

College of Nursing

IBHE CERTIFICATE IN ADMINISTRATIVE NURSING LEADERSHIP

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The ANL Certificate Program consists of 18 graduate credit hours and can be completed in three semesters of part-time study. Students are enrolled in 6 credit hours of course work each semester, beginning with either the fall or spring semester of the academic year. Classes are not held in the summer semester. All courses will be conducted in the online format. Upon completion of the certificate program, students may be eligible to sit for the credentialing exam in Nursing Administration (CNA) offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center if they also meet the other educational and practice requirements set for this exam.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

IBHE Certificate

- **Prior Degrees** Baccalaureate degree in nursing.
- **Grade Point Average** A minimum overall GPA of 2.75/4.00 for the last 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of course work.
- **License** Applicants must be licensed to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction.
- **Other Requirements** Prior experience as a registered nurse. Previous management experience is preferred but not required.
- **Deadlines** The application deadlines are as follows: fall semester is August 1; spring semester is December 1; and summer session is May 1.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

IBHE Certificate

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 18. Students who successfully complete the certificate program may petition to transfer 18 hours of academic credit to the master's program in Nursing Administration. Students have up to five years to transfer the course work into a degree program at UIC. Students who wish to earn an MS in Nursing must apply to the UIC Graduate College for admission and be accepted into the College of Nursing graduate degree program. Student must receive a minimum grade of B in each course to be transferred to the degree program.
- **Course Work** The following courses are required for the ANL certificate. They may be taken in any order.

- NUAS 501, 502, 505, 512, 517; BHIS 510. No transfer courses will be accepted for the ANL certificate.

NURSING PRACTICE

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The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is a practice-focused doctoral program that prepares nursing leaders for the highest level of nursing practice beyond the initial preparation in the discipline. Throughout the program students will develop the clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership skills that will enable them to design and implement programs of care delivery which significantly impact healthcare outcomes and have the potential to transform healthcare delivery. Graduates of DNP programs are prepared for direct care roles (e.g. and nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse midwives) and indirect care or systems-focused roles (e.g., administrative, public health, and policy roles), or a blend of these roles.

In addition to core courses that develop clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership skills, each student completes a clinical residency to develop expertise in one area of specialized doctoral nursing practice. During the clinical residency, students design, implement, and evaluate a transdisciplinary project related to a selected population of interest. A project proposal, which will include the complete plan of the project, must be submitted in writing and orally defended and subsequently approved by a three-person committee. Final written and orally presented reports of the project are disseminated at a peer-reviewed professional meeting and in a manuscript suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Admission Requirements

Individuals with either a bachelor's degree or master's degree in nursing will be eligible for admission to the program. It is recommended that students applying to the Concentration in Executive Nursing Leadership have a master's degree in administrative nursing or equivalent course work or experience. The Admission Committee will consider applicants on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

Doctor of Nursing Practice

- **Prior Degrees** The Admission Committee reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any graduate work completed by an applicant and may limit transfer credit.
- **Grade Point Average** A minimum of 3.00/4.00 for all work beyond the baccalaureate level and at least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GRE General.

- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 550 (paper-based); 213 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required; the letters should describe the applicant's academic skills and accomplishments.
- **Supplementary Information** Each applicant is required to submit a Supplementary Information Form addressing his or her goals for doctoral nursing practice and career development.
- **Admission Interviews** Suitable candidates will be contacted by a faculty member for an interview.
- **License** Applicants must be licensed to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction.

Other Requirements

- **Professional Nursing License** All students must obtain a State of Illinois Registered Nurse (RN) License prior to beginning the clinical residency. Information about nursing licensure in Illinois may be obtained from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Web site <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/WHO/nurs.asp>

