ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Description and Outcomes
The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate is designed for master’s-prepared nurses who want to obtain further knowledge in the professional practice of medical, surgical, and critical care management of acutely ill adult patient populations. Graduates may expect to practice in acute and complex care settings in roles such as a hospitalist in a medical-surgical unit or an intensivist in a general or specialty critical care unit. Adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioners function within the interprofessional acute care team providing direct care management including diagnosis and treatment planning.

Note: the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate program is not available in all states. Refer to Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) details.

Clinical Practice Experience
You will complete a series of clinical practice sessions designed to provide the opportunity for application of theoretical knowledge while working with a designated, qualified preceptor. Additionally, the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate requires a virtual reality immersive learning acute care skills experience.

Refer to the School of Nursing’s Progression Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing/) section for additional requirements for clinical and practicum experiences.

Program Length
The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate program consists of a minimum of 51 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of this program, you will be awarded a certificate.

Program Outcomes
1. Demonstrate, through synthesis of theoretical and scientific knowledge, the safe, effective practice of acute care through management of both health and illness states.
2. Collaborate with the individual and other health care professionals for the purpose of ensuring high-quality, holistic acute care services.
3. Demonstrate the role of a nurse practitioner as a health educator and coach to individuals, families, and communities using a wide range of skills.
4. Demonstrate commitment to the implementation, preservation, and evolution of the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner role.
5. Incorporate critical thinking, collaboration, and interdisciplinary relationships into client care to achieve optimal outcomes.
6. Serve as an advocate for the client as he or she interfaces with the health care system.
7. Demonstrate a commitment to ensuring quality of care through consultation, collaboration, continuing education, certification, and self-reflection.

8. Provide culturally sensitive care in a holistic manner that is responsive to the client’s cultural and spiritual beliefs.

Program Availability
For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Admissions Requirements
You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/).

You must have an approved criminal background check (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/). The criminal background check must not contain information that would prohibit you from being licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse and/or being granted prescriptive authority under your state’s Nurse Practice Act.

If applying for admission, you must submit a current, professional resume or curriculum vitae that verifies you have a minimum of one year of recent full-time practice (2,000 hours) as a registered nurse in a critical care setting that the School of Nursing has determined addresses the clinical skills and experience needed to serve as a basis for entering an acute care nurse practitioner program. Acceptance into the program is determined by the School of Nursing’s review of your professional resume or curriculum vitae.

Prior to enrollment, you must provide evidence of current advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) certification. Your ACLS certification must remain current during the course of your enrollment.

You must have a master’s degree with an upper-level major in nursing and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from an accredited institution. Refer to the Admissions Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/) for more information on prior degree submission.

If your master’s degree nursing focus is in one of the four advanced practice registered nurse roles (nurse midwife, registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner), or you have completed a postgraduate certificate in one of the four roles, you must also submit evidence of national certification and/or advanced practice recognition/licensure from your state in the role in order to be considered for admission to the program.

Progression Requirements
1. You will complete clinical courses as part of the requirements for this program. You are required to follow University Catalog and School of Nursing Handbook requirements in completion of your clinical courses.

   In addition, you must complete the virtual reality immersive learning acute care skills experience.

2. You must submit all transfer credit to the School of Nursing for review and approval.
Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global’s programs are not designed to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global’s Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

If eligible, upon completion of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate, you may sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification or the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses’ Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification. These are acute care certifications. After earning either certification, you may be academically eligible for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in any state in which the program is available for enrollment; please see Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Please note that most states require nurses to be nationally certified and to have completed an accredited graduate nursing program in order to obtain licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse. Each national certification provider and state Board of Nursing will have eligibility requirements in addition to these educational requirements, such as passing a criminal background check. It is your responsibility to determine whether you will be eligible for state Board of Nursing approval and certification as an advanced practice registered nurse in your state. Please visit the following websites for more information:

- National Council of State Boards of Nursing: https://www.ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC): https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

Degree Plan

The icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course