

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

The DNP adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner option 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 provides the theoretical and practical foundations necessary for nurses to become advanced practice nurses, specifically in working with adolescent (ages 13 and older) and adult patients. As the United States population ages, adult-gerontology is an expanding area that offers abundant opportunities in palliative care, home health, long-term care, assisted living and others. Students who complete this program option will be eligible to sit for the ANCC and AANP certification exams.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission Fall - Priority: December 1  
deadline:

Recommendation Requirement: Two letters of recommendation

Prior academic records: Official transcripts (from all post-secondary schools)

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.

Prerequisites: None

Additional Requirements: - Minimum 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 nursing licensure
- Current resume

International Requirements: The minimum required score for the TOEFL is:

- Internet-based test: 100 or higher
- Paper test: 600 or higher

The minimum required score for the IELTS is:

- An overall band score of 7.0 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 6224	Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner I: Practice Introduction	
NURS 6225	Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner II: Adolescent and Adult	
NURS 6229	Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner III: Adult, Older/Frail	
NURS 6233	Genetics for Healthcare Providers	
NURS 6234	Advanced Pharmacology for Nursing	
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