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

Doctor of Nursing Practice

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** Students entering the program must complete a minimum of 90 semester hours of credit beyond the baccalaureate degree. Forty-five semester hours of credit may be awarded for a master's degree completed either at UIC or another accredited institution. All students, however, are required to earn a minimum of 45 semesters of credit in formal course work in the DNP program. Actual semester hours required will vary by concentration.
- **Course Work** *BSN to DNP Curriculum: Core Practice Competency Courses* (32 hours)—NUSC 503, 507, 509, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529; EPID 400 or 403; BHIS 510; NUAS 502, 517.
- *BSN to DNP Curriculum: Specialty-Specific and Role Competency Courses* (38–48 hours).
- *Direct Care Roles:* Nurse Practitioner (acute care, adult, geriatric, adult/geriatric, pediatric, women's health, family, mental health, occupational health, school health), Nurse Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist (acute care, geriatric, pediatric, perinatal, mental health).
- *Systems-Focused or Blended Roles:* Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist, Occupational Health Nurse Specialist.
- *BSN to DNP Curriculum: DNP Synthesis Project and DNP Residency* (20 hours)—NUSC 572, 574, 576, 582 or 586, 583 or 587.
- *MS to DNP Curriculum: Core Practice Competency Courses* (25 hours)—EPID 400 or 403; BHIS 510; NUSC 503, 507, 509; NUAS 502, 517; graduate-level electives to support Direct Care or Systems-Focused practice.
- *MS to DNP Curriculum, Concentration in Executive Nursing Leadership: Core Practice Competency Courses* (31 hours)—EPID 400 or 403; NUSC 503, 507, 509; NUAS 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565 (at least 1 hour); 5 hours of

graduate-level electives (may include additional hours of NUAS 565).

- *MSN to DNP Curriculum: DNP Synthesis Project and DNP Residency* (20 hours)—NUSC 572, 574, 576, 582 or 586, 583 or 587.
- **Preliminary Examination** During the DNP Synthesis Project Development course (NUSC 572), the student works with a transdisciplinary committee to design a doctoral nursing clinical practice project related to a population of interest. In the course of developing the synthesis project proposal, students will conduct an integrative review of the literature that demonstrates the state of the science and the significance of their proposed project. Preparation and defense of the project proposal is equivalent to the preliminary examination process.

NURSING SCIENCE

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Master of Science: Maternal-Child 20FS1501MS (Chicago), 20FS1501MS5 (Peoria), 20FS1501MS6 (Quad Cities), 20FS1501MS7 (Rockford), 20FS1501MS1 (Urbana).

Master of Science: Medical-Surgical 20FS1502MS (Chicago), 20FS1502MS5 (Peoria), 20FS1502MS6 (Quad Cities), 20FS1502MS7 (Rockford), 20FS1502MS1 (Urbana).

Master of Science: Mental Health 20FS1503MS (Chicago), 20FS1503MS5 (Peoria), 20FS1503MS6 (Quad Cities), 20FS1503MS7 (Rockford), 20FS1503MS1 (Urbana).

Master of Science: Public Health 20FS1504MS (Chicago), 20FS1504MS5 (Peoria), 20FS1504MS6 (Quad Cities), 20FS1504MS7 (Rockford), 20FS1504MS1 (Urbana).

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The College of Nursing offers work leading to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Nursing. Programs of study are available in Administrative Studies in Nursing; Women, Children, and Family Health Science; Biobehavioral Health Science; Mental Health Nursing; and Public Health Nursing. Interdepartmental concentrations in Gender and Women's Studies and in Neuroscience are available to doctoral students; and the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health is available to master's and doctoral students. In addition, the college participates with the Liataud Graduate School of Business in the MS in Nursing/MBA joint degree program, with the School of Public Health in the MS in Nursing/MPH joint degree program, and with the Department of Biomedical and Health Information Sciences in the MS in

Nursing/MS in Health Informatics joint degree program. The College of Nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Admission Requirements

Transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

- **Baccalaureate Field** Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree with an upper-division major in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program or a baccalaureate degree in another field and have graduated from a nursing program preparing the student for registered professional nursing. For the student with a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing, the courses NUSC 210, 242, and 385 must be completed. Additional course work may be required in some specializations. Consult the College of Nursing's *Graduate Manual*.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GRE General. Applicants to the MS/MBA joint degree program may substitute the GMAT. The GRE is waived for applicants with a 3.25/4.00 GPA in the last 60 hours of their degree.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 550 (paper-based); 213 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required; the letters should describe the applicant's suitability for further study in professional nursing.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The statement should address the applicant's previous work and academic experience.
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must be licensed to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction. Applicants whose baccalaureate degree is in a nonnursing field have additional course requirements. Applicants must be interviewed by a graduate faculty member in the program area selected.

