



Nursing Master of Science

Clinical Nurse Leader Emphasis

Courses are Delivered in Loveland, Greeley & Online

The CNL—A Point-of-Care Leadership Role

The Clinical Nurse LeaderSM or CNL[®] is a fast emerging point-of-care nursing role developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in collaboration with leaders from the education and practice arenas.

CNLs are advanced generalists who have a measurable impact (*source: AACN*) on patient care and safety resulting in

- ◆ Improved care outcomes;
- ◆ Increased patient, nurse and physician satisfaction;
- ◆ An elevated level of practice for all nurses on the unit;
- ◆ Cost savings and the repair of fragmented care.



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NORTHERN COLORADO

Nursing MS: Clinical Nurse Leader

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This Clinical Nurse Leader degree is for nurses looking to provide direct care services while exercising clinical judgement, systems improvement, patient advocacy and communication skills. Though CNLs are leaders, this leadership occurs at the point of care. This role is not focused on nursing administration or management.

Graduates from the UNC CNL program will gain the skills to provide efficient and cost-effective care as they

- ✦ Evaluate patient outcomes;
- ✦ Assess risks;
- ✦ Advocate for patients;
- ✦ Develop quality improvement strategies;
- ✦ Implement evidence-based solutions at the unit level.

CNL Certification

The University of Northern Colorado Nursing MS: Clinical Nurse Leader emphasis prepares graduates to sit for the Clinical Nurse Leader Certification through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC).

CNL Course of Study

The Nursing Master of Science: Clinical Nurse Leader emphasis consists of 36 credits and 450 clinical practicum hours. This program is designed for working nurses. It is delivered in a hybrid (combined face-to-face and online) format and can be tailored to support your professional goals. The CNL program can be completed in three years if attending full time.

Core Courses (12 Hours)

- NURS 504 Quality and Safety in Health Care Systems (3)
- NURS 507 Leadership and Nursing Issues (3)
- NURS 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing (3)
- NURS 606 Research and Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing (3)

Emphasis Courses (24 Hours)

- NURS 610 Health Assessment (3)
- NURS 611 Advanced Pharmacology for Clinical Nurse Leaders (3)
- NURS 614 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
- NURS 620 CNL: Managing Clinical Outcomes (3)
- NURS 625 CNL: Managing Care Environments (3)
- NURS 635 CNL: Developing Leadership Roles (3)
- NURS 681 Advanced Role Practicum for CNLs (6)

Clinical Practicum Hours (450)

Clinical practicum hours are completed while enrolled in the five clinical courses (NURS 610, 620, 625, 635 and 681).

Optional Nursing Education Graduate Certificate Add-On

It is possible to concurrently obtain a Nursing Education Graduate Certificate by taking three additional courses. Please let the program coordinator know if you are interested in this added option.



Eligibility

You must possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLN or NNCE accredited college or university, with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better on the most recent 60 hours of undergraduate coursework. Applicants should have clinical expertise with at least 1–2 years of nursing experience. To take part in the clinical courses, which will take place at facilities in Colorado, students will need proof of current Colorado nursing licensure.

The GRE is not required for admission into the Clinical Nurse Leader program.

Get Started

Students will be admitted via a competitive admission process each year for a fall start. Applications are accepted year-round and class sizes are limited, so be sure to contact the program coordinator for upcoming application deadlines (including priority admission) for the next program start.

The CNL program is the master's degree to allow you to stay at the bedside while providing leadership in health care delivery.

How to Apply

- Step 1:** Contact the CNL program coordinator or UNC School of Nursing (SON) for any questions.
- Step 2:** Fill out the online UNC Graduate School Application and submit the required application materials to the Graduate School.
- Step 3:** Fill out the online SON application (available from the CNL web site at www.unco.edu/nhs/nursing/cnl) and submit all required SON application items.

More contact information is available for each step in the “Whom Do I Contact” section on the back page.





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The UNC School of Nursing

Promoting Excellence for teachers as scholars, in research, leadership and education. The UNC School of Nursing is approved by the Colorado State Board of Nursing and is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The UNC School of Nursing faculty forms a community of nurse scholars committed to creating an environment that promotes intellectual inquiry and sensitivity to a diversity of ideas. Faculty members maintain expertise in the specialty areas in which they teach, as well as in teaching-learning practices. The UNC School of Nursing added distinctive online programs to its educational offerings beginning in 2005 and the faculty are highly qualified in online instruction.

The Clinical Nurse Leader degree is delivered as a hybrid (partially face-to-face in Loveland/Greeley and partially online) program to provide this much-needed emerging education to working nurses from across the area. Contact the CNL program or visit us online to find out more about this nursing degree.

This program is offered as part of the statewide coordinated program of off-campus instruction authorized by and in compliance with policies of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

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Whom Do I Contact?

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