

NURSING: ADULT/ GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE/FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, POST MASTERS CERTIFICATION

AGACNP/FNP

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.

Specific Admission Requirements

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the Graduate Studies section of the University catalog.

1. Complete application to the nursing program.
2. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado or Colorado Nursing Compact State Registered Nurse license for all MS and MS-DNP emphasis options or by the end of the first semester for the BSN-DNP emphases options).
3. Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher (MS, BSN-DNP and associate post-masters certificate options).
4. All prerequisites must be passed with a C or better (C- is not acceptable) including statistics, microbiology and chemistry. Students receiving a grade less than C in a nursing prerequisite course are not eligible for admission.

MS-DNP Program and associated post-masters certificate options. Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited university with a 3.0 GPA, or higher is required.

Post Masters Certificate

Students are responsible for following all admission policies and procedures as outlined in the *Graduate Programs* section of the University catalog.

1. Master's degree in nursing from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency (or equivalent).
2. Master's in nursing degree cumulative GPA of 3.0, or higher.
3. Undergraduate statistics course, equivalent to Math 156 with a grade of C or higher.
4. Undergraduate chemistry course, equivalent to Chemistry 111 with a grade of C or higher.
5. Undergraduate Microbiology, equivalent to Biology 206 and 206L course with a grade of C or higher.
6. Application for admission to graduate programs for AGACNP/ FNP Post Master's Certificate in the university Office of Admission (admission to the university does not constitute admission to the

nursing graduate program). Current degree seeking student, contact admissions for assistance to apply for a second major.

7. Proof of active, unrestricted Colorado or multi-state Registered Nurse license
8. Three references with two minimum Professional (Academic and/or Clinical)
9. Professional Letter of intent/ Personal Statement that includes:
 - a. Name, Credentials, and Date
 - b. Brief professional history
 - c. Reason for pursuing advanced degree and concentration listed on application
 - d. How applicant will manage work, home, and study
10. Curriculum Vitae

Preference for acceptance based on availability will be given to applicants who have:

1. 2000 Hours (1 year full-time) RN experience and/ or as a Nurse Practitioner
2. Residency in Southern Colorado
3. Graduate from CSU Pueblo
4. Complete Application before preference deadline

If accepted into a program, requirements prior to attending first class and maintained as current throughout the program include:

Review the SON website *Castlebranch Instructions on the SON website for specific concentration requirements including but not limited to:*

1. Background check per Colorado Law (minimum annual renewal, some clinical sites may require more frequent checks)
2. Current immunizations
3. Current certification in CPR (Health Care Provider – C or equivalent)
4. Current certification in ACLS and PALS
5. Drug screen (minimum annual renewal, some clinical sites may require more frequent checks)
6. Physical exam within last 12 months

Program Outcomes

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
 - 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. Seventy percent of graduates will complete their program on-time starting from enrollment day one of the first class of their nursing option.
3. 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.

Specific Program Requirements

Students seeking post masters' certificate or DNP Degree in the program who already have a nursing graduate degree are evaluated on an individual basis. Their plan of study is based on their academic credentials. A student must complete a minimum of 16 postgraduate credit hours at CSU Pueblo to be eligible for a post masters certificate. Core courses must be completed to meet the mandates of the Colorado State Board of Nursing for Advanced Nursing Practice. A total of 585 clinical hours must be documented for each nurse practitioner concentration. The student's plan is developed based on the academic course work already completed.

Minimum Required Courses

See masters AGACNP/FNP for complete curriculum requirements.

Course	Title	Credits
NSG 613L	Acute Care Skills Lab I	2
NSG 614L	Acute Care Skills Lab II	1
NSG 636L	FNP Practicum	13
NSG 641	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NSG 642	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care II	2
NSG 642L	AGACNP Practicum II	4
NSG 643	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care III	2
NSG 643L	AGACNP Practicum III	2
NSG 644	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care IV	2
NSG 644L	AGACNP Practicum IV	2
NSG 645	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care V	1
NSG 645L	AGACNP Practicum V	2
NSG 646L	AGACNP Practicum MS	3
NSG 661	Family I	2
NSG 662	Family II	2
NSG 663	Family III	2
NSG 664	Family IV	1
NSG 665	Family V	1
Total Credits		47