Official Program Outline

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ADULT GERONTOLOGY- PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER – ACCELERATED RN-MSN (MSN-AGPCNPA)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This online graduate degree in nursing will provide students with the academic knowledge, skills, and expertise to apply for certification as a family nurse practitioner in primary care. Graduates will be prepared to have integrated praxis philosophy throughout multiple courses. Courses consist of bridge, core, specialty concentration, and clinical courses. This program is for licensed registered nurses (current, unrestricted license) and are interested in advancing their careers to become certified adult geriatric primary care nurse practitioners.

Individuals considering the Accelerated Master of Science program, should be aware that state requirements for availability of required clinical courses and eligibility to apply for licensure as a adult geriatric primary care nurse practitioner vary from state to state. Applicants should check with their state board of nursing before enrolling in any graduate nursing program. Students enrolled in this program are not eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

CORE MSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Integrate scientific evidence from nursing and biopsychosocial disciplines, genetics, public health, quality improvement, and organizational sciences when designing and implementing outcome measures in diverse settings and through the lifespan.
2. Demonstrate leadership skills that emphasize ethical and critical decision-making, fiscal responsibility, inter-professional relationships that promote safe, quality care within a systems framework.
3. Apply methods, tools, performance measures, and evidence-based standards when evaluating quality indicators within an organizational system.
4. Synthesize theories, models and research findings inherent to nursing practice, education and management to guide an organization or healthcare system towards achieving successful outcomes.
5. Apply client/patient care technologies and informatics to coordinate and ensure safe quality care and promote effective communication among members of the inter-professional healthcare team.
6. Analyze ethical, legal and sociocultural factors to influence policy development and healthcare delivery systems that promote the health of individuals and populations.
7. Articulate a leadership role within inter-professional teams through effective communication, collaboration and consultation with other professionals to manage, coordinate care and provide safe, quality family-centered and population based care.
8. Incorporate organizational and culturally sensitive client and population centered concepts in the planning, delivery, management, and evaluation of direct and indirect evidence-based health promotion care and services to specified individuals, families and populations.
9. Implement scholarly activities in selected individuals, populations, and systems.

ADULT GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGPCNP) PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students are expected to meet all the core MSN program outcomes as well as the Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Primary Care program outcomes. Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and holistic caring as an advanced practice nurse.
2. Analyze scientific literature for application to selected diagnoses and treatment plans.
3. Synthesize ethical principles into the management and evaluation of healthcare delivery concerns in culturally diverse care settings.

4. Articulate a personal philosophy and framework acknowledging professional and accrediting agency competencies relating to the role and scope of practice of the adult gerontology nurse practitioner.
5. Implement the role of the adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner in selected clinical settings.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to nurse practitioner, advanced practice nurse and adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner (AGPCNP).

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 64.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED BRIDGE COURSES

All courses, 16.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
EN 304	English Composition II	EN 111, EN 104	3.00
MA 320	Statistics	MA 109 or equivalency	3.00
NU 451	Nursing Leadership and Management	None	3.00
NU 480	Dimensions of Advanced Nursing Practice	None	2.00
NU 474	Community Health Nursing	None	5.00

CORE COURSES

All courses, 15.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
HA 610	Health Policy and Management	NU 560 or BU 600	3.00
NU 500	Theoretical Foundations for Nursing	None	3.00
NU 525	Technology and Nursing Informatics in Advanced Practice	None	3.00
NU 530	Organizational Systems and Behaviors	None	3.00
NU 560	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice	MA 320 or equivalent	3.00

REQUIRED DIRECT CARE CORE COURSES

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 610	Advanced Health Assessment	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 621	Advanced Pathophysiology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 636	Advanced Pharmacology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN AGNP-PC CONCENTRATION

All courses, 24.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 580	Health Promotion Across the Life Span	None	3.00
NU 611	Clinical Decision-Making	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	2.00
NU 626	Roles for Nurse Practitioners	NU 500, NU 560	3.00

NU 641	Women's Health for the Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	NU 611	4.00
NU 661	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner I	NU 611	4.00
NU 662	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner II	NU 661	4.00
NU 663	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	NU 662 or Final Semester	4.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course				
Course Number	**Lecture**	**Clinical Practicum**	**Total Contact Hours**	**Credits**
MA 320	45.00		45.00	3.00
EN 304	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 451	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 480	30.00		30.00	2.00
NU 474	60.00	45.00	105.00	5.00
HA 610	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 500	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 525	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 530	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 560	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 580	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 610	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 611		90.00	90.00	2.00
NU 621	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 626	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 641	30.00	90.00	120.00	4.00
NU 636	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 661	30.00	90.00	120.00	4.00
NU 662	30.00	90.00	120.00	4.00
NU 663	0.00	180.00	180.00	4.00
Totals	**765.00**	**585.00**	**1350.00**	**64.00**