

# NURSING, MASTER OF SCIENCE: ADULT/GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER EMPHASIS

This program prepares students to provide evidence-based, safe, quality patient-centered care in a variety of chronic, acute, and emergent care settings. Students will also be prepared for primary care practice across the lifespan. The graduate will be eligible to take the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination and Family Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

## School of Nursing Mission

The mission of the School of Nursing is to prepare graduates for professional positions as safe, competent, and caring nurses to meet the health care needs of diverse populations.

## Acceptance of Transfer Credits

Transfer credit will be awarded per the published Graduate Programs section of the University catalog. A maximum of nine semester hours of transfer credits from an accredited institution may be applied to the degree with approval from the graduate nursing program coordinator.

## Time Limits

Courses completed 6 or more years before the date of graduation will not be accepted as satisfying graduation requirements without the approval by the graduate nursing program coordinator.

## Graduation Requirements for MS

The graduate degree will be granted to candidates who meet all of the University catalog requirements plus the following:

1. Graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
2. All courses must be passed with a B or better.
3. Completed oral comprehensive exam or directed research or thesis. If choosing to complete a directed research project or thesis you will need to contact the Graduate Nursing Program Coordinator by the end of your second semester.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 506	Roles and Issues	2
NSG 508	Advanced Practice Theory	3
NSG 552	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NSG 561	Advanced Pharmacology	3
	Credits	11
<b>Spring</b>		
NSG 512	Research & Evidenced Based Practice	3
NSG 562	Advanced Assessment	2
NSG 562L	Advanced Assessment Lab	1
NSG 610	Diagnostic Reasoning	2
NSG 613L	Acute Care Skills Lab I	2
	Credits	10

<b>Summer</b>		
NSG 551	Health Promotion	2
NSG 571	Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 614L	Acute Care Skills Lab II	1
NSG 641	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NSG 641L	AGACNP Practicum I	1
	Credits	9
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 642	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care II	2
NSG 642L	AGACNP Practicum II	3
	Credits	5
<b>Spring</b>		
NSG 548	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	3
NSG 643	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care III	2
NSG 643L	AGACNP Practicum III	2
NSG 646L	AGACNP Practicum MS <sup>1</sup>	1
	Credits	8
<b>Summer</b>		
NSG 644	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care IV	2
NSG 644L	AGACNP Practicum IV	2
NSG 646L	AGACNP Practicum MS <sup>1</sup>	1
	Credits	5
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
NSG 645	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care V	1
NSG 645L	AGACNP Practicum V	2
NSG 646L	AGACNP Practicum MS <sup>1</sup>	1
	Credits	4
	Total Credits	52

<sup>1</sup> NSG 646L AGACNP Practicum MS (1-3 c.h.) is a variable credit course. Students must complete 1 credit each semester for three semesters in the required sequence for a total of 3 credits during the seven semester program. The additional practicum credits are required are: Summer (Year 1) NSG 641L—1 cr., Fall (Year 2) 642L—3 cr., Spring (Year 2) 643L—2 cr., Summer (Year 2) 644L 1 cr., Fall (Year 3) 645L—2 cr. Students must complete a total of 13 credit (585) hours of Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Practicum in seven semesters.

## Program Requirement Totals

Program Requirement Totals	Credits
Program Core Courses	25 cr.
AGACNP Role-Specific Didactic Hours	10 cr.
AGACNP Clinical Practicum Hours	13 cr. (585 hours)
Total On-Campus Lab Hours	4 cr. (120 hours)
Total Required Credit Hours	52 cr.
Optional Elective Courses	0-22 cr.

## Optional Course List

Course	Title	Credits
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills <sup>1</sup>	1
NSG 505	Biostatistics & Research <sup>2</sup>	3
NSG 575	Curriculum Development <sup>3</sup>	3
NSG 576	Instructional Strategies <sup>3</sup>	3
NSG 577	Assessment & Evaluation <sup>3</sup>	3

NSG 593	Thesis Seminar <sup>4</sup>	3
NSG 599	Thesis Research <sup>4</sup>	3-6

<sup>1</sup> NSG 504 NSG Writing & Presentation Skills (1 c.h.) is an optional elective to assist students in graduate writing. Graduate level writing is required in the graduate nursing program. **This course is highly encouraged for all graduate nursing students.**

<sup>2</sup> NSG 505 Biostatistics & Research (3 c.h.) is an optional elective to assist students in graduate level statistics.

<sup>3</sup> NSG 575 Curriculum Development (3 c.h.), NSG 576 Instructional Strategies (3 c.h.), NSG 577 Assessment & Evaluation (3 c.h.) Nurse Educator Courses. Discuss with your Graduate Nursing Advisor about the Online Nursing Educator Certificate and MS Nurse Educator program option.

<sup>4</sup> NSG 593 Thesis Seminar (3 c.h.) & NSG 599 Thesis Research (1-6 c.h.) Thesis is one of three options minimum to complete the university master's degree graduation requirements. A minimum of 9 credits is required for a thesis option.

## Program Outcomes

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
  - Complete the program within one and one-half times the length of the program
  - Express satisfaction with the program
  - Pass national certification exam the first time
  - Be employed in role-related professional practice within six months to one year
2. Eighty percent of employers' will express satisfaction with graduates' job performance.

## Expected Student Learning Outcomes for Masters Programs

At the completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision making and technology into advanced nursing practice.
2. Utilize interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
3. Explore quality improvement initiatives that affect delivery of advanced nursing practice and health care services.

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