ADULT GERONTOLOGY
ACUTE CARE NURSE
PRACTITIONER (POST-
MASTER'S CERTIFICATE)

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

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*

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

Disclosures

Professional Licensure/Certification Disclosures

The University of New Hampshire offers a number of academic
programs designed to lead to professional licensure or certification in
New Hampshire. However, completing a UNH degree/program does
not guarantee professional licensure or certification. Eligibility may
also depend on factors like years of work experience, professional
examinations, passing a background check, and other criteria.

UNH does not guarantee that its professional licensure programs will
satisfy the criteria of professional licensure boards in other states. Some
states maintain different requirements for professional licensure or
certification and requirements can change frequently. Federal regulations
require the University to make public disclosure of certain information
regarding professional licensure or certification programs, regardless
of the modality the program is offered (i.e., in-person or online). The
University provides guidance below but recommends students contact
their state/territory licensing or certification board to ensure a program
meets specific state/territory requirements.

Visit the Office of the Registrar’s website for information about whether
this program meets professional licensure requirements in your state.