CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS

On July 20, 2007, Governor Rendell signed into law Act 49 of 2007. This act amends the Professional Nursing Law to provide official recognition of the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS).

The State Board of Nursing is currently in the process of developing regulations for the certification of clinical nurse specialists in Pennsylvania.

Board Recognized Accrediting Bodies for Clinical Nurse Specialists Educational Programs in Pennsylvania

There are two Board recognized national accrediting bodies for the Clinical Nurse Specialists programs in Pennsylvania. The two accrediting bodies are:

NLNAC – National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

CCNE – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD APPROVED* CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Program	Phone	Program Director	Accreditation
Acute Care Advanced Practice Nurse Program Thomas Jefferson University Jefferson School of Nursing 130 S 9th Street Philadelphia PA 19107	215-503-8057	Beth Ann Swan, PhD, CRNP, FAAN	CCNE
Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Program Duquesne University School of Nursing 600 Forbes Avenue / Fisher Hall Pittsburgh PA 15282	412-396-6000	Dr. Eileen Zungolo, EdD, RN, FAAN, CNE Dr. Lynn Simko, PhD, RN, CCRN	CCNE
Administration The Pennsylvania State University The School of Nursing 201 Health and Human Development East University Park PA 16802-6508	814-863-0245	Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN	CCNE & NLNAC
Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist - Administration York College of Pennsylvania Dept. of Nursing Master of Science Nursing Program York PA 17405-7199	717-815-1462	Lynn S. Warner, DNSc, RN	CCNE
Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist - Education York College of Pennsylvania Dept. of Nursing Master of Science Nursing Program York PA 17405-7199	717-815-1462	Lynn S. Warner, DNSc, RN	CCNE
Adult Health The Pennsylvania State University The School of Nursing 201 Health and Human Development East University Park PA 16802-6508	814-863-0245	Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN	CCNE & NLNAC

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Program	Phone	Program Director	Accreditation
Adult Advanced Practice Nurse (AAPN) Program DeSales University 2755 Station Avenue Center Valley PA 18034	610-282-1100	Carol G. Mest, PhD, RN, ANP-BC	NLNAC
Adult Advanced Practice Nurse Program Thomas Jefferson University Jefferson School of Nursing 130 S 9th Street Philadelphia PA 19107	215-503-8057	Beth Ann Swan, PhD, CRNP, FAAN	CCNE
Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Option Bloomsburg University 3109 McCormick Center for Human Services 400 East Second Street Bloomsburg PA 17815-1301	570-389-4423	Michelle Ficca, RN, DNSc	CCNE
Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Program Misericordia University Graduate Nursing Programs 301 Lake Street Dallas PA 18612	866-262-6363	Cheryl A. Fuller, PhD, CRNP	CCNE
Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Program The University of Scranton Department of Nursing 800 Linden Street Scranton PA 18510	570-941-4060	Mary Jane S. Hanson, PhD, RN, APRN-BC, CRNP	CCNE
Adult Health Nursing Widener University One University Place Chester PA 19013-5792	610-499-4212	Donna Callaghan, DNSc, APRN, BC	CCNE
Adult Health and Illness Clinical Nurse Specialist Track LaSalle University School of Nursing and Health Sciences Graduate Nursing Program 1900 W. Olney Avenue Philadelphia PA 19141	215-951-1322	Patti Rager Zuzelo, EdD, MSN, ACNS-BC	CCNE
Clinical Nurse Specialist option within the Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing Claire M. Fagin Hall 418 Curie Boulevard Philadelphia PA 19104	215-898-8281	Deborah E. Becker, PhD, CRNP, BC	CCNE
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult Med/Surg Concentration University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing 3500 Victoria Street Pittsburgh PA 15261	412-624-4141	Patricia K. Tuite, MSN, RN, CCRN	CCNE
Clinical Trials Research The Pennsylvania State University The School of Nursing 201 Health and Human Development East University Park PA 16802-6508	814-863-0245	Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN	CCNE & NLNAC

