

2017 Master Program in Advanced Nursing Practice & Medical Technology in Developing Countries

Part I. About the Program

Program Objectives

This program is open to fresh university graduates as well as the experienced nursing professionals from developing countries, and is designed to train those students in the field of nursing and medical technology, and subsequently improve the nursing practice and health care & management in those countries.

Students are expected to complete the program full time over 2 years.

The program aims to

- Provide students with an opportunity to learn fundamental knowledge and concepts in nursing and medical technology, to obtain the capability to carry out nursing research in their countries through learning Medical Statistics, Nursing Research and Application of Medical statistical Software.
- Help students to develop critical and clinical thinking skill, to learn professional skills associated with research, and to identify and solve the problem in the transition between theory and practice.
- Help students to obtain the capability of health care management and leadership.

Program Mode / Structure

Instruction:

The language of instruction is English. Classes will incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, case discussions, tutorials, presentations and so on. Upon application, students could also choose some courses taught in Chinese.

Program Structure:

The program comprises of

- Taught Component (15 courses: 7 compulsory, 8 optional)
- Thesis Component (20,000 words)

General Courses (compulsory, 14 credits in total)

Course Name	Credits
An Introduction to Chinese Culture	2
Nursing Research	4
Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing & Healthcare	4
Advanced Practical Nursing	4

Issue Courses (optional, 20 credits)

Course Name	Credits
Science & Technology Review	2

Epidemiology	2
Advances of modern nursing technology	4
Nursing Care and Management of Chronic Disease Patient in Community	2
Medical Statistics & SPSS	4
Modern Humanitarian Nursing	2
Nursing Education	2
Health Service Management	2

Training Session (10 credits, including 4-week clinical practice)

Course Name	Credits
Thesis	4
Clinical practice	3
Seminar	3

Please Note: Not all issue courses run every year. If there are fewer than three students, a course will not be delivered.

Master Thesis

Students are expected to bring specific research questions concerning nursing practice, as a part of thesis research preparation. Towards the end of the first semester, a number of faculty members from the school will be invited as potential thesis supervisors, and the school will make arrangement for students to choose their supervisors. The thesis is expected to motivate students to combine theoretical perspectives, analytical skills and practical experiences of nursing study using critical thinking skill, and aiming at solving practical problems. Students must pass oral exam for the thesis.

Degree Requirements

Students are required to successfully complete 31 credit-worth course work and a master thesis and thesis defense within the required time period. After meeting the above requirements and with the approval of University Degree Committee, the master degree of nursing will be awarded.

Financial Support

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce will provide "Chinese Government Scholarships" to the admitted students from developing countries. The scholarship covers the students' tuition and living expenses. It provides RMB 36000 yuan/year/person, and RMB 3000 yuan/person to the students. It also covers two round-trip international airfare which include a round-trip international airfares for visiting families during the academic break.

Part II. Application and Admissions

Application Prerequisites

All applicants must meet the following entrance requirements:

1. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens with a valid passport, abide by laws, decrees and rules, regulations of People's Republic of China and Central South University;
2. Applicants must have attained a Bachelor's degree or above, with a higher level of English and working experience of three years, under the age of 45, and also meet the professional requirements of the university which applicants applied for;
3. Applicants who are not native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was not in English are required to take an appropriate English Language Proficiency Test and in general achieve a sufficient score, such as:
 - TOEFL 615 or better (Paper Based Test)
 - TOEFL 250 or better in CBT (with at least 5.0 in TWE).
 - TOEFL - iBT 100 or better
 - IELTS 6.5 or better (with at least 6.0 in Writing)
4. The candidates must be healthy and must not have any disease or situation listed below:
 - a) Diseases prohibited by Chinese Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations
 - b) Other severe chronic diseases like high blood pressure, cardio-cerebrovascular disease, diabetes; psychological diseases; or other infectious diseases which may harm public health
 - c) In recovery period after major surgery or acute disease attacks
 - d) Severe physically challenged
 - e) Pregnancy
5. Applicants are not allowed to bring spouse or any relative and friend during the study in China;
6. Only applicants recommended by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China will be considered and admitted.

How to Apply

STEP 1: Fill the Application Form

Please firstly fill the "Application Form of Master Program in Advanced Nursing Practice & Medical Technology in Developing Countries in Central South University" firstly, and then print the complete form out and sign your name and the date on it.

STEP 2: Sending E-copies of All Application Materials to Central South University

Applicants are required to send the electrify copies of your application materials by email (410576328@qq.com) or fax (0086 731 82650266). **Note: After being accepted, applicants are required to bring the hard copies of all application materials (include all physical examination results) to Xiangya School of Nursing, Central South University when they make registration.**

STEP 3: Online Application

After being surely accepted, Applicants are required to visit online application system of Chinese Scholarship Council at <http://laihua.csc.edu.cn/>. Select the program named "Chinese Government Scholarship" and finish online application. **The agency No. of Central South University is 10533.** **Note: Only if you finish this online application, can you finally receive the formal Admission Notification from Central South University.**

Application Materials

Applicants are required to prepare an application package. Please read the following part carefully to prepare the application materials. If the received application package is not complete, the application will not be accepted.

Documents	Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1 Application Form	Please fill the “Application Form of Master Program in Advanced Nursing Practice & Medical Technology in Developing Countries in Central South University” firstly, and then print the complete form out and sign your name and the date on it.	1	1
2 Graduation certificate & degree diploma	1. Graduation certificate and degree diploma must be original documents or certified copies either in Chinese or English 2. Applicants expecting to graduate should provide an official letter stating expected graduation date.	1	1
3 Official academic transcripts	1. The transcripts must be original documents or certified copies either in Chinese or English. 2. The transcripts should include list of courses taken and standard achieved.	1	1
4 Personal statement	1500 words in English. Please make a detailed statement from the perspectives of your academic background, work/research experience and achievements, research proposal, future career plans and intensions, etc.	1	1
5 CV	In English.	1	1
6 Recommendation letters	1. The referees can be professors or government officials from central or local government authorities. 2. The recommendation letter must be original documents either in Chinese or English.	2	2
7 Copies of English language proficiency test results	If the applicants are not native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was not in English should provide English language proficiency test result	1	1
8 Photocopy of valid passport	The passport type must be ordinary. Important: All successful candidates should enter in China and register with CSU with the same identity they used while applying for the maters’ program at CSU.	0	2
9 Recent passport size photos	One photo should be stuck on the application form.	2	0

Note:

The documents provided should be the original documents in English or in Chinese; otherwise, notarized translations in English or in Chinese are required.

All the application materials will not be returned whether the applicant is accepted or not.

Application Deadline

All the application materials must be received before **May 31, 2017**. Any late applications will not be considered. (excluding special case)

The Admission Notification will be sent out in early **August, 2017**.

Admission

The eligibility of all the applicants will be assessed according to the requirements by the Xiangya School of Nursing, Central South University

Registration Period

Late August, 2017, unless otherwise informed.

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