Master of Science Graduate Entry Program

- **Graduate Entry Program** The Graduate Entry Program is designed for individuals who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing and wish to become an advanced practice nurse. The program begins every January with a highly intensive 15-month program in the foundations of nursing, which prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After successful completion of the exam, students complete a master's degree.
- **Baccalaureate Field** Baccalaureate degree, no restrictions.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GRE General. Applicants to the MS/MBA may substitute the GMAT.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 550 (paper-based); 213 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21

(new Internet-based TOEFL).

- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required; the letters should describe the applicant's suitability for study in professional nursing.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The statement should address the applicant's professional and academic goals.
- **Prior Academic Course Work** Prior (within five years of matriculation) academic work must include English Composition (6 semester hours), General Biology or Chemistry (4 sh) Human Anatomy and Physiology (8 sh), Humanities (6 sh in two different fields), Introduction to Research Methods (3 sh), and Social Sciences (6 sh in two different fields).
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must be interviewed by a GEP faculty member and a graduate faculty member in the selected specialty area.

MS in Nursing/MBA

Prospective students for the joint degree program must apply and be admitted to both programs. The requirements for admission to the MS program are listed above. Consult the College of Business Administration for information on the admission requirements of the MBA program.

MS in Nursing/MPH

Prospective students for the joint degree program must apply and be admitted to both programs. The requirements for admission to the MS program are listed above. Consult the School of Public Health for information on the admission requirements of the MPH program.

MS in Nursing/MS in Health Informatics

Prospective students for the joint degree program must apply and be admitted to both programs. The requirements for the MS in nursing section are listed above. Consult the College of *Applied Health Sciences* section of the catalog for information on the admission requirements of the MS in Health Informatics program.

Doctor of Philosophy

- **Baccalaureate Field** Applicant must have a baccalaureate degree with an upper-division major in nursing or a master's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program. Applicants who have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited nursing program, but have a master's degree in a field other than nursing are also eligible for consideration for admission. Students enrolled in graduate study in nursing at UIC may continue their graduate study in the doctoral program after being approved by the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee of the College of Nursing.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.
- **Tests Required** GRE General.
- **Minimum TOEFL Score** 550 (paper-based); 213 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required. The letters should describe the applicant's suitability for further study in professional nursing.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The statement should address the applicant's overall career goals, previous work, and academic experience.
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must be licensed

