

GERIATRIC NURSING EDUCATION GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code	GNRED
Campus(es)	World Campus

In conjunction with the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, the Penn State School of Nursing offers a Geriatric Nursing Education Graduate Certificate program. The primary goal of the program is to prepare individuals with a current Master's degree in Nursing or a related health discipline to teach geriatric content at both the Associate and Baccalaureate degree levels. The curriculum includes 6 credits (two 3 credit courses) of didactic content in gerontology and 6 credits (two 3 credit courses) of didactic content in education. All four courses will be delivered using distance technology, and are available through the World Campus.

Effective Date: Fall 2017

Expiration Date: Fall 2022

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 General Admissions Standards (<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/admission-requirements-international-students>) for more information.

Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission>) must accompany the application. Applicants must hold a master's degree in nursing or a related health discipline from a U.S. regionally accredited institution, or a master's degree that is equivalent to a U.S. master's degree from an officially recognized degree-granting international institution.

The credit conditions for the master's degree must be substantially equivalent to those required by Penn State's master's degree programs in nursing or related health disciplines. Prior to an applicant's admission, transcripts are evaluated by the Director of the Center for Geriatric Nursing Excellence to ascertain the applicant's potential for successful completion of the core nursing courses. A recommendation regarding admission is discussed with the Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research prior to making an offer of admission to this certificate program.

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/postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs>).

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
NURS 522	Comprehensive Assessment of the Older Adult	3
NURS 523	Interventions for Common Health Issues in Older Adults	3
Select two of the following:		6
NURS 840	Nursing Education Theories and Strategies	
NURS 841	Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education	
NURS 842	Curriculum and Program Development in Nursing Education	
Total Credits		12

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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