

Appendix C: List of Special Options

BSN Honors Program

The purpose of the BSN Honors Program is to acknowledge, value, and better meet the learning needs of highly capable students who demonstrate above-average levels of intellectual capability, maturity, self-direction, creativity, and curiosity. The BSN Honors Program seeks to provide a qualitatively different educational experience for these students.

The BSN Honors Program offers students the opportunity for:

- Completion of a research or scholarly project in an area of individual interest
- Intellectual stimulation
- Intensive work with a faculty mentor
- Universally recognized academic accomplishment

Honor's students complete an honor's project that may take a variety of forms including a research project, demonstration project, or concept analysis. Students have the opportunity to select a topic of interest to them. SoN faculty members mentor the students with their projects. During the week of graduation, each honors student presents his/her honor's product or thesis.

Students who successfully graduate with honors within their discipline are recognized as graduating with "highest distinction". Students who are admitted to the university honors program during their freshman year, and complete the honors requirements, graduate "with honors". These academic accomplishments are recorded on both the diploma and transcript.

Masters Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN)

MEPN is a two part program aimed to serve applicants without previous nursing preparation who have a baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing field, and who wish to earn a Master of Nursing degree. The first five quarters of MEPN provide a generalist foundation in nursing and qualify the student to take the state RN licensure (NCLEX) examination. MEPN students will be integrated into BSN courses during Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters. Once students have completed the first five quarters of MEPN, they begin regular graduate course work in one of 18 MN focal areas. This MN portion of the program will vary in length depending on the focal area selected and the pace at which a student elects to take MN course work. Some students may opt to complete their MN in one year; others may complete it in no more than 4¾ years.

The Masters Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) is a graduate program that combines the philosophy, purpose and objectives of the UW SoN's current BSN and MN programs. MEPN applicants apply to the UW as Master's students and apply to a specific Master of Nursing focal area at time of application. The UW SoN Master's Entry Program in Nursing has been provisionally approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

MN Focal Areas

The UW SoN offers an incredible variety and quality of masters-level learning opportunities, including the Master of Science (MS) degree and over 15 different Master of Nursing (MN) specialty focal areas. When a student applies to the MN program, s/he also selects the MN focal

area specialty of his/her choice. Each focal area is designed to be completed within two years on a full-time basis. Some focal areas may also be taken on a part-time basis.

- Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AACNP)
- Adult/Older Adult Nurse Practitioner (AOANP)
- Adult & Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (A&WHCNP)
- Advanced Practice Community Health Systems Nursing (APCHSN)
 - [Communities for Youth](#)
 - [Cross Cultural Nursing](#)
 - [Healthy Aging](#)
 - [Occupational Health Nursing](#)
 - [Rural Health](#)
- [Advanced Practice Forensic Nurse Specialist](#) (APFNS)
- [Advanced Practice Genetics Nurse](#) (APGN)
- [Advanced Practice Independent Options in Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems](#) (APIO)
- [Family Nurse Practitioner](#) (FNP)
- [Independent Master of Nursing](#) (IMN)
 - [Family and Child Health](#)
 - [Nurse Educator](#)
- [Infectious Disease Adult Nurse Practitioner](#) (ID-ANP)
- [Infectious Disease and Infection Nurse Specialist](#) (IDINS)
- [Neonatal Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist](#) (NNP)
- [Nurse Midwifery](#) (NM)
- [Pediatric Nurse Practitioner](#) (PNP)
- [Perinatal Nurse Specialist](#)
- [Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner](#) (PMHNP)
- [Rural-Adult Nurse Practitioner](#) (R-ANP)

MS Focal Areas

Clinical Informatics and Patient-Centered Technologies is the first UW SoN [Master of Science](#) focal area. Students may opt for this structured focal area or may choose to design a program of study in collaboration with a faculty committee that is specific to their individualized needs.

Graduate Certificate Program in Advanced Practice Nursing (GCPAPN)

The SoN worked with the Graduate School Council in 2003 to create a Graduate Certificate Program in Advanced Practice Nursing (GCPAPN) for post-masters and/or currently matriculated graduate students. This certificate program provides the structure for the School to develop and implement approved pathways of the GCPAPN such as: nurse practitioner (NP) focal areas (adult acute care; adult/older adult; family; pediatric; psychiatric mental health; adult and women's primary care; advanced home care), and non-NP focal areas such as care systems; community health; education; informatics; occupational health; and a variety of clinical nurse specialty areas. The five pathways of the GCPAPN that have already been approved are:

- Infant Mental Health GCPAPN
- Adult Psychiatric Mental Health NP GCPAPN
- Infectious Disease & Infection Control GCPAPN
- Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist GCPAPN
- Nurse Educator Specialist Training GCPAPN
- Forensic Nurse Speciliast GCPAPN