to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction. Applicants must be interviewed by a graduate faculty member in the program area selected. Admission is conditional on the availability of a faculty expert in the student's research area.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** Varies by concentration.
- *Maternal-Child Nursing:* Nurse Midwifery, 58–60; Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, 46–48; Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, 45–47; Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist, 46–48; Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, 58–60 .
- *Medical-Surgical Nursing:* Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, 45–47; Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, 45–47; Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, 52–54; Adult Nurse Practitioner, 45–47; Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, 46–48; Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, 46–48.
- *Mental Health Nursing:* Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, 46–48; Mental Health Nurse Practitioner 49–51.
- *Nursing:* Administrative Studies in Nursing, 36–39.
- *Public Health Nursing:* Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist, 39–44; Family Nurse Practitioner, 51–54; Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist, 41–46; Occupational Health/Family Nurse Practitioner, 67–70; School/Family Nurse Practitioner, 58–63; School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist, 39–46.
- **Course Work Required Core Courses:** NUSC 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598 are required for all concentrations.
- **Concentration Courses:**
- *Maternal-Child Nursing:* Nurse Midwifery—NUSC 531, 532, and 535; NUMC 507, 508, 515, 517, 518, 519, 524, 525, and 528.
- *Maternal-Child Nursing:* Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 500, 531, 532, and 535; NUMC 502, 504, 510, 515, 520, 521, and 522.
- *Maternal-Child Nursing:* Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, 533, and 535; NUMC 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, and 515.
- *Maternal-Child Nursing:* Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 500, 531, and 532; NUMC 502, 504, 507, 508, 515, 520, 521, and 522.
- *Maternal-Child Nursing:* Women's Health Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 535; NUMC 507, 508, 517, 518, 519, 524, and 525; NUWH elective.
- *Medical-Surgical Nursing:* Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 500, 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 510, 515, 520, 521, 523, 525, and 527.
- *Medical-Surgical Nursing:* Acute Care Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 510, 515, 520, 521, 522, 524, and 526.
- *Medical-Surgical Nursing:* Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 533. NUMS 510, 515, 520, 521, 522, 524, 526, and 528.
- *Medical-Surgical Nursing:* Adult Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 533. NUMS 510, 515, 520, 521, 522, 524, and 526.
- *Medical-Surgical Nursing:* Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 500, 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 510, 515, 520, 521, 523, 525, and 527.
- *Medical-Surgical Nursing:* Geriatric Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 510, 515, 520, 521, 522, 524, and 526.
- *Mental Health Nursing:* Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 531, 532, and 533; NUPS 500, 515, 516, 517, 518, 521, and 522.
- *Mental Health Nursing:* Mental Health Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 533. NUPS 500, 515, 516, 517, 518, 521, 522, 523; PSCH 467 or a comparable neuroscience course approved by the advisor.
- *Nursing:* Administrative Studies in Nursing—NUAS 501, 502, 505, 512, 517, and 520; HPA 511 or MGMT 541; electives.
- *Public Health Nursing:* Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUPH 505, 507, 509, 511, 512, 517, and 520; EOHS 400; EPID 400.
- *Public Health Nursing:* Family Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUSC 531, 532 and 535; NUPH 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 547, and 548; EPID 400.
- *Public Health Nursing:* Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUPH 504, 505, 509, 511, 517, and 520. EPID 400; EOHS 421, 455, 482, and 551.
- *Public Health Nursing:* Occupational Health/Family Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUSC 531, 532 and 535; NUPH 504, 509, 511, 529, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, and 545; EOHS 421, 455, 482, and 551; EPID 400.
- *Public Health Nursing:* School/Family Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUSC 531, 532, and 535; NUPH 502, 505, 519, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 547, 548; EPID 400.
- *Public Health Nursing:* School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUPH 502, 505, 509, 511, 512, 517, 519, and 520; EPID 400; EOHS 400.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or project required. No other options are available.
- *Thesis:* Students must earn 5 hours in NUSC 598.
- *Project:* Students must earn 3 hours in NUSC 597.

MS in Nursing/MBA

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 63–65.
- **Course Work Required Core Courses:** NUSC 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598.
- **Concentration Core Courses:** NUAS 501, 502, 505, 517, and 520; ACTG 500; ECON 520; FIN 500; IDS 532; MGMT 541; MKTG 500; and 16 hours of MBA electives (IDS 570 recommended).
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or project required. No other options are available.
- **Thesis:** Students must earn 5 hours in NUSC 598.
- **Project:** Students must earn 3 hours in NUSC 597.

MS in Nursing/MPH

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 54–59.
- **Course Work Required Core Courses:** BSTT 400 or NUSC 525; NUSC 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598.
- **Concentration Core:** NUPH 505, 507, 512, and 517; CHSC 400, 431, 433, and 480; EPID 400; EOHS 400; CHSC 401; IPHS 698; choose one of the following: CHSC 527, CHSC 543, or HPA 430; IPHS 650.
- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or project required. No other options are available.
- **Thesis:** Students must earn 5 hours in NUSC 598.
- **Project:** Students must earn 3 hours in NUSC 597.
- **Other Requirements** Students in the joint program will have two advisors, one from the Public Health Nursing faculty in the College of Nursing, and one from the Community Health Sciences program in the School of Public Health. Students may withdraw from the joint program and transfer to one of the two degree programs.

MS in Nursing/MS in Health Informatics

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 65.
- **Course Work Core and Core Support Courses:** NUSC 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598.
- **Concentration Core:** NUAS 501, 502, 505, 512, 517, 520; BHIS 437, 503, 505, 510, 511, 525, 537, and 13–15 hours of BHIS electives. BHIS 515, 517, and 520 are recommended electives for the Informatics Nurse Certification Exam.

