to sit for ANCC National CNS examination (a total of 500 supervised clinical hours).
Total – 8 units	Total –8 units	Total – 6 units
TOTAL UNITS RN Entry – 54 units		
TOTAL UNITS BSN Entry—43 units		

Choose your clinical specialty from one of 4 areas: 610—Mental Health 611—Medical/Surgical 612—Gerontology 613—Family Health