

# ADULT-GERONTOLOGICAL ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, DNP ADVANCED PRACTICE TRACK

This track prepares the student to utilize evidence-based guidelines while diagnosing and managing health problems of acutely and critically ill individuals across the adult lifespan. Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioners work in acute and complex care settings such as critical care units, hospitalist or specialty services, and in other settings where patients can be physiologically unstable, technologically dependent, requiring frequent monitoring and intervention, and are highly vulnerable for complications.

The development of the curriculum is based on:

- The Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs (2016)
- The National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education and other national advanced practice, specialty focused standards and guidelines (AACN Scope and Standards Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practice, American Association of Critical Care Nurses 2017)
- The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care and Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Competencies (AACN 2016)

**Certification:** Graduates of the Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track are eligible to apply for certification as an Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses [www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified](http://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified) (<http://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified/>) or the American Nurses Credentialing Center [www.nursingworld.org/our-certification](http://www.nursingworld.org/our-certification) (<http://www.nursingworld.org/our-certification/>).

## Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track-Specific Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
NR.210.660	Introduction to Acute Care (56CL)	4
NR.210.661	Advanced Practice in Acute Care I (168CL)	6
NR.210.662	Advanced Practice in Acute Care II (168CL)	4
NR.210.663	Advanced Practice in Acute Care III (168CL)	4
NR.210.664	Advanced Practice in Acute Care IV (224CL)	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>24</b>

Track Total [24cr/784CL]

## Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NR.210.606	Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR.210.806	Health Finance	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NR.210.608	The Research Process and Its Application to Evidence-Based Practice	3

NR.210.600	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NR.210.610	Health Promotion and Risk Reduction Across the Lifespan	2
NR.210.602	Clinical Pharmacology	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NR.210.607	Context of Health Care for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR.210.601	Advanced Health Assessment and Measurement	3
NR.210.822	Health Information Systems and Patient Care Technologies	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NR.210.609	Philosophical, Theoretical & Ethical Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR.210.605	Diagnostic Skills and Procedures for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NR.210.802	Advanced Nursing Health Policy	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NR.210.660	Introduction to Acute Care (56CL)	4
NR.210.886	Problem Discovery (56PPR)	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NR.210.661	Advanced Practice in Acute Care I (168CL)	6
NR.210.803	Nursing Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NR.210.805	Translating Evidence into Practice	3
NR.210.662	Advanced Practice in Acute Care II (168CL)	4
NR.210.887	Project Advancement (56PPR)	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NR.210.817	Analysis and Evaluation of Individual and Population Health Data	3
NR.210.663	Advanced Practice in Acute Care III (168CL)	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NR.210.664	Advanced Practice in Acute Care IV (224CL)	6
NR.210.888	Project Application (56PPR)	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NR.210.804	Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Care	2
NR.210.818	Clinical Data Management and Analyses	2

NR.210.889	Project Evaluation and Dissemination (56PPR)	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>78</b>

**Program Total: 78 Credits [cr]/784 Clinical Hours [CL]/224 Project  
Practicum Hours [PPR]**