

NURSING: ADULT/ GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION, DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

AGACNP

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

Some states require a specific master's degree to practice as a nurse practitioner; therefore, a concurrent Master of Science with a major in Nursing will be awarded with completion of the DNP.

The School of Nursing also offers the post graduate certificate for DNP-prepared nurses. The plan of study is individualized based on academic completion and requirements using a gap analysis evaluation.

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 director.

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 director.

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.

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.

DNP Graduate Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Integrate evidence-based practice, ethical decision making and technology into advanced nursing practice
2. Conduct scholarly inquiry to influence health outcomes of individuals, aggregates and populations
3. Organize interprofessional collaboration to provide safe, quality patient-centered care.
4. Assume a leadership role in transforming health care systems, policies and standards of care

Specific Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
NSG 504	NSG Writing & Presentation Skills	1
NSG 505	Biostatistics & Research	3
NSG 507	Advanced Practice Roles	2
NSG 508	Advanced Practice Theory	3
		Credits
		9
Spring		
NSG 562	Advanced Assessment	2
NSG 562L	Advanced Assessment Lab	1
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
NSG 712	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3
		Credits
		10
Summer		
NSG 551	Health Promotion	2
NSG 571	Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 714	Epidemiology	3
		Credits
		7
Year 2		
Fall		
NSG 552	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NSG 561	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4
		Credits
		10
Spring		
NSG 610	Diagnostic Reasoning	2
NSG 613L	Acute Care Skills Lab I	2

NSG 718	Organizational & Systems Leadership	4
Credits		8
Summer		
NSG 614L	Acute Care Skills Lab II	1
NSG 641	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NSG 801	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
Credits		5
Year 3		
Fall		
NSG 642	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care II	2
NSG 642L	AGACNP Practicum II	4
NSG 802	DNP Project Practicum I	3
Credits		9
Spring		
NSG 643	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care III	2
NSG 643L	AGACNP Practicum III	2
NSG 803	DNP Project Practicum II	3
Credits		7
Summer		
NSG 644	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care IV	2
NSG 644L	AGACNP Practicum IV	2
NSG 804	DNP Project Practicum III	2
Credits		6
Year 4		
Fall		
NSG 645	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care V	1
NSG 645L	AGACNP Practicum V	2
NSG 805	DNP Project Practicum IV	3
Credits		6
Spring		
NSG 806L	Final DNP Practicum AGACNP ^{3 Cr} AGACNP, 3 Cr DNP	6
Credits		6
Optional		
NSG 810L	DNP Project Practicum	(1)
Credits		0
Total Credits		83

Practicum Hours

Course	Title	Credits
Total Lab Hours		120
Total AGACNP Practicum Semester Hours		780
Total DNP Practicum Hours		540
Total Practicum Hours		1320

All courses and number of credits for practicum must be completed in sequence following the program curriculum plan.

NSG 810L is not a required course. Students enroll in NSG 810L if they meet and receive an incomplete grade in NSG 806L to meet university continuous enrollment requirement.

NSG 646L AGACNP Practicum MS (1-3 cr.) is a variable credit course. This program requires a total of 3 cr. and 10 cr. in other AGACNP practicum for a total of 13 cr. MS students complete NSG 646L 1- credit each semester with other AGACNP practicum courses over the final 3 semesters of the program.

Students admitted prior to Fall 2024: program requires 585 hours in AGACNP practicum.

Students admitted starting Fall 2024 need to complete 780 hours in AGACNP practicum.

Specific Graduation Requirements

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. Complete the university requirements for a master's degree.
4. Complete an approved DNP Project.

Planning Sheet

Disclaimer: The Planning Sheet is designed as a guide for student's planning their course selections. The information on this page provides only a suggested schedule. Actual course selections should be made with the advice and consent of an academic advisor. While accurately portraying the information contained in the college catalog, this form is not considered a legal substitute for that document. Students should become familiar with the catalog in effect at the time in which they entered the institution.

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NSG 712	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3
NSG 748	Healthcare: Ethics, Law & Policy	4
Credits		10
Summer		
NSG 551	Health Promotion	2
NSG 571	Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 714	Epidemiology	3
Credits		7
Year 2		
Fall		
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NSG 561	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NSG 716	Health Care Business & Finance	4
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NSG 614L	Acute Care Skills Lab II	1
NSG 641	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care I	3
NSG 801	Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	1
Took out NSG 641L course is on Hiatus		
Credits		5

Year 3

Fall

NSG 642	Adult/ Gerontology Acute Care II	2
NSG 642L	AGACNP Practicum II	4
NSG 802	DNP Project Practicum I	3
Credits		9

Spring

NSG 643	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care III	2
NSG 643L	AGACNP Practicum III	2
NSG 803	DNP Project Practicum II	3
Credits		7

Summer

NSG 644	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care IV	2
NSG 644L	AGACNP Practicum IV	2
NSG 804	DNP Project Practicum III	2
Credits		6

Year 4

Fall

NSG 645	Adult/Gerontology Acute Care V	1
NSG 645L	AGACNP Practicum V	2
NSG 805	DNP Project Practicum IV	3
Credits		6

Spring

NSG 806L	Final DNP Practicum AGACNP	6
Credits		6

Optional

NSG 810L	DNP Project Practicum (If needed after NSG 806L)	(1)
Credits		0

Total Credits		83
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