

# ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (ADVANCED CERTIFICATE)

**NYSED:** 19112 **HEGIS:** 1203.12 **CIP:** 51.3814

## Program Description

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) Program prepares students to provide high quality, safe, equitable, and evidence-based care for diverse patients across the adult lifespan with chronic, acute, and critical illness. Our students are educated to implement their full scope of practice ranging from disease prevention to the diagnosis and treatment of complex medical and mental health diagnoses, to the provision of palliative care. Completion of the Program enables graduates to be licensed and eligible for certification as an AGACNP and to practice in a variety of acute in-patient and outpatient settings.

## Highlights

- Expert AGACNP faculty and preceptors in acute care.
- Innovative teaching strategies designed to develop the AGACNP students' therapeutic communication techniques, critical thinking, diagnostic reasoning, and decision-making.
- State of the art simulation center - Students participate in 12 acute and critical care simulations, including 6 intra-professional simulations, to cultivate ethical and clinical decision-making.
- Rapid response simulations to promote teamwork, collaboration, and communication in the treatment and management of deteriorating patients.
- Curriculum includes a procedures course, providing multiple opportunities for students to learn and practice procedural skills such as point-of-care ultrasound, central line placement, chest tube insertion, and endotracheal intubation.
- Faculty arrange placements for all AGACNP students in diverse acute care and critical care settings in premier hospitals throughout the New York (NY) and greater NY areas.
- AGACNP students complete 4 different clinical placements in medicine, surgery, cardiology, and critical care.

## Goals

- Prepare adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioners (AGACNPs) to assume clinical and ethical leadership of patients with acute, chronic, and critical illness.
- Guide AGACNP students to provide respectful care, acknowledging the patients' and families' needs, values and preferences.
- Educate students to critically analyze the best available research to implement high-quality, patient-centered care.
- Prescribe pharmacotherapies to improve patient outcomes.
- Provide multiple experiences for students to develop, implement and evaluate their decision-making.

## Admissions

The application for our Advanced Certificate programs (<https://apply.nursing.nyu.edu/apply/>) is available. All applicants to our Advanced

Certificate programs are required to submit the following documents at the time of application:

1. One (1) transcript from each post-secondary school attended. We can review applications with unofficial transcripts. Admitted students will be asked to submit official transcripts prior to beginning coursework at NYU Meyers.
2. Resume.
3. A two- to three-page personal statement.
4. At least two (2) letters of recommendation.
5. RN license and registration certificate. Applicants may submit an application with an out-of-state license, but admitted students must obtain a New York State RN license prior to beginning coursework at NYU Meyers.

Applicants who have attended a post-secondary institution outside of the United States are required to upload one (1) transcript from each post-secondary school attended and submit one (1) official course-by-course evaluation of each foreign transcript directly to our office at the time of application. Applications will not be reviewed without these documents. Please mail official course-by-course evaluation(s) to:

NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing  
Office of Student Affairs and Admissions  
433 First Avenue, LL1  
New York, NY 10010

For applicants whose native language is not English, a copy of the applicant's latest TOEFL or IELTS score is required. Admitted students will be asked to submit official test scores prior to beginning coursework at NYU Meyers. We require a minimum TOEFL internet-based score of 100 and an IELTS Band score of 7.

See Advanced Certificate (<https://nursing.nyu.edu/academics/advanced-certificate/?tgid=nyunursing-tabs-2426&tid=apply>) for additional admission instructions.

## Eligibility

- Master's degree in nursing
- GPA of 3.0
- NYS nursing license prior to beginning coursework
- Ability to successfully complete the academic and clinical requirements of the advanced certificate programs
- Prior to entering the specialty courses of a respective nursing master's program, at least one year of full-time clinical experience as a registered nurse is required
- Additional Program-Specific Requirements

## Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Additional Requirements

At least one year of clinical nursing experience with adults and older adults is required prior to starting the program. Critical care experience preferred.

