



Curriculum effective Fall 2023

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

The Post-Baccalaureate 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 (ANCC) as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in the state of New Jersey. The program is designed for either part-time or full-time study. You must have a minimum of 2 years of acute care experience.

Role and Qualifications: The acute care nurse practitioner (ACNP) is educationally prepared to provide advanced nursing care in acute care settings to patients with complex acute, critical, and chronic health conditions. 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 of 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. The curriculum focuses on adults with complex, acute, and chronic illnesses cared for in acute care institutions: hospital settings including 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 team members.

Curriculum: The Post-Baccalaureate DNP Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program is 75 credits with 720 precepted practicum hours. 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	
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	



Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
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.
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	188
AGAC 6290	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 2	3	
AGAC 6300	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 2	3	188
AGAC 6320	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 3	3	
AGAC 6330	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 3	3	188
AGAC 6340	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 4	3	
AGAC 6350	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 4	3	188
Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours		75	752

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).