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Program	Phone	Program Director	Accreditation
Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Option Bloomsburg University 3109 McCormick Center for Human Services 400 East Second Street Bloomsburg PA 17815-1301	570-389-4423	Michelle Ficca, RN, DNSc	CCNE
Community Health The Pennsylvania State University The School of Nursing 201 Health and Human Development East University Park PA 16802-6508	814-863-0245	Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN	CCNE & NLNAC
Community Health Nursing Holy Family University 9801 Frankford Avenue Philadelphia PA 19114-2009	215-637-7700	Kathleen A. McMullen, PhD, RN	CCNE
Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist West Chester University of Pennsylvania Department of Nursing West Chester PA 19383-2520	610-436-1000	Patricia Ann Coghlan Stowe, DNSc, RN	CCNE
Community Health Nursing Widener University One University Place Chester PA 19013-5792	610-499-4212	Joyce Rasin, PhD, RN	CCNE
Emergency/Critical Care Nursing Widener University One University Place Chester PA 19013-5792	610-499-4212	Mary Baumberger-Henry, DNSc, RN	CCNE
Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist Gwynedd-Mercy College School of Nursing 1325 Sumneytown Pike PO Box 901 Gwynedd Valley PA 19437	215-646-7300	Barbara Jones, DNSc, RN	NLNAC
Gerontological Nursing Wilkes University Department of Nursing Pearsall Hall 109 South Franklin Street Wilkes-Barre PA 18766	570-408-4071	Deborah Zbegner, DNSc, CRNP Bridgette Zielinski, PhD, RN	CCNE
Gerontology The Pennsylvania State University The School of Nursing 201 Health and Human Development East University Park PA 16802-6508	814-863-0245	Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN	CCNE & NLNAC
Medical-Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist Program Gannon University Villa Maria School of Nursing/Graduate Nursing 109 University Square Erie PA 16541-0001	814-871-5520	Sharon J. Thompson, PhD, RN, MPH	CCNE
Oncological Clinical Nurse Specialist Gwynedd-Mercy College School of Nursing 1325 Sumneytown Pike PO Box 901 Gwynedd Valley PA 19437	215-646-7300	Barbara Jones, DNSc, RN	NLNAC

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Program	Phone	Program Director	Accreditation
Pediatric Advanced Practice Nurse Program Thomas Jefferson University Jefferson School of Nursing 130 S 9th Street Philadelphia PA 19107	215-503-8057	Beth Ann Swan, PhD, CRNP, FAAN	CCNE
Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Gwynedd-Mercy College School of Nursing 1325 Sumneytown Pike PO Box 901 Gwynedd Valley PA 19437	215-646-7300	Barbara Jones, DNSc, RN	NLNAC
Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Option University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing Claire M. Fagin Hall 418 Curie Boulevard Philadelphia PA 19104	215-898-8281	Jacqueline Scharff, LMFT, MA, RN, CS	CCNE
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Widener University One University Place Chester PA 19013-5792	610-499-4212	Marye O'Reilly-Knapp, DNSc, RN, CCNS	CCNE
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Wilkes University Department of Nursing Pearsall Hall 109 South Franklin Street Wilkes-Barre PA 18766	570-408-4071	Deborah Zbegner, DNSc, CRNP Bridgette Zielinski, PhD, RN	CCNE
Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Program Duquesne University School of Nursing 600 Forbes Avenue / Fisher Hall Pittsburgh PA 15282	412-396-6000	Eileen Zungolo, EdD, RN, FAAN, CNE Rick Zoucha, PhD, APRN, BC, CTN	CCNE
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Psychiatric Mental Health Concentration University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing 3500 Victoria Street Pittsburgh PA 15261	412-624-4141	Kathy Puskar, DrPH, RN, CS, FAAN	CCNE
Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Temple University Department of Nursing 3307 North Broad Street Philadelphia PA 19140	215-707-4686	Carol Dakin, PhD, RN	CCNE

* Programs included on this list have met the requirements of the Professional Nursing Law §6.2(c). By virtue of a program being included on this list does not indicate the Board of Nursing's assurance that program graduates will be eligible to sit for examination leading to national certification as a clinical nurse specialist after program completion.

Additional clinical nurse specialist program names will be added to this list upon receipt of the necessary information from the programs as required by the Professional Nursing Law §6.2(c)(3).