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**Master's Entry Program in Nursing,
Clinical Nurse Leader (MEPN, CNL)**

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Who We Are

The Westmont Downtown Grotenhuis Nursing Program offers graduate pathways through the Master’s Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) and the Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN), both with a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) focus. The MEPN prepares individuals with a non-nursing bachelor’s degree to enter the profession at an advanced level, while the RN-MSN supports registered nurses in expanding their leadership and impact in healthcare.

Grounded in a Christian liberal arts tradition, both programs cultivate compassion, ethical leadership, and a strong sense of vocation. The curriculum integrates rigorous nursing science with clinical practice, emphasizing systems leadership, quality improvement, and evidence-based care. Through simulation and clinical immersion, students are prepared to lead interprofessional teams, improve patient outcomes, and influence healthcare delivery across diverse settings as Clinical Nurse Leaders.

The 24 month MEPN-CNL*,** and RN-MSN, CNL** programs prepare students at different stages to lead and serve developing compassionate, ethical nurse leaders equipped to improve patient care and healthcare systems.

What Makes Westmont Different

Christ-Centered Formation + Clinical Excellence

Students engage nursing practice through a framework of faith, ethics, and vocation — preparing them to lead with compassion, integrity, and purpose.

Liberal Arts-Infused Graduate Nursing Education

Courses intentionally integrate sociology, ethics, theology, and systems thinking to shape whole-person clinicians.

Cohort-Based Community

Progress through the program with a consistent group of peers, fostering collaboration, mentorship, and professional identity formation.

Clinical Nurse Leader Focus

Graduate prepared not only for bedside care, but to:

- Improve patient outcomes
- Lead interprofessional teams
- Implement quality improvement initiatives
- Analyze healthcare systems

Community Partnerships

Clinical placements and immersion experiences are embedded in regional healthcare systems, addressing real-world needs.



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Curriculum Highlights

Core Graduate Courses

- Systems-Based Practice: Evidence, Informatics & QI
- Advanced Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Health Assessment
- Healthcare Systems, Policy, & Advocacy
- Christian Leadership & Ethics

Clinical Immersion

- CNL Immersion I: Microsystem Assessment
- CNL Immersion II: Implementation & Evaluation

Capstone

- Demonstration of measurable system-level improvement

**Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. **Approved by WASC Senior College and University Commission. Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation pending.*

Career Paths

Clinical Practice

- Registered Nurse (multiple specialties)
- Clinical Nurse Leader

Leadership & Systems

- Quality & Safety Leader
- Care Coordinator/ Case Manager
- Healthcare Systems Leader

Advanced & Emerging Roles

- Nurse Educator
- Informatics Nurse
- Population Health Leader

Faculty Highlights



DIANTHE HOFFMAN, DNP, MPA, MSN, PHN, RN
Program Director



ELLA MURRAY MSN, RN, PHN, CEN, SCRNP
Assistant Program Director/
Assistant Professor



STEPHANIE CURTIS, CNM, DNP
Associate Professor



JESSICA BARBOSA, MSN, CCRN, RN
Assistant Professor

MEPN, CNL Curriculum

- Degree: Master of Science (MSN)
- Track: Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)
- 83 units
- 6 Semesters (full-time cohort)
- RN Licensure + eligibility for CNL Certification

Who this is for:

- Bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field
- Called to healthcare, leadership, and service
- Seeking both clinical preparation and systems-level impact

RN-MSN, CNL Curriculum

- Degree: Master of Science (MSN)
- Track: Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)
- 38 units
- 6 Semesters (part-time cohort)
- Eligibility for CNL Certification

Who this is for:

- BSN-prepared Registered Nurses
- Seeking advancement into leadership, systems, or quality roles
- Desire to influence healthcare beyond the bedside