

**CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING**  
**Program of Study – Master of Science in Nursing**  
**Neonatal Clinical Nurse Specialist**

Course Number	Course Name	Prereqs	Coreqs	Pre or Coreqs	Credits	Semester Regularly Offered
<b>Research and Theory Core Courses</b>						
NUR 683	Statistics and Data Analysis for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	UG statistics course			3	Sp
NUR 685	Exploring Evidence for Improving Outcomes	NUR 683			3	Su
NUR 686	Evaluative Methods for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	NUR 685			3	F
	<b>Total</b>				<b>9</b>	
<b>Leadership and Policy Core Courses</b>						
NUR 687	Care Management and Outcomes Improvement				3	F
MHE 607	Practical Ethics in Health Care Settings				3	F, Sp, Su
	<b>Total</b>				<b>6</b>	
<b>Role Support Core Courses</b>						
NUR 607	Pharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing Practice				3	F
NUR 653	Advanced Pathophysiology for NNP's				3	F
NUR 693	Diagnostic Reasoning for the Advanced Practice Nurse	NUR 653			1	Sp
NUR 752	Embryology and Genetics of the Developing Newborn ( <i>Elective</i> )				0-2	Su, F
NUR 615	Advanced Neonatal Assessment	2000 hours of direct patient care experience; NUR 653	NUR 616	NUR 693	2	Sp
NUR 616	Practicum I: Neonatal Assessment ( <b>75 clinical hours</b> )	NUR 653	NUR 615	NUR 693	1	Sp
NUR 707	Clinical Specialization: Influencing Nursing Practice and Care Management	NUR 687	NUR 616		1	Sp
NUR 710	Clinical Specialization: Ensuring Safety and Quality of Nursing Practice	NUR 707	NUR 726		1	Su
NUR 692	Financial Organization of U.S. Healthcare				2	F, Su
	<b>Total</b>				<b>14-16</b>	
<b>Specialty and Role Courses</b>						
NUR 633	General Neonatal Management	NUR 607 NUR 615 NUR 687 NUR 693	NUR 726		1	Su
NUR 726	Practicum II: Clinical Nurse Specialist ( <b>150 clinical hours</b> )	NUR 615 NUR 616 NUR 683 NUR 707	NUR 633 NUR 710	NUR 685	2	Su
NUR 643	Management of the High Risk Neonate I	NUR 633	NUR 728		4	F
NUR 728	Practicum III: Clinical Nurse Specialist ( <b>150 clinical hours</b> )	NUR 710 NUR 726	NUR 643	NUR 686	2	F
NUR 702	Management of the High Risk Neonate II	NUR 643	NUR 748		2	Sp
NUR 748	Residency: Clinical Nurse Specialist ( <b>300 clinical hours</b> )	Successful completion of all required theory and research core, leadership and policy core, role support core, and specialty and role courses	NUR 702		4	Sp
	<b>Total</b>				<b>15</b>	
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>44-46*</b>	

**\*Note: Program of Study includes 675 supervised clinical hours.**

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**Student Plan of Study – Master of Science in Nursing**  
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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

