

**Master of Science (MS) in Nursing  
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration**

**Program Description**

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program provides broad preparation to provide advanced practice nursing care across the continuum of health care services to patients with complex acute, critical, and chronic health conditions. With a strong emphasis on evidence-based practice, students follow a curriculum that includes didactic content and individually selected clinical experiences tailored to provide broad preparation for practicing in an advanced role. The curriculum plan provides in-depth content in physiology, pathophysiology, and management of complex patient problems. Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners frequently practice in acute care, hospital-based, and other specialty clinic settings.

Students who complete the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program are qualified to sit for the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

**Degree Requirements**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>SH</b>
<b>Core Courses</b>		
NURS 525	Intermediate Statistics	3
NURS 526	Nursing Inquiry I	2
NURS 527	Nursing Inquiry II	2
NURS 528	Health, Environment and Systems	2
NURS 529	Issues of Advanced Practice in Nursing	1
NURS 531	Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Practice in Nursing	3
NURS 532	Comprehensive Health Assessment for Advanced Practice	2
NURS 533	Applied Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Practice in Nursing	2
NURS 536	Physiologic Basis of Nursing Practice Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 537	Pathophysiological Basis of Disease	3
NURS 550	Evidence-based Practice <b>or</b>	3
NURS 597	Master's Project <b>or</b>	3
NURS 598	Master's Thesis	5
<b>Concentration Specialty Courses</b>		
NUSP 534	Management of Health and Illness I: Advanced Practice in Adult Nursing	3
NUSP 535	Management of Health and Illness II: Advanced Practice in Adult Nursing	3
NUPR 539	Nurse Practitioner Practicum I: Management of Health and Illness in Adults	5
NUPR 540	Nurse Practitioner Practicum II: Management of Health and Illness in Adults	5
NUPR 541	Nurse Practitioner Practicum III: Management of Health and Illness in Adults	5
<b>Total Degree Hours</b>		<b>48-50</b>

<b>Clinical credit hrs: 15</b>	<b>Clinical clock hrs: 675</b>
<b>Didactic credit hrs: 32</b>	<b>Didactic clock hrs: 480</b>
<b>Lab credit hrs: 1</b>	<b>Lab clock hrs: 30</b>