## Important Notes

We encourage applicants to fill out a FAFSA form at the time that they apply.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early. All deadlines listed are 'in office' deadlines, not postmark deadlines. It is always to the candidate's best advantage to apply early, especially when applying for financial aid.

Should any of the dates listed fall on a weekend, the deadline will be the next working day.

Applicants may check on the status of their application using their application login. Should applicants have any questions about the admissions process, they are encouraged to call the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions at 212-998-5317.

### Application Fee

The application fee is \$85 dollars. Applications will not be processed until the application fee has been paid. Application fees are non-refundable and must be received by the stated application deadlines.

### Fee Waivers

NYU Meyers waives fees for applications based on financial hardship or US military service/US veteran status. To request that the application fee be waived, please submit a request to nursing.admissions@nyu.edu when submitting an application. The request should include the applicant's full name and the program to which they are applying. We will notify applicants via email when their request for an application fee waiver has been approved.

## Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 12-39 credits depending on gap analysis.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NURSE-GN 2036	Health Promotion across the Adult-Older Adult Lifespan	3
NURSE-GN 2050	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURSE-GN 2060	Mental Health Across the Lifespan	3
NURSE-GN 2021	Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan	3
NURSE-GN 2034	Common Health Prob Across the Adult Lifespan for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners	3
NURSE-GN 2012	Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURSE-GN 2013	Contemp Clin Pract Roles	3
NURSE-GN 2051	Geriatric Syndromes for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NURSE-GN 2116	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE-GN 2117	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum II <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE-GN 2123	Diagnosis and Procedures I	1.5
NURSE-GN 2118	APN: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE-GN 2119	APN: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum III <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE-GN 2124	Diagnosis and Procedures II	1.5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

<sup>1</sup>

Required for the advanced certificate.

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
NURSE-GN 2050	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURSE-GN 2036	Health Promotion across the Adult-Older Adult Lifespan	3

NURSE-GN XXXX	Graduate Nursing Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
NURSE-GN 2060	Mental Health Across the Lifespan	3
NURSE-GN 2021	Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan	3
NURSE-GN 2034	Common Health Prob Across the Adult Lifespan for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
NURSE-GN 2012	Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURSE-GN 2013	Contemp Clin Pract Roles	3
NURSE-GN 2051	Geriatric Syndromes for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
NURSE-GN 2116	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II	3
NURSE-GN 2117	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum II	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>5th Semester/Term</b>		
NURSE-GN 2118	APN: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III	3
NURSE-GN 2119	APN: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum III	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

<sup>1</sup>

Students can enroll in NURSE-GN 2123 Diagnosis and Procedures I and NURSE-GN 2124 Diagnosis and Procedures II in lieu of the 3-credit Graduate Nursing Elective.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and decision-making based on a synthesis of appropriate theories and evidence from nursing and other sciences as related to the roles of nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, and/or roles as educators, administrators, informaticists, or clinical research nurses.
2. Perform role competencies defined by national professional organizations for nurse practitioners, or nurse-midwifery roles and/or roles as educator, administrator, informaticist, or clinical research nurse.
3. Demonstrate evidence-informed decision-making related to a specific advanced practice role.
4. Advocate for universal access to quality and cost-effective healthcare for all populations across the lifespan.
5. Collaborate as members of interprofessional teams to achieve high-quality and cost-effective health outcomes.
6. Demonstrate advanced professional practice role competencies related to educational, leadership, policy, organizational, and management outcomes.
7. Demonstrate ethical decision-making in the context of personal and professional codes and guidelines.
8. Articulate a personal and professional philosophy about the Advanced Practice Nursing role that reflects patient-centered care, respect for diversity, cultural values, and a commitment to the preservation of human rights based on professional standards of practice, scope of practice, and respective professional codes of ethics.
9. Evaluate patient outcomes in relation to improving quality and patient safety.

10. Demonstrate effective written, verbal, and technological communication skills that influence the achievement of professional and health-related client outcomes in organizational, legislative, and policy settings.

## **Policies**

### **NYU Policies**

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### **College of Nursing Policies**

Additional academic policies can be found on the College of Nursing academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/nursing/academic-policies/>).