FALL ADMISSION 5 terms	SPRING ADMISSION 7 terms	FALL ADMISSION 8 terms
		<b>Fall – Year 1</b> MHE 607 - Practical Ethics in Health Care Settings ... 3 NUR 687 - Care Management and Outcomes Improvement ..... 3 <b>Total ..... 6</b>
	<b>Spring – Year 1</b> NUR 683 - Statistics and Data Analysis for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice ..... 3	<b>Spring – Year 1</b> NUR 683 - Statistics and Data Analysis for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice ..... 3
	<b>Summer – Year 1</b> NUR 685 - Exploring Evidence for Improving Health Outcomes ..... 3 NUR 752 - Embryology and Genetics of the Developing Newborn (Elective) ..... 0-2 <b>Total ..... 3-5</b>	<b>Summer – Year 1</b> NUR 685 - Exploring Evidence for Improving Health Outcomes ..... 3 NUR 752 - Embryology and Genetics of the Developing Newborn (Elective) ..... 0-2 <b>Total ..... 3-5</b>
<b>Fall – Year 1</b> MHE 607 - Practical Ethics in Health Care Settings .... 3 NUR 607 - Pharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing Practice ..... 3 NUR 653 - Advanced Pathophysiology for NNP's ..... 3 NUR 687 - Care Management and Outcomes Improvement ..... 3 <b>Total ..... 12</b>	<b>Fall – Year 1</b> MHE 607 - Practical Ethics in Health Care Settings ... 3 NUR 607 - Pharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing Practice ..... 3 NUR 653 - Advanced Pathophysiology for NNP's ..... 3 NUR 687 - Care Management and Outcomes Improvement ..... 3 <b>Total ..... 12</b>	<b>Fall – Year 2</b> NUR 607 - Pharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing Practice ..... 3 NUR 653 - Advanced Pathophysiology for NNP's ..... 3 <b>Total ..... 6</b>
<b>Spring – Year 1</b> NUR 615 - Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment .... 2 NUR CCC - Diagnostic Reasoning for the Advanced Practice Nurse ..... 1 NUR 616 - Practicum I: Neonatal Assessment (75 clinical hours) ..... 1 NUR 683 - Statistics and Data Analysis for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice ..... 3 NUR 707 - Clinical Specialization: Influencing Nursing Practice and Care Management) ..... 1 <b>Total ..... 8</b>	<b>Spring – Year 2</b> NUR 615 - Advanced Neonatal Health Assessment .... 2 NUR 616 - Practicum I: Neonatal Assessment (75 clinical hours) ..... 1 NUR 693 - Diagnostic Reasoning for the Advanced Practice Nurse ..... 1 NUR 707 - Clinical Specialization: Influencing Nursing Practice and Care Management) ..... 1 <b>Total ..... 5</b>	<b>Spring – Year 2</b> NUR 615 - Advanced Neonatal Assessment ..... 2 NUR 616 - Practicum I: Neonatal Assessment (75 clinical hours) ..... 1 NUR 693 - Diagnostic Reasoning for the Advanced Practice Nurse ..... 1 NUR 707 - Clinical Specialization: Influencing Nursing Practice and Care Management) ..... 1 <b>Total ..... 5</b>
<b>Summer – Year 1</b> NUR 633 - General Neonatal Management ..... 1 NUR 685 - Exploring Evidence for Improving Outcomes ..... 3 NUR 710 - Clinical Specialization: Ensuring Safety and Quality of Nursing Practice ..... 1 NUR 726 - Practicum II: Clinical Nurse Specialist (150 clinical hours) ..... 2 <b>Total ..... 7</b>	<b>Summer – Year 2</b> NUR 633 - General Neonatal Management ..... 1 NUR 710 - Clinical Specialization: Ensuring Safety and Quality of Nursing Practice ..... 1 NUR 726 - Practicum II: Clinical Nurse Specialist (150 clinical hours) ..... 2 <b>Total ..... 4</b>	<b>Summer – Year 2</b> NUR 633 - General Neonatal Management ..... 1 NUR 710 - Clinical Specialization: Ensuring Safety and Quality of Nursing Practice ..... 1 NUR 726 - Practicum II: Clinical Nurse Specialist (150 clinical hours) ..... 2 <b>Total ..... 4</b>
<b>Fall – Year 2</b> NUR 643 - Management of the High Risk Neonate I ... 4 NUR 686 - Evaluative Methods for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice ..... 3 NUR 692 - Financial Organization of US Healthcare ..... 2 NUR 728 - Practicum III: Clinical Nurse Specialist (150 clinical hours) ..... 2 <b>Total ..... 11</b>	<b>Fall – Year 2</b> NUR 643 - Management of the High Risk Neonate I ... 4 NUR 686 - Evaluative Methods for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice ..... 3 NUR 692 - Financial Organization of US Healthcare ..... 2 NUR 728 - Practicum III: Clinical Nurse Specialist (150 clinical hours) ..... 2 <b>Total ..... 11</b>	<b>Fall – Year 3</b> NUR 643 - Management of the High Risk Neonate I ... 4 NUR 686 - Evaluative Methods for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice ..... 3 NUR 692 - Financial Organization of US Healthcare ..... 2 NUR 728 - Practicum III: Clinical Nurse Specialist (150 clinical hours) ..... 2 <b>Total ..... 11</b>
<b>Spring – Year 2</b> NUR 702 - Management of the High Risk Neonate II ..... 2 NUR 748 - Residency: Clinical Nurse Specialist (300 clinical hours) ..... 4 <b>Total ..... 6</b>	<b>Spring – Year 3</b> NUR 702 - Management of the High Risk Neonate II ..... 2 NUR 748 - Residency: Clinical Nurse Specialist (300 clinical hours) ..... 4 <b>Total ..... 6</b>	<b>Spring – Year 3</b> NUR 702 - Management of the High Risk Neonate II ..... 2 NUR 748 - Residency: Clinical Nurse Specialist (300 clinical hours) ..... 4 <b>Total ..... 6</b>
<b>Grand Total Credit Hours</b> 44	<b>Grand Total</b> 44-46	<b>Grand Total</b> 44-46
<b>Grand Total Clinical Hours</b> 675	<b>Grand Total Clinical Hours</b> 675	<b>Grand Total Clinical Hours</b> 675

During the first semester of enrollment, the student and the academic advisor must develop an official program plan. The original plan and any variation from it after matriculation must be approved by the advisor and by the Program Chair for Advanced Practice Nursing – Clinical Nurse Specialists.

**Signatures below indicate an understanding of these statements.**

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Student's Signature Date

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Advisor's Signature Date

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Program Chair's Signature Date