ADULT GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code: AGPCNP
Campus(es): University Park

The purpose of the Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner certificate is to prepare individuals with a Master’s degree or higher in nursing seeking additional certification as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. The curriculum includes the didactic and clinical courses required for application of the NP role and required for certification.

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 (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).

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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Additional Course Work May Be Required ¹

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: Theory and Research Methods

Total Credits 20

¹ 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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