

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

The online doctor of nursing practice (DNP) in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner (AGACNP) program prepares graduates to function as doctorally prepared nurses at the highest level of clinical practice, to translate knowledge into practice, to apply policy, as well as design, implement and evaluate innovations to improve health care systems and patient centered outcomes.

This option prepares registered nurses as advanced practice leaders and inter-professional team members providing care for acute and critically ill patients and their families. Acute care NPs attend to adolescents and adults across the continuum of care, including in urgent care centers, critical care units, and inpatient medical-surgical or specialty units.

Students are prepared to be eligible to sit for both of the nationally recognized certification examinations for adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioners from American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN). Clinical placements are selected jointly by the student and the program director and carried out in Northern Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, DC. All students attend several on-campus experiences related to DNP coursework, as well as clinical skills development and patient assessment.

Visit the [GW Nursing website \(https://nursing.gwu.edu/\)](https://nursing.gwu.edu/) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission Fall - Priority: December 1 deadline:

Recommendations: Two letters of recommendation Requirements:

Prior academic records: Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended are required.

Statement of Purpose: A personal statement describing your career goals relative to the doctoral study. You should include a general idea for your DNP project. Your vision for your post-DNP contributions to advance the nursing profession through scholarship and evidence-based practice must be emphasized in the statement Also, briefly describe your professional nursing practice and indicate any current or previous leadership roles. The applicants with a clear idea of a potential DNP project and the ability of the project to enhance/improve/contribute to nursing practice will be given preference for admission.

Additional Requirements: Minimum of Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university with a preferred minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

Active and unencumbered RN license from a U.S. state or territory

Applicants must live in Maryland, Northern Virginia, or the District of Columbia while taking the clinical courses NURS 6235, NURS 6236 and NURS 6237.

Current resume

International Requirements: The minimum English language scores required are:

Internet-based TOEFL: 100; or

IELTS: An overall band score of 7.0 with individual band scores of 6.0 or higher

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
45085 University Drive, Suite 201-T  
Ashburn, VA 20147

### Contact for questions:

nursing@gwu.edu ~ 571-553-0138 (phone)  
<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid/> (<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid/>)  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 72 credits in required courses. In addition, students are expected to complete a minimum of 1000 practice hours with an approved preceptor. Practice hours consist of a minimum of 500 direct clinical hours and 500 indirect DNP practice hours.

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 6208	Biostatistics for Health Care Research	
NURS 6220	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	
NURS 6222	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	
NURS 6233	Genetics for Healthcare Providers	
NURS 6234	Advanced Pharmacology for Nursing	
NURS 6235	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I: Introduction to Practice	
NURS 6236	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II: Complex and Acute Illness	
NURS 6237	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III: Complex and Chronic Disease Mgt Adolesc/Elderly	
NURS 8400	Epidemiology and Population Health	
NURS 8401	Organizational Concepts in Nursing	

NURS 8402	Knowledge Management in Nursing
NURS 8403	Translating Research into Practice
NURS 8405	Healthcare Quality Improvement
NURS 8417	Health Policy and Analysis
NURS 8418	Healthcare Economics, Finance, and Reimbursement
NURS 8419	Analytical Methods and Appraisal for Evidence-Based Practice
NURS 8489	DNP Project Scholarly Inquiry
NURS 8490	DNP Project Planning
NURS 8491	DNP Project Implementation
NURS 8492	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination