

# ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGACNP) CERTIFICATE

The Department of Nursing's Post-Graduate APRN Certificate programs are for advanced practice nurse leaders who already hold at least one certification as a nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse midwife.

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) certificate includes theory online, on campus days for skills and simulation, and precepted clinical experiences.

Students who are already licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse can complete a post-graduate APRN certificate program in 12-18 months in the following concentrations:

- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) (<http://catalog.css.edu/programs-az/healthprofessions/nursing/family-nurse-practitioner-certificate/>)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) (<http://catalog.css.edu/programs-az/healthprofessions/nursing/psychiatric-mental-health-nurse-practitioner-certificate/>)

The curriculum integrates nursing, science, concepts and theories from related disciplines, along with practice and research. The number of credits and time to complete the certificate are dependent on the specialty area.

## Contact Information

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## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice and/or post-graduate APRN certificate, the graduate will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from the arts, sciences, and humanities in promoting at least one of the four spheres of care: wellness, chronic disease management, regenerative/restorative, or palliative.
2. Evaluate values and behaviors consistent with professional nursing standards and the Benedictine values.
3. Appraise the use of information and technology to promote health and safely within dynamic health care systems.
4. Develop evidence-based interventions that promote the health and well-being of nurses, individuals, or communities.
5. Generate collaborative partnerships to address social determinants of health and advocate for health equity.
6. Evaluate resources needed to design safe, quality, and equitable care to diverse populations.

## Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) certificate.

## Program Requirements

Major Credits: 42

Clinical Hours: 840

## Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
A gap analysis is completed on all students entering the degree program to determine if additional coursework or clinical hours are required.		
NSG 8152	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice I	2
NSG 8154	Pathophysiology for Advanced Clinical Practice II	2
NSG 8217	Lifespan Health Assessment I	2
NSG 8219	Lifespan Health Assessment II	2
NSG 8661	Health Care Management I: Adult	3
NSG 8663	Advanced Practicum I	4
NSG 8670	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NSG 8672	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NSG 8705	Introduction to Acute Care Practice, Therapeutics & Diagnostics	1
NSG 8710	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management I	2
NSG 8712	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management II	3
NSG 8714	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Management III	3
NSG 8715	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum I	4
NSG 8717	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum II	5
NSG 8719	Acute Care Adult Gerontology Practicum III	5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>42</b>

## Degree Requirements

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, graduate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

Minimum GPA: 3.0