

# ADULT GERONTOLOGY-ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, CERTIFICATE

The Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Certificate of Graduate Study (post-master's certificate) is restricted to students who hold a master's degree in nursing. The program of study is designed to augment the student's prior graduate study through advanced practice preparation to provide direct patient management in acute and complex care settings. Graduates are employed in a variety of acute care settings ranging from critical care, trauma, cardiology, pulmonary, nephrology, gastroenterology, and surgery.

This curriculum prepares nurses to sit for national certification as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate professionalism in dealing with the adult and gerontologic patient at the advanced nursing level in the acute care clinical setting.
2. Pursue quality, effectiveness, and innovation in shared leadership of interprofessional health teams caring for adult and gerontologic acute care patients.

## Admissions

The Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Certificate program offers two entry points for students:

1. M.S.N. certified and practicing as an APRN (please note after admission a GAP analysis will be done to determine specific plan of study based on the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties LACE components).
2. M.S.N. not certified as Advanced Practice Nurses

## Degree Requirements (18-31 Hours) Requirements for earning the Certificate include:

1. Completion of an approved program of study;
2. A GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on all courses attempted for graduate credit and all courses numbered 700 and above;
3. A GPA of a 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on all courses on the approved program of study
4. Minimum 18 Hours for students already certified for advanced practice nursing who need to obtain additional certification.

## Advanced Practice Core Requirements (10-12 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum <sup>3</sup>	3
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning <sup>2,3</sup>	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses <sup>3</sup>	3

NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities <sup>3</sup>	1-3
or NURS 770	Emergent Diagnostics in Nursing	

**Total Credit Hours** 10-12

## Required Concentration Courses Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (18-19 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 772	Introduction of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Health Problems	3
NURS 773	Principles of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Health Problems I <sup>1</sup>	6
NURS 774	Principles of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Complex Health Problems II <sup>1,2</sup>	6
NURS 778	Advanced Practice Role: Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP)	2
NURS 778A	Practicum of Advanced Practice Role: Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP) <sup>1,3</sup>	2

<sup>1</sup> Indicates courses with practicum hours.

<sup>2</sup> Indicates on campus immersion course.

<sup>3</sup> Students pursuing the Certificate of Graduate Study in Advanced Practice Nursing who are certified, practicing and meet the LACE components as Advanced Practice Nurses may not be required to take one or all of these courses. Determination will be done after admission via GAP Analysis.