



Post-Bacc DNP Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Bacc Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) Program is based out of Newark, NJ. This program prepares students to provide direct patient care to adults with complex, acute illnesses in collaboration with other members of the health care team. Graduates will be eligible for certification through the American Nurses Credentialing Association as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in the state of NJ. The program is designed for either part time or full time study. You must have a minimum of 2 years acute care experience.

Role and qualifications: The acute care nurse practitioner (ACNP) is educationally prepared to provide advanced nursing care to patients with complex acute, critical and chronic health conditions, including the delivery of acute care services. By virtue of the practice setting and patient acuity levels, the acute care nurse practitioner performs diagnostic and therapeutic interventions to manage acute and critical health problems. This includes the ordering, performing, interpreting and supervising interventions and diagnostic strategies to promote stability and health during the acute or chronic critical illness.

Scope of Practice: The ACNP will also be expected to construct a plan of care that is congruent with the cultural and spiritual needs of the patient, in the context of the community. The curriculum focuses on adults with complex, acute and chronic illnesses whom are cared for in acute care institutions: critical care, emergency departments, trauma units, or specialty practices. Each course is built upon prior knowledge, so it is important to follow the recommended sequence of courses. The track emphasizes critical thinking, case analysis and problem solving, and the research process in collaboration with other health care

Curriculum: The Post-Bacc DNP Adult-Geriatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program is 71 credits with 540 clinical hours devoted to precepted NP practice and 500 mentored hours in which the student develops, implements, evaluates, and disseminates their DNP project. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

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

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 6010	Clinical Scholarship	2	
NURS 6060	Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6930	Information Technology for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6880	Leadership for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation & Implementation Science	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics & Business Practices for Advanced Practice Nurses	3	
NURS 6040	Social Determinants of Health	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
NURS 6030	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development	3	
NURS 6982	DNP Project Implementation	3	

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
AGAC 5402	Diagnostic reasoning for the AG-ACNP	3	
AGAC 6360	Pathopharmacology	3	
AGAC 6270	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 1	3	
AGAC 6280	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 1	3	135
AGAC 6290	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 2	3	
AGAC 6300	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 2	3	135
AGAC 6320	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 3	3	
AGAC 6330	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 3	3	135
AGAC 6340	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 4	3	
AGAC 6350	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 4	3	135
Totals		71	540

In addition to the successful completion of the above course requirements, all DNP students must meet all the DNP project requirements set forth by the program. Additionally, the students who do not complete their projects during the project related courses will be required to register for a 1 credit-Project Continuation course for the subsequent semesters until project completion.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Rutgers School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation).