

CAREER LADDER CONVERSATIONS

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ATTENTION: Nurses with a BSN

*****Thinking About A Master in Nursing Degree?*****

Is one of your goals for 2005 to start working on your Master of Science in Nursing degree?

A new Clinical Nurse Specialist/Clinical Educator Specialty within our Master of Science degree program at KU School of Nursing can prepare you for many roles such as: Staff/continuing education Coordinators, case managers/educators for specific patient populations (for example diabetes, cardiovascular, etc), Clinical unit managers or educators, or Faculty or Clinical instructors for Schools of Nursing. All courses for the CNS/Nurse Educator specialty are web-based or web-enhanced reducing by half the number of in-class sessions.

Website of interest: Read about the shortage of faculty at:
<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/issues/IB499WB.htm>

Profile of recent CNS Graduate:

- A recent CNS graduate worked as an office nurse in a cardiovascular private practice office.
- She decided to advance her education to expand her knowledge and skills and obtain the credentials to expand her responsibilities.
- She continued to work 80% time throughout her education.
- She took 1 or 2 courses each semester enabling her to complete the program in 4 years.
- After obtaining her Master of Science in Nursing degree, she negotiated a more advanced nursing role within the cardiovascular practice where she continues to work!
- She says that obtaining her Master's degree has given her the confidence and skills she needed for an advanced nursing practice role.
- She said she was able to incorporate in her practice what she learned as she progressed through the program.

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