

# ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (POST MASTERS)

\* Clinical hours are completed through the following required courses: NURS 851, NURS 853, NURS 855, NURS 857, NURS 859.

<https://online.unh.edu/program/post-masters/adult-gerontology-acute-care-nurse-practitioner>

## Description

The purpose of this post-master's certificate program is to prepare the advanced practice nurse (APRN) for the role of Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) and increase patient access to acute care medical and surgical services. With backgrounds as either nurse practitioners or master's prepared nurses with significant acute or critical care clinical experience, graduates can apply newly learned knowledge and skills within the acute care setting, including and not limited to hospitals and ambulatory care centers. Training will help increase the qualified workforce to meet acute and critical medical needs, including in rural areas where recruitment and retention has been a significant challenge.

This program is designed for the APRN with a master's degree within nursing, including nurse practitioners of other specialties or a master's degree and significant clinical experience in an acute or critical care setting. The aim of this program is to prepare APRNs at an advanced level to successfully diagnose and manage medical-surgical patients who are acutely or critically ill through prescribing of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions, coordination of consultations and care, and continued management of chronic illnesses, comorbidities, and end of life needs.

Courses will focus on the adult-gerontological population with an emphasis on integration of prior coursework, such as pathophysiology and physical assessment, to build skills in diagnostic reasoning and subsequent management of the acutely ill patient using evidenced based practice.

## Requirements

A customized plan of study will be created for admitted students and is based upon prior course work. Additional foundational coursework may be required to meet AACN or ANCC certification requirements.

## Certificate Requirements

Clinical Hours: 500\*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NURS 850	Foundations in Acute Care	3
NURS 851	Foundations in Acute Care Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 852	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	3
NURS 853	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 854	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	3
NURS 855	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 856	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	3
NURS 857	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 858	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner IV	3
NURS 859	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner IV Clinical Practicum	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>25</b>