ADULT GERONTOLOGY
ACUTE CARE NURSE
PRACTITIONER GRADUATE
CREDIT CERTIFICATE
PROGRAM

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Program Code: AGACNP
Campus(es): University Park

The purpose of the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certificate is to prepare individuals with a master’s degree or higher in nursing seeking additional certification as an Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. The goal of this certificate is to prepare nurses to provide direct care of adults/older adults with acute and complex illness in acute care health care settings. Applicants will have an individualized plan of study based on review of graduate transcripts.

Effective Semester: Fall 2019
Expiration Semester: Fall 2024

Admission Requirements
Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

Applicants are required to have a master’s degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited institution. In addition, undergraduate chemistry and statistics are required. Students need to submit two recommendations, a goal statement, and official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/). Applicants are required to have two years of experience as an RN in an acute care hospital setting.

Certificate Requirements
Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/).

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Advanced Practice Core
NURS 802 Advanced Health Assessment of Adult Populations
NURS 803 Pathophysiology
NURS 804 Pharmacologic Therapy

Master’s Core
NURS 501 Issues in Nursing and Health Care
NURS 510 Theoretical and Scientific Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 830 Evidence-Based Practice I: Inquiry and Research Methods

Total Credits: 22

Additional Course Work May Be Required
Any or all of these courses may be waived based on the certificate program chair’s evaluation of transcripts and prior courses completed.

Courses
Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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