

Official Program Outline



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POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE ADULT GERONTOLOGY- ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMCAGACNP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

Individuals considering the post-masters certificate program, should be aware that state requirements for availability of required clinical courses and eligibility to apply for licensure as a Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner vary from state to state. Applicants should check with their state board of nursing before enrolling in any graduate nursing program.

POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE ADULT GERONTOLOGY-ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students are expected to meet all the core MSN program outcomes as well as the adult gerontology-primary care nurse practitioner 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, advanced practice provider, and adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 33.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

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 664	Clinical Decision-Making for the AGACNP	NU 610, NU 621 / NU 636	3.00
NU 665	Advanced Practice Specialty Procedures and Skills for Acute Care	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636, NU 664	3.00
NU 667	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	NU 665	5.00
NU 668	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	NU 667	5.00
NU 669	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	All other courses and Final Semester	5.00

Course Number	Distribution of Contact Hours by Course				Credits
	Lecture	Lab	Clinical Practicum	Total Contact Hours	
NU 610	45.00			45.00	3.00
NU 621	45.00			45.00	3.00
NU 636	45.00			45.00	3.00
NU 664	15.00		90.00	105.00	3.00
NU 665	30.00		45.00	75.00	3.00
NU 626	45.00			45.00	3.00
NU 667	30.00		135.00	165.00	5.00
NU 668	30.00		135.00	165.00	5.00
NU 669	15.00		180.00	195.00	5.00
Totals	300.00	0.00	585.00	855.00	33.00