Doctor of Philosophy

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 from the baccalaureate.
- **Course Work Required Courses:** NUSC 505, 506, 511, 515, 517, 585, 590, and 6 hours of statistics or 9 hours of statistics if without a master's in nursing.
- **Electives:** At least 14 hours must be in 400- and 500-level didactic courses with a focus on advanced nursing science and 18 hours of additional course work are required if without a master's in nursing.
- **Preliminary Examination** Required.
- **Dissertation Required.** Students must earn at least 24 hours in NUSC 599.

Interdepartmental Concentration in Gender and Women's Studies

Doctoral students in this department may complement their courses by enrolling for a concentration in Gender and Women's Studies after consulting with their graduate advisor. See *Gender and Women's Studies* in the *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences* section for more information.

Interdepartmental Concentration in Neuroscience

Doctoral students may pursue the Interdepartmental Concentration in Neuroscience. Refer to *Interdepartmental Concentration in Neuroscience* in the *Graduate College* section for more information.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL GRADUATE CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

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Students earning a graduate degree in the College of Nursing or the School of Public Health may complement their courses by enrolling for a concentration in Women's Health after consulting with their graduate advisor.

Graduate Program	Level
Nursing	MS, PhD
Public Health Sciences	MS, PhD

Students from the above programs pursuing this concentration must elect the concentration by submitting a letter to the director of the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health, and obtain approval of a course of study from a concentration advisor. Students should enroll in a minimum of 12 hours of course work, including one from NUWH 550, NUAS 550, and NUSC 550. Of the 12 hours, at least 6 hours must be taken outside of the students' primary school or college in approved Women's Health related courses. At least 1 course must be through the Gender and Women's Studies Program, and at least 1 course must be in the health-related sciences, such as through the School of Public Health or the College of Nursing. Up to 3 semester hours may be taken in independent study or thesis research as approved by the student's concentration advisor after development of and submission of a plan of work to the director of the concentration.

Admission Requirements

A student intending to participate in the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health must be admitted or enrolled at the University of Illinois in one of the designated degree programs in order to elect this concentration. Designated degree programs include the MS and PhD in Nursing, and the MS, MPH, PhD, and DrPH in Public Health. Students must formally elect the concentration by submitting a plan of work, which is developed with the assistance of a concentration advisor, to the director of the concentration and by informing their home department. The plan of work is a 500-word proposal to the concentration director indicating their interest in the concentration, what they hope to learn from this concentration, the relation of the concentration to their future career goals, and their anticipated course of study in the concentration.

Degree Requirements

1. Relation to primary program requirements: Students must meet all of the requirements of their primary department or school and of the graduate program. This concentration does not alter those requirements in any manner.
2. Advisor selection: Students must select a concentration advisor from a list of designated or affiliated faculty.
3. Total concentration hours, core and elective hours, listing of core course numbers: This is a minimum 4-course concentration totaling a minimum of 12 credit hours. It is composed of 3 core courses, with one course being an introduction to the field of Women's Health, one Women's Health issues course, and one theory/methods course. Students also take 1 elective course for a minimum of 3 semester hours. A maximum of 3 semester hours may be in independent study. Students may obtain a list of approved courses in each area from their concentration advisor.
4. Interdepartmental requirement: At least one course must be through the Gender and Women's Studies Program, and at least 1 course must be in the health-related sciences, such as through the School of Public Health or the College of Nursing. A minimum of 6 semester hours must be outside of a student's home area. Home area refers to the sponsoring academic unit. For cross-listed courses, the primary academic unit controlling the course is considered the home area.
5. Selection options for electives: Electives comprise at least 3 semester hours in this concentration and may be in independent study.
6. Independent study or thesis research: Students may choose independent study or thesis research as an elective in this concentration for a maximum of 3 credit hours. The student, in consultation with the concentration advisor, develops a plan of work for the independent study or thesis research. This plan of study specifies the goals for the semester, a reading list, and any expected product. A copy of this plan is submitted to the director of the concentration. For thesis research to count toward the concentration, it must also be approved by the student's primary academic unit.
7. Students must obtain an A, B, or Satisfactory grade for all courses in this concentration.