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## Certificate of Graduate Study

Financial Planning C.G.S.

Admission Requirements

1. A completed application form accompanied by a $50 nonrefundable application fee.

2. A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university, with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.

3. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.

4. Two courses in financial accounting, macroeconomics, and statistics/quantitative methods.

5. Completion of the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), with a minimum score of 450.

Retention Requirements

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all C.G.S. course work.

Course Requirements

Courses

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| ACCT 533 | Fundamentals of Financial Planning | 3 | F |
| ACCT 543 | Personal Income Tax Planning | 3 | Sp |
| ACCT 554 | Estate Planning | 3 | Alternate years |
| ACCT 555 | Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits | 3 | As needed |
| ACCT 661 | Financial Planning Capstone Course | 3 | Sp |
| FIN 432 | Investments | 4 | F, Sp |
| **Total Credit Hours: 19** |

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Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety C.G.S.

Admission Requirements

1. A completed application accompanied by a fifty-dollar nonrefundable application fee.
2. A baccalaureate degree in an upper division nursing major from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program.
3. Applicants with international degrees must have their transcripts evaluated for degree and grade equivalency to that of a regionally accredited institution in the United States.
4. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.
5. Completion of a course in statistics (MATH 240 or its equivalent), with a minimum grade of C.
6. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in undergraduate course work. Provisional acceptance occasionally granted.
7. An official report of scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from international applicants who are from countries where English is not the first language.
8. Current unrestricted licensure for the practice of nursing in Rhode Island.
9. A professional résumé.
10. Three professional references (at least one from the clinical area).
11. A brief letter of intent, which includes a statement of goals.
12. Proof of residency is required for in-state tuition.
13. An interview may be required.

**Retention requirements**
All students are expected to maintain a cumulative average of B (3.00) or better in their graduate program. Students who do not maintain a cumulative B (3.00) average will have their status reviewed by the Master’s Program Director. Students who achieve less than a B in a required nursing course (electives excluded) will be placed on probationary status. Students on probationary status must achieve a B or better in each required course over the next 9 credits. Two grades below B are sufficient cause for consideration of dismissal; the decision regarding students’ status will be made by the Master’s Program Director in consult with the Dean. Students may be required to repeat a course at the discretion of the Master’s Program Director. Please also refer to Section VI of the RIC Graduate Studies manual.

Course Requirements

Courses

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| NURS 501 | Advanced Nursing Research | 3 | F, Su |
| NURS 502/HCA 502 | Health Care Systems | 3 | F, Sp |
| NURS 503 | Professional Role Development | 3 | Sp, Su |
| NURS 505 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 | F, Sp |
| NURS 519 | Quality/Safety in Advanced Practice Nursing | 3 | F |

Total Credit Hours: 15