

Item XIV. B. BLP/UCC CEHHS: SoN: Post-Master Certificates (4):

Clinical Nurse Leader

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Family Nurse Practitioner

Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Clinical Nurse Leader:

A Clinical Nurse Leader is a new role in Nursing. The role is for a Master's prepared nurse working at the point of care (where the nurse and patient are). In this role, the nurse makes the linkages with family, patient, and healthcare team and system to improve patient care and ensure quality and safety. This is mandated for the VA on all hospital floors by 2014.

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

The Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) is an Advanced Practice Nurse (like the Nurse Practitioner) with a focus on populations of patients and their families (adults, pediatrics, geriatrics), and often a specific population (adults with chronic heart failure). In addition, the CNS role includes expert patient care, education/development of staff, research and evidence based practice, consultation, and leadership. CNS's work in acute care, clinics and with the community.

Family Nurse Practitioner

The Family Nurse Practitioner is an advanced practice registered nurse who delivers health care to individuals of all ages and their families throughout the lifespan. Family Nurse Practitioners serve as primary health care providers in a variety of settings. The Family Nurse Practitioner operates in independent and collaborative practices in caring for patients and their families in the community. This includes skills in health assessment, diagnosis, health promotion, disease prevention, and management of common acute and chronic illnesses.

Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

The Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner works with individuals and families in the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of psychiatric disorders. They prescribe and monitor psychiatric medications, provide brief psychotherapy and counseling focused on improving coping skills, offer mental health education/prevention, and make referrals to community resources. There is a severe shortage of psychiatrists and Family Psychiatric MH Nurse Practitioners.