

CAREER LADDER CONVERSATIONS

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***** SPRING CAN BRING NEW BEGINNINGS *****

Still thinking of starting on the path to a Master's Degree in Nursing?

Are you wondering what clinical nurse specialists do? Here are some descriptions of aspects of the role of a CNS:

- ⊕ Serve as clinical nursing consultant for a specialty area of knowledge such as psychosocial, neuroscience, medical, surgical, neonatal, burns or pain;
- ⊕ Provide and model nursing care in a specialty area of nursing;
- ⊕ Evaluate evidence for practice to promote the delivery of high quality care in a cost effective manner;
- ⊕ Collaborate with physicians and other health care professionals in the specialty to address clinical practice issues and changes;
- ⊕ Develop, implement and evaluate formal and informal teaching programs relevant to the clinical specialty for nursing staff, patients and their families; educate nursing staff about advances in the nursing specialty;
- ⊕ Collaborate and consult on policies, procedures, standards and development of goals and objectives of unit/ organization related to the teaching role of a CNS.

NEWS IN NURSING:

More clinical and classroom teachers in nursing programs are needed. Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow is sponsoring a Nurse Educator Recruitment Campaign. Check out the website about their campaign:

<http://www.nursesource.org>

Once on the site click on 'Campaign News'. Read about the campaign. From the campaign page click on 'educational info' which will bring up financial information on scholarships.

You also may be interested in checking out the website of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists:

<http://www.nacns.org/>

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Where to start on your path to your Master's degree? Send your transcript from your BSN, diploma, or ADN program for a free analysis of how many college credits you have that would count toward your BSN to Master's or Master of Science in nursing degree. Send your transcript and/or request for further information to Debbie Stratton at her address below.

For guidance about continuing your education, contact the program director at your school or a mentor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing:

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