



Curriculum effective Fall 2026

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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 Center (ANCC). As an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in the state of New Jersey. Applicants 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 73 credits with 840 precepted practicum hours and 320 DNP Project Experience hours. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Advanced Health Assessment	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pathophysiology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pharmacology	3.00	N/A

Subtotal Core Credits: 9.00

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	DNP Hrs.*
XXXX 0000	Role Development and Foundations of Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Scholarly Inquiry, Appraisal, and Writing	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Health Data, Informatics, and Technology	3.00	N/A



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XXXX 0000	Strategic Leadership and Partnerships	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Healthcare Delivery and Economics	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Evidence-Based Approaches to Advanced Nursing Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Population Health, Policy, and Advocacy	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Preparation	2.00	30
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development	2.00	70
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Implementation	2.00	100
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination	2.00	50

Subtotal DNP Core Credits: 32.00

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clin. Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Diagnostic Reasoning for the AGAC NP 1	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 1	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 1	2.00	120
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 2	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 2	3.00	180
XXXX 0000	Diagnostic Reasoning for the AGAC NP 2	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum Intensive	3.00	120
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Theory 3	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum 3	3.00	180
XXXX 0000	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Review	2.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Final Practicum Intensive	4.00	240

Subtotal Specialty Credits: 32.00

Total Program Credits:	73.00
Total Clinical Hours:	840 (minimum)
Total DNP Project Hours:	320 (minimum)
Total DNP Degree Hours:	1,160 (minimum)

*A student who does not complete their DNP Project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit DNP Project Continuation course (XXXX 0000) until the project sequence is complete.