



# Rutgers College of Nursing Master of Science Program in Advanced Practice Nursing Adult Acute Care

The Master of Science degree in the Adult Acute Care Program prepares nurses for an advanced practice role delivering advanced acute care nursing to adults across the life span.

This program prepares the advanced practice nurse to focus on nursing acutely ill and injured young, middle aged, and older adults. The focus is on management of adult health and illness in acute care settings. Diagnostic reasoning, teaching, and collaborative practice for an adult population across states of health are emphasized.

Theory courses run congruent with the practicum in order to provide application of theory to practice.

Clinical placements are collaboratively arranged between the student, professor and preceptor to meet the students' best interests. Preceptors serve as role models and guide the clinical experience. The professor maintains contact with the preceptor, provides overall supervision, and awards the final grade.

## Program of Study:

### Core Courses

	Credits
Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Disease	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Advanced Human Physiology & Pathophysiology II	3
Human Diversity/Social Issues	3
Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3
Advanced Health Assessment	3
Pharmacodynamics	3
Research Methods	3
Contemporary Role of The APN	3

### Clinical Courses

Advanced Practice: Acute Care Theory I	3
Advanced Practice: Acute Care Practicum I	3
Advanced Practice: Acute Care Theory II	4
Advanced Practice: Acute Care Practicum II	6
Acute Care Advanced Practice III	4

**Total:** 47

## **Admission Requirements:**

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Three satisfactory academic and professional letters of reference
- New Jersey Registered Nurse License
- **One** of the following:
  - Five years of relevant practice experience *or*
  - Grade of “B” or better in 3 Rutgers College of Nursing courses taken as credit non-degree *or*
  - B.S. in Nursing from Rutgers in the past 12 months with a GPA of 3.2 or better *or*
  - Satisfactory combined scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the past 5 years

*An interview may be requested*

### ***Prerequisites include:***

- ✓ **descriptive/inferential statistics**
- and*
- ✓ **a physical assessment course**

To obtain an application, contact Rutgers-Newark admissions office at:  
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