



Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) Form

Instructions for Completing ATC Form

Form Begins on Page 2 (FORM MUST BE TYPED)

After completion of 18 units and prior to the semester of enrolling in your Culminating Experience course you must submit your ATC form.

The ATC form acts as a contract between you, your department, and the university. It lists the specific requirements you must complete before your degree can be awarded. The ATC is a permanent record of your completed and planned course work as well as other requirements necessary for you to complete your degree. Once the ATC is approved, you are advanced to candidacy and classified standing. The ATC form must be approved by Graduate Studies before enrolling in and beginning research for the culminating experience course.

You May Now Submit the Advancement to Candidacy Online!

We are excited to announce that ATC forms may now be submitted through a secure online portal!

Fill out your form through completion (typed forms only) and route the form to your advisor and Graduate Coordinator for approval following the steps listed below.

Submitting Documents through the DocuSign Portal

NOTE: Once you start the routing process for the ATC submission, make sure to complete the form **in one session**.

To start the process click the [link](#) to "[Online ATC Submission](#)", then follow these steps:

1. Enter your name and email address
2. Enter the name and email address of your **Graduate Program Advisor**
3. Enter the name and email address of your **Department Chair/Graduate Program Coordinator** (Find your Graduate Program Coordinator at: <https://grad.sfsu.edu/content/graduate-coordinators>)
4. Enter the name and email address of your **Graduate Program Specialist** (Find your Graduate Program Specialist at: <https://grad.sfsu.edu/content/graduate-program-specialists>)

NOTE: Faculty/staff will be notified upon submission of this form that you are requesting their signature on your ATC form. It is important that you submit accurate information for prompt review/approval.

5. You will need to attach the Advancement to Candidacy Form in the next step. Click the paperclip icon to begin uploading 
6. Click "**Begin Upload**"
7. Browse to select the document that you wish to upload.
 - a. If you need to upload multiple files you can click "**Upload File**" again to select more
8. Once all documents are attached you can scroll down to review what will be uploaded
9. If you are satisfied that everything needed has been attached click "**FINISH**" at the top of the page

Then you're all done! You will be given an option to download or print a copy of everything that was submitted. Otherwise just click "**Close**" and you can exit out of the tab.

FORM MUST BE TYPED**ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY**Master of Science Major NursingEmphasis (check one): Clinical Nurse Specialist Nursing Administration**Student:** Select the correct University Bulletin year you were admitted to the program:

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____ Phone(s): _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO PROGRAM GUIDELINES OR WITHIN 7 YEARS FROM THE TERM OF ADMISSION TO YOUR GRADUATE PROGRAM
CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED AFTER ENROLLMENT IN THE CULMINATING EXPERIENCE

Student: Fill out the following information completely (including the semester and year each course was or will be taken).

Course Number	Course Title	Units Required	Units (to be) completed	Semester & Year	Institution (not SFSU) (transfer units only)*	Grade	In Progress Or To Do
NURS 702	Health Systems Management	3					
NURS 703	Education Informatics & eTechnology in Adv. Nursing Practice	3					
NURS 706	Health Care Policy/Nursing Issues	3					
NURS 711	Adv. Physical Assessment Across Life Span	3					
NURS 715	Pharmacological Principles Across Life Span	3					
NURS 716	Adv. Pathophysiology & Diagnostic Reasoning I	3					
NURS 717	Adv. Pathophysiology & Diagnostic Reasoning II	3					
NURS 720	Epidemiology & Biostatistics in Adv. Practice Nursing	3					
NURS 721	Program Planning & Financial Mgmt. in Nursing Practice	3					
NURS 732	Ethics in Advanced Nursing Practice	3					
NURS 794	Research & Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing	3					
NURS 801	Graduate Nursing Practicum I	4					
NURS 802	Graduate Nursing Practicum II	4					
Select from one pair of the courses		4					
NURS 821 NURS 822	Graduate Nursing Practicum I: Pediatrics Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Pediatrics	4/4					
NURS 819 NURS 820	Graduate Nursing Practicum I: Adult / Gerontology Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Adult / Gerontology	4/4					
NURS 817 NURS 818	Graduate Nursing Practicum I: Women's Health / Gender-Related Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Women's Health / Gender-Related	4/4					
NURS 815 NURS 816	Graduate Nursing Practicum I: Nursing Administration Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Nursing Administration	4/4					
NURS 813 NURS 814	Graduate Nursing Practicum I: Neonatal Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Neonatal	4/4					
NURS 808 NURS 809	Graduate Nursing Practicum I: Community / Public Health Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Community / Public Health	4/4					
NURS 806 NURS 807	Graduate Nursing Practicum I: Psychiatric / Mental Health Graduate Nursing Practicum II: Psychiatric / Mental Health	4/4					
Culminating Experience (one of the following):		3					
NURS 895	Applied Research in Nursing OR						
NURS 898	Master's Thesis						
Total Units		44-52					

Note: Upon approval of the ATC, read graduate Academic Policies and Procedures section in the Bulletin regarding conditions for maintaining its validity.***NOTE:** For transfer work, a Request for Graduate Program Transfer Unit Evaluation must be submitted.