



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ADULT GERONTOLOGY- ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (MSNAGACNP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This online graduate degree in nursing will provide students with the academic knowledge, skills, and abilities to apply for certification as a Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Graduates will be prepared to have integrated praxis philosophy throughout multiple courses. Courses consist of core graduatee courses, specialty concentration courses, and clinical courses. This program is for licensed registered nurses (current, unrestricted license) who have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and are interested in advancing their careers to become certified as a Adult Gerontology Acute Care (AGACNP) Nurse Practitioner.

Prior to enrollment, individuals considering the Master of Science in Nursing program, particularly the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration, should be aware of their state requirements regarding required clinical courses and eligibility to apply for licensure.

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 ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGACNP) PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students are expected to meet all the core MSN program outcomes as well as the Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Acute 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 acute care nurse practitioner in selected acute care and 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 acute care nurse practitioner .

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 48.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED 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 AGACNP CONCENTRATION

All courses, 24.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 626	Roles for Nurse Practitioners	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 665	Clinical Decision-Making for the AGACNP	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	3.00
NU 666	Advanced Practice Specialty Procedures and Skills for Acute Care	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	3.00
NU 667	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	NU 665, NU 666	5.00
NU 668	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	NU 667	5.00
NU 669	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	NU 668 and Final Semester	5.00

Course Number	Distribution of Contact Hours by Course				
	Lecture	Lab	Clinical Practicum	Total Contact Hours	Credits
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 610	45.00			45.00	3.00
NU 621	45.00			45.00	3.00

NU 626	45.00			45.00	3.00
NU 666	30.00		45.00	75.00	3.00
NU 665	15.00		90.00	105.00	3.00
NU 667	30.00		135.00	165.00	5.00
NU 668	30.00		135.00	165.00	5.00
NU 669	30.00		180.00	210.00	5.00
NU 636	45.00			45.00	3.00
Totals	540.00	0.00	585.00	1125.00	48.00