Program Purpose
The program is designed for MSN graduates who wish to pursue a new Advanced Practice Nursing specialty in conjunction with the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Completion of a post-master’s certificate (PMC) will allow you to meet eligibility criteria for the national certification exam in your new specialty area. The length of the program of studies will vary based on your individual portfolio review.

A sample program of study for the PMC in your specialty is found in the Student Handbook available on our web site https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/students/current/pdf/handbook.pdf Your individual program of study will be determined by your specialty director upon review of your portfolio of transcripts and experience. If the information on your transcript is not sufficient, the specialty director may request that you provide course syllabi from your prior master’s program before your individual program of studies can be determined. You need to contact your PMC program director by e-mail regarding your program of study and to determine which orientation session you need to attend.

Admitted Students Web Page
Please refer to the Admitted Students page https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu/students/admitted/index.php for regularly updated information.

Mandatory New Student Orientation
If you are beginning your DNP program of studies with PMC courses, you are required to attend new PMC student orientation activities on August 19-20. and attend classes required in your program of study. Please check your specialty information on the admitted students’ web page for class information. During orientation, there will be a special session for post-master’s students who have been admitted to the DNP program. However, you will also receive a complete orientation to the DNP program in August 2020 prior to beginning the DNP courses.

Completion of Post-Master’s Certificate
Upon successful completion of the specified program of study for the new specialty, completion of the post-master’s certificate will be noted on your official Vanderbilt transcript. The certificate will allow you to meet national requirements for certification eligibility, but it is not an academic degree. You will receive a Vanderbilt diploma when all of the requirements for the post-master’s certificate plus DNP degree have been completed.
Important dates for Fall 2017 semester
Post-master’s certificate orientation: August 19 & 20
First day of post-master’s certificate classes: August 21

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