

# POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

The post-master's certificate in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner program prepares applicants with a previous master's degree in nursing to be advanced practice leaders and interprofessional team members to provide care for acute and critically ill patients and their families in settings such as urgent care centers, critical care units, and inpatient medical-surgical or specialty units.

Offered on a part-time basis, the certificate can be completed in three semesters by applicants with previous advanced practice nursing certification (FNP or AG-Primary Care). Students are prepared to be eligible to sit for both of the nationally recognized certification examinations for adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner from American Nurses Credentialing Center and from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

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 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

Article	Requirement
Admission deadline:	Summer: March 31
Recommendations required:	Two letters of recommendation required:
Prior academic records	Official transcripts (from all post-secondary schools)
Statement of Purpose:	Compose a 250-500 word essay describing your reasons for undertaking study in nursing at The George Washington University, your academic objectives, career goals, and related qualifications (including relevant collegiate, professional, and/or community activities). Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form. Your essay should also speak to the role (e.g. FNP, AGACNP, etc.) that you are applying for and how your qualifications will help you succeed in this role both professionally and as a student.

**Prerequisites** Master's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university

**Additional:** Current resume  
 Active and unencumbered nursing license  
 Preferred scholastic GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited college or university  
 Applicants must live in Maryland, Northern Virginia, or the District of Columbia while taking the clinical courses NURS 6235, NURS 6236 and NURS 6237.  
 Applicants must have the equivalent of at least one year full-time experience in critical care (ICU, Trauma, CCU, or Emergency Department).  
 Applicants must be certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support

**International TOEFL is:** Internet-based test: 100 or higher Paper Requirementstest: 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: 20 credits in required courses and completion of 600 clinical hours.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
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	