



## **Objectives for the Post Graduate NP Certificate Program**

### **Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP)**

Prepares advanced practice nurses to function as Nurse Practitioners for acute and critical care populations. Focuses on direct role component, including assessment, diagnosis, and management and delivery of care to acute and critically ill patients, including the core competencies emphasizing teaching/coaching, consultations and evidence based practice. Provides comprehensive care to the entire spectrum of adults including young adults, adults and other adults. Graduates of this track are eligible to take the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

### **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-PCNP)**

Prepares advanced practice nurses to function as Nurse Practitioners in ambulatory or community-based areas. Provides comprehensive care to the entire spectrum of adults including young adults, adults and older adults. Provides direct health care services incorporating health promotion, health protection, disease prevention and disease management. Graduates of this track are eligible to take the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination. .

### **THE PURPOSE:**

The Post-Graduate Certificate Program is designed for individuals who have previously acquired their master's degree in nursing from an accredited program. The Post-Graduate Certificate allows nurses with master's degrees in Nursing to expand their role as Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners or, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners.

### **COMPETENCIES:**

#### **Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**

The Graduate School of Nursing prepares students to meet the competencies from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Core Competencies for Nurse Practitioners and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Scope and Standards of Practice for the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

#### **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**

The Graduate School of Nursing prepares students to meet the competencies from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Core Competencies for Nurse Practitioners.

## Prerequisite Requirements

- Completed courses in Advanced Pathophysiology and Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nurse taken within 5 years. If taken at another institution transcripts and course syllabi must be submitted for approval with a B or higher.
- Completed course in Advanced Health Assessment for the Advanced Practice Nurse, and will be required to demonstrate head to toe competency through clinical performance examination or enrollment in N615 in the spring prior to matriculation.

### Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP Post Graduate Certificate Curriculum

| Fall Semester   | Credits |
|---|---------|
| N630A Advanced Nursing Science: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Theory I              | 6cr     |
| N630B Advanced Nursing Science: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum I  | 4cr     |
| Spring Semester   | Credits |
| N631A Advanced Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Theory II             | 6cr     |
| N631B Advanced Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practicum II | 3cr     |

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**\* ACLS certification prior to the start of 640A**

| Fall Semester   | Credits |
|---|---------|
| N640A Advanced Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory I    | 6cr     |
| N640B Advanced Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical I  | 4cr     |
| Spring Semester   | Credits |
| N641A Advanced Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Theory II   | 6cr     |
| N641B Advanced Nursing Science: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical II | 3cr     |

Please refer to the Graduate School of Nursing web site for admission requirements by program.  
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