



Objectives for the Post Master's Certificate Program

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

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 specialty are eligible to take the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination prepared by an approved national organization as accepted by the Board of Registration in Nursing and to apply to practice in the expanded role in Massachusetts or other states based on regulatory guidelines.

Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

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 specialty are eligible to take the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination prepared by an approved national organization as accepted by the Board of Registration in Nursing and to apply to practice in the expanded role in Massachusetts or other states based on regulatory guidelines.

Nurse Educator Track

Prepares nurses for advanced practice roles in faculty or staff development, providing an opportunity to acquire teaching skills and strategies that address student, program and patient outcomes as well as leadership skills to improve health care. Prepares a unique graduate who possesses a strong clinical foundation, leadership skills, and extensive knowledge of teaching and learning. This track requires clinical and educational practice. Develop advanced practice nursing leaders with expert knowledge of complex health problems who will lead and improve nursing practice in Worcester, the Commonwealth, and beyond.

The purpose:

The Post-Master's Certificate Program is designed for individuals who have previously acquired their master's degree in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The Post-Master Pathway allows nurses with master's degrees in Nursing to expand their role as Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Educators.

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 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.

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Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP Post Master's Curriculum

Information on this fact sheet is subject to change based on regulatory guidelines

Summer Semester (if not already taken)		Credits
N615A	Advanced Health Assessment	3cr
N615B	Advanced Health Assessment Practicum	1cr
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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Summer Semester (if not already taken) * ACLS certification prior to the start of 640A		Credits
N615A	Advanced Health Assessment	3cr
N615B	Advanced Health Assessment Practicum	1cr
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
Nurse Educator Post Master's Curriculum		
Fall Semester		Credits
N622	Advanced Instructional Methods	3cr
Spring Semester		Credits
N620	Teaching and Curriculum Development	3cr
N625B	Advanced Nursing Science: Teaching Practicum for Nurse Educators	3cr
Summer Semester		Credits
N623	Identifying and Measuring Outcomes	3cr

Admissions Requirements

- Completed Application Form via NursingCAS
- Application fee made payable to the Graduate School of Nursing
- Completed Background Questionnaire
- Completed Career Goal Statement
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation; 1 academic and 2 professional
- A notarized proof of residency (all applicants, both Massachusetts Residents and non-residents, must submit)

Prerequisite Requirements

- A master's degree in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education.
- A post-graduate grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Completed courses in health assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology and Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics
- Demonstrated competency in advanced health assessment through successful completion of clinical performance examination or enrollment in N615A and 615B
- Current CPR certification for Health Providers (BLS) by the American Heart Association and ACLS (for adult-gerontology acute care NP track)