

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, M.S.N.

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program (AGACNP) prepares registered nurses 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 registered nurses to sit for the appropriate national certification examination upon completion of their degree and graduation.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply theoretical knowledge to the practice of advanced nursing roles.
2. Utilize evidence to address population health problems.
3. Demonstrate professionalism in dealing with the adult and gerontologic patient at the advanced nursing level in the acute care clinical setting.
4. Pursue quality, effectiveness, and innovation in shared leadership of interprofessional health teams caring for adult and gerontologic acute care patients.

Requirements for Earning the M.S.N. Degree Include the Following

1. Completion of an approved program of study;
2. Completion of an applied research course, NURS 791, or a thesis, NURS 799;
3. A GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on all courses attempted for graduate credit and all courses numbered 700 and above;
4. A GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on all courses on the approved program of study;
5. Passing a comprehensive assessment during the last semester of the program.

Courses Requirements

(Total program 46-49 credit hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 700	Theoretical and Conceptual Foundation for Nursing	3
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Mgmt in Pediatric, Adult, & Gerontological Patients Across Hlthcare Delivery Continuum	3
NURS 704	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning ²	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 717	Application of Basic Statistics for Nursing Practice & Service Management	3
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3

NURS 772	Introduction of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Health Problems	3
NURS 773	Principles of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Health Problems I ¹	6
NURS 774	Principles of Acute Care Adult and Gerontological Complex Health Problems II ^{1,2}	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) ¹	2
NURS 790	Research Methods for Nursing	3
NURS 791 or NURS 799	Seminar in Clinical Nursing Research Thesis Preparation	3-6
Total Credit Hours		46-49

¹ Indicates courses with practicum hours.

² Indicates course on-campus immersion.