

This program prepares nurses who have already earned a master’s degree, or higher, in nursing to sit for the national certification examination offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center or the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

This is a 16-21 credit hour program, consisting of three didactic and one variable credit clinical course. All didactic courses are offered via asynchronous, web-based modalities. Two didactic courses focus on implementation of disciplined reasoning in the application of therapeutics and evidence-based acute care advanced nursing practice in the adult and geriatric population. An additional didactic course is designed to reinforce the difference in role delineation between primary care and acute care certified nurse practitioners and explore common practice issues specific to the acute care certified nurse practitioner.

National certification requires at least 500 clock hours of direct patient care in the advanced role. However, some students may have accrued appropriate hours prior to admission. Any hours accrued prior to admission must have been academically supervised and completed in an approved acute care setting.

	Fall		Spring		Summer	
Year 1	NSG 755 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Role Development	1	NSG 759 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II	5	NSG 757 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum*	1-10
	NSG 758 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care I	5	NSG 757 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum*	0-10		
	Total	6	Total	5-15	Total	1-10
Year 2	NSG 757 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum*	0-5	Total program credits: 16-21			
	Total	0-5				

*The program will be personalized via gap analyses to determine the number of clinical practicum hours required of each student. Students will have the option to complete practicum hours over one, two or three semesters, but must have completed at least 250 hours by the end of the third (summer) term. Throughout the program, students will be required to complete a minimum of 16 credit hours, of which five will be practicum credits (250 clinical hours).

Course Descriptions

NSG 755 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Role Development: This course is designed to explore, analyze, and compare and contrast the role of the previously certified primary care advance practice registered nurse who seeks to gain additional knowledge and skills related to the care of adult-gerontology acutely ill patients.

NSG 758 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care I: Pre-requisite or concurrent NSG 755. This course is designed for the previously certified primary care advance practice registered nurse who seeks to gain additional knowledge and skills related to the care of adult-gerontology acutely ill patients.

NSG 759 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II: Pre-requisite NSG 758. This course builds upon the knowledge and concepts presented in Acute Care I. It is designed for the previously certified primary care advance practice registered nurse who seeks to gain additional knowledge and skills related to the care of adult-gerontology acutely ill patients.

NSG 757 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum: Pre-requisite NSG 758. Pre-requisite or concurrent 756B. This supervised practicum is designed to facilitate the student's competency in the delivery of acute care to adult and geriatric patients.