In order to meet today’s demand for nurse leaders, the University of Iowa College of Nursing offers the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) focus. The MSN:CNL curriculum is a six-semester program of study.

Upon completion of the MSN:CNL program, graduates are eligible to take the Clinical Nurse Leader certification examination and are prepared to lead quality and safety improvement efforts within a microsystem. Graduates of the program can advance their study via post-masters education to prepare for advanced speciality practice, e.g., Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) or PhD with either a clinical or health systems focus.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
• Provides an intensive program of study for nurses who have a minimum of two-years work experience, building on their undergraduate baccalaureate nursing degree
• Class cohorts are admitted each year in the fall semester
• Students are eligible to take the Clinical Nurse Leader certification examination upon completion of the program
• The final semester includes an intensive clinical immersion experience
• The program is offered in seven semesters and is intended to accommodate both full- and part-time work schedules

ADMISSIONS
Admission is competitive; students are required to have:
• A baccalaureate degree in nursing
• A minimum 3.0 grade point average, as confirmed by college transcripts
• Completed personal essay responses
• A current resume/portfolio
• Three completed recommendation forms

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Deadline: February 1, for admission to the next fall semester

Please note: All parts of the application must be received by the University of Iowa by February 1. Please plan accordingly when requesting application materials. Visit www.nursing.uiowa.edu/academic-programs/msn-cnl for more information.