



The William Preston Turner School of Nursing at Lander University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>).

Master of Science in Nursing: Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)

What is the CNL program?

The CNL program is designed to prepare an expert nurse generalist as a clinical leader in various health care settings. The curriculum is based on The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2011). The William Preston Turner School of Nursing at Lander University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>). Graduates will be eligible to seek national certification as a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL).

How do I apply?

Applicants for the CNL program will be required to apply to Lander University and to the School of Nursing. Copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts will be required. The application is available on the LU Graduate Studies website. The completed application and ALL supporting documents should be returned to the Office of Admissions by May 1st. Only after these materials have been received can the Graduate Admissions Committee consider the application. No singled criterion is decisive; each item is considered in relation to the applicant's total qualifications. (Please encourage prospective students to apply even if passed the deadline)

Is there a fee for applying?

There is no application fee.

What are the required criteria for acceptance to the CNL program?

- a) Graduate of a baccalaureate nursing program accredited by National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- b) Overall grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 on 4.0 scaled on baccalaureate course work
- c) Current encumbered South Carolina Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License
- d) Two letters of recommendation from Master's level or Doctoral level nurses attesting to applicant's potential for graduate study success
- e) Current CV or resume
- f) Written statement, 300-500 words, discussing applicant's career goals and reasons for seeking admission to the CNL program
- g) Satisfactory criminal background check, drug screen and physical examination certifying applicant's ability to complete clinical requirements
- h) Completion of undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or higher

Applicants not meeting GPA requirements may be considered for conditional admission with the following provision: Students would be required to demonstrate successful graduate work with a GPA of 3.0 at the end of the first semester in order to progress in the program. Students not achieving a 3.0 GPA at the end of the first semester would be dismissed from the program.

When do I begin?

New students may enter the program in the fall

How long will it take?

Students will enroll in the recommended courses in order to complete the program in two years.

How will I be notified about the status of my application to the School of Nursing?

You will receive a letter from the Lander University Office of Admissions notifying you of your application status.

What are the courses that I will take?

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
NUR 600	Theory and Conceptual Foundation	3
NUR 611	Advanced Clinical Assessment	3
NUR 612	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUR 613	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 620	Health Care Structure and Finance	3
NUR 630	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NUR 635	CNL Practicum I	3 (2,1)*
NUR 640	Management of Clinical Outcomes	3
NUR 645	CNL Practicum II	3 (2,1)*
NUR 651	Research for Evidenced-based Practice	3
NUR 660	Leadership in Health Care	3
NUR 675	CNL Immersion Practicum III	6 (2,4)*
Total	*clinical hours included	39 hours