

Master of Science in Nursing Primary Care - Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

The 39 credit curriculum consists of core, cognate and role courses divided into two levels. Level I contains core and cognate courses which provide the foundation for graduate study in nursing and for the knowledge bases required for advanced practice. Coursework at this level includes: nursing, theory and research, current issues, health care financing and managed care, advanced pathophysiology, pharmacology for prescriptive practice, advanced health assessment with diagnostics, family systems and client education. In Level II the courses focus on advanced theory and clinical practice to prepare graduates for the role of adult-gerontology nurse practitioner. Courses include theory in advanced adult-gerontology nursing and culminate in practica in advanced adult-gerontology nursing where role synthesis and role enactment are accomplished.

The program is designed to prepare graduates for advanced practice in primary care as adult-gerontology nurse practitioners. Students will develop their expertise to assess, diagnose and manage the therapeutic regimens for adult-geriatric clients with common acute illnesses and stabilized chronic illnesses in primary care settings.

Level I

Core Courses (13 Credits)

NU-510	Current Issues in Health Care	2
NU-512	Nursing Theory	3
NU-515	Health Care Fin & Managed Care	3
NU-520	Research: Design & Utilization	3
NU-535	Client Education: Strategies	2

Cognate Courses (11 Credits)

NU-536	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NU-537	Pharmacology: Prescriptive Pract	3
NU-538	Family Systems and Dynamics	2
NU-542	Adv Health Assessmt & Diagnostic	3

Level II

Specialty Courses (15 Credits)

NU-558	Adv Practice Adult-Gero Nursing I	3
NU-568	Adv Practice Adult-Gero Nursing Prtum I (300 hrs)	4
NU-572	Adv Practice Adult-Gero Nursing II	3
NU-582	Adv Pract Adult-Gero Nrsing Practicum II (300 hrs)	4
NU-586	Adv Pract Nursing Project	1

Total Credits		39
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Note: The curriculum consists of two levels. Students may begin the program with any core or cognate course, provided the prerequisite is met. All core courses must be completed prior to taking Level II courses.