

## Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care Nurse Practitioner MSN Program

Curriculum effective Fall 2013.

The Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care Nurse Practitioner MSN program is based at the Rutgers Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Adult Gerontology Acute /Critical Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACCNP) certification examination offered by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center or the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation. Graduates are eligible for certification as an Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and for certification in the State of New Jersey as advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority.

**Role and Qualifications:** The Advanced Practice Nurse in Adult Gerontology Acute/ Critical Care receives a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree and advanced clinical experience in the management of acute and critically ill patients from young adult through end of life in a variety of practice settings. The APN is distinguished by graduate preparation, supervised clinical practicum experience, and a depth of knowledge which supports advanced clinical practice and leadership in nursing.

**Scope of Practice:** The APN in Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care assesses complex and acutely ill patients in a variety of settings. Using the health history and physical assessment, the APN independently, and in collaboration with other healthcare professionals, develops a plan of care for the acute/critically ill young adult through geriatric patient. A culturally competent plan of care is developed using diagnostic reasoning and evidence-based practice.

**Curriculum:** The 42-credit Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care Nurse Practitioner MSN program can be completed in part-time or full-time study. The following are the required courses for this program.

**Core** (Core courses offered every semester; online or in class.)

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 5102	Nursing Research	4	
NURS 5104	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
ADHA 5107	Advanced Health Assessment	3	
NURS 5105	Clinical Pharmacology	3	

### Supplemental

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 5402	Introduction to the APN Role	1	
MHP 5202	Mental Health Issues in Primary Care	3	
NURS 5403	Advanced Practice Nursing Role Transition (taken in last semester of study)	2	

### Specialty

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
ACCP 5107	Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care Theory & Practicum I (FALL)*	6	135
ACCP 5207	Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care Theory & Practicum II (SPRING)*	6	135
ACCP 5308	Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care Theory & Practicum III (SUMMER)*	6	135
ACCP 5407	Adult Gerontology Acute/Critical Care Theory & Practicum Capstone (FALL)*	5	180
<b>Total clinical hours</b>			<b>590</b>

\*Course offered only during specified term

Admission criteria is available on the SN web page.