

NURSING: ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (M.S.)

<https://chhs.unh.edu/nursing/program/ms/adult-gerontology-acute-care-nurse-practitioner-online>

Description

The **Master's of Science Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner** program (MS-AGACNP) will prepare the baccalaureate prepared nurse (BSN, RN) to practice as an Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) and increase access to acute care medical and surgical services. Building upon a background in nursing, graduates can apply newly learned knowledge and skills within the acute care setting, including and not limited to hospitals and ambulatory care centers. Successful completion of this program permits students to sit for national certification with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) or American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Admission Requirements

Applicants are required to have:

1. Unencumbered, active RN license in the United States
2. Baccalaureate degree in nursing or another field
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0
4. Minimum one year nursing experience preferred.
5. Successful completion of undergraduate statistics course and undergraduate research course
6. 3 letters of recommendation. References should be substantial with one academic, if available, and two current nursing professionals with graduate education background.
7. Personal Statement: Write an essay that addresses the following:
 - a. Your interest in the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program and AGACNP role. Include specific professional interests, experiences, or research in this area.
 - b. Immediate and long-range goals as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

Non-BSN Admission Requirements: #RNs whose baccalaureate degree is in a discipline other than nursing may apply to the Master of Science degree in Nursing (MS) program and will be considered for the track that is commensurate with their clinical experience based on faculty discretion.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Clinical Hours: 750*

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
NURS 818	Foundations of Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 816	Health Promotion Theory and Population Health	3
NURS 910	Genomics & Ethics	3
NURS 820	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	3

NURS 812	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics	3
NURS 814	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 911	Diagnosis & Management - Diagnostic Reasoning	3
NURS 850	Foundations in Acute Care	3
NURS 851	Foundations in Acute Care Clinical Practicum	3
NURS 852	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	3
NURS 853	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I Clinical Practicum	3
NURS 854	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	3
NURS 855	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II Clinical Practicum	3
NURS 856	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	3
NURS 857	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III Clinical Practicum	3
NURS 858	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner IV	3
NURS 859	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner IV Clinical Practicum	3
Total Credits		51

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

Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the Master's nursing program, the graduate student is prepared to:

- Serve in a healthcare leadership and change agent role as part of a diverse, complex, and patient-centered health care system.
- Act as a practice scholar to design, direct and evaluate system changes to promote safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable and patient-centered care.
- Use data analytic methods, information systems and technology to evaluate, integrate and apply knowledge that will improve programs of care, outcomes of care and care systems.
- Use translational science and analytic methods to develop, identify, implement, and evaluate best practices to improve health care and health care systems.
- Design and implement health promotion and clinical prevention strategies across the health/illness continuum to optimize health and disease management.
- Systematically use improvement methods to monitor and evaluate care processes and outcomes and applies data for continuous improvement and safety
- Advocate for social justice through policy, professional and political engagement.
- Apply leadership principles that support inter-professional practice.

Additionally, MS-AGACNP graduates will:

- Meet eligibility requirements for certification as an AGACNP with the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or as an ANPC-AG with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN).
- Meet state requirements for certification, licensure, and prescriptive authority.
- Obtain federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) authorization to prescribe controlled substances (Schedules II through IV) for patients within the AGACNP's practice area

- Participate in the education of future AGACNPs through preceptorship.
- Be lifelong learners.

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.