



Curriculum effective Fall 2023

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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 750 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. |
|---|--|-----------|---------------|
| 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         | 240           |
| AGPC 6660                                       | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Theory 4    | 3         |               |
| AGPC 6670                                       | Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Practicum 4 | 3         | 240           |
| <b>Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours</b> |  | <b>69</b> | <b>750</b>    |

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).