



Curriculum effective Fall 2021

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Post-Baccalaureate DNP Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) program is based at the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ. This program of study prepares nurses to assume the role of primary care provider for patients from adolescence to the elderly. The curriculum provides a combination of theory and practicum experiences. The School of Nursing offers students the opportunity to learn from experienced and nationally recognized faculty who are actively engaged in teaching and clinical practice. Students receive mentoring and individualized attention from faculty throughout the program based on their needs.



Role and Qualifications: An AGPCNP has a graduate degree in nursing and advanced preparation in the evaluation and management of changing health needs in adolescents and adults. Our AGPCNP graduate is distinguished by doctoral preparation that supports advanced clinical practice and leadership in nursing. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner certification exam given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Once nationally certified, graduates can apply for certification in the State of New Jersey as advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority.

Scope of Practice: The AGPCNP provides a holistic approach to primary care for patients across the lifespan from adolescence to senescence in diverse practice and health care settings. The AGPCNP emphasizes health promotion and preventive care utilizing evidence-based practice and interprofessional collaboration with attention to vulnerable populations.

Curriculum: The Post-Baccalaureate DNP Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program is 69 credits with 630 precepted practicum hours. The program can be completed through part-time or full-time study. 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.	Project 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 6040	Determinants of Health	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics & Business Practices	3	
NURS 6880	Leadership for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	



Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
CLDR 6440	Quality and Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation & Implementation Science	3	
NURS 6030	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development*	3	
NURS 6031	DNP Project Implementation*	2	
NURS 6032	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination*	2	

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
AGPC 6600	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 1	3	
AGPC 6610	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 1	3	135
AGPC 6620	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 2	3	
AGPC 6630	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 2	3	135
AGPC 6640	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 3	3	
AGPC 6650	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 3	3	180
AGPC 6660	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 4	3	
AGPC 6670	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 4	3	180
Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours		69	630

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.

*A student who does not complete their DNP project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit project continuation course in subsequent semesters until the project is complete.

**The minimum number of combined clinical practicum and DNP project experience hours is 1000. Students, however, may be required to complete more than 1000 hours to meet minimum competency requirements for graduation and certification (when applicable).