ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

Description and Outcomes
If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge as it relates to the role of the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner, consider the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate program. This certificate program is designed to educate you on the topics of how to promote and provide primary care as a member of an interprofessional team and how to improve the availability of evidence-based, culturally relevant health care in diverse communities. The curriculum helps you develop the skills to evaluate the health and wellness of individuals, families, and their communities. The nurse practitioner is expected to possess skills in diagnosing, treating, and managing acute and chronic health conditions, to deliver preventive care, and to participate in the development of appropriate policy and evidence-based practice.

Note: the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate program is not available in all states. Refer to Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) for 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. The clinical practice sessions occur in a facility or clinical site you select in consultation with the faculty and the Clinical Placement Team.

Program Length
The Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate program consists of a minimum of 60 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 primary care through management of both health and illness states.
2. Collaborate with the individual and community as well as other health care professionals for the purpose of ensuring high-quality, holistic primary 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 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
Policy information specific to the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate program is noted below.

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

You must have an approved criminal background check from the Purdue Global-approved vendor on file prior to the first day of your first term. Please refer to the Additional Requirements for Graduate Programs section under Admissions Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements) for detailed information. 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 you are an international applicant, you are not eligible to enroll in this program due to clinical requirements.

Prior to enrollment, you must submit an unofficial transcript indicating receipt of a master’s degree with an upper-level major in nursing and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from an accredited institution. By the end of the first term, you must provide Purdue Global with an official copy of the transcript. Refer to the First-Term Responsibilities (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/first-term-responsibilities) section for additional information.

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 post-master’s 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 must complete your clinical experience in a setting that has been approved by the Clinical Placement Team. You are responsible for participating in locating, selecting, and obtaining an agreement with an appropriate site that best fits your location preferences and meets program requirements. You are required to speak with the program’s staff to determine your exact responsibilities and process for site selection. You are responsible for arranging and paying for your own transportation, housing, and availability to attend the clinical practice experiences.
2. Prior to registering for the first clinical course, you must submit the following:
a. Documentation of a health assessment/physical examination completed within the 6 months prior to beginning the first clinical course, including applicable immunization records and drug screening results.

b. Proof of professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of at least $1 million per incident/$3 million per aggregate.

c. A criminal background check, as required by applicable federal and/or state regulatory agencies. The background check must be able to qualify you for practice as a nursing student under the requirements of the state of your clinical placements. Some facilities may require additional documentation, as necessary, to comply with specific federal and/or state requirements for nursing student candidates. Failure to submit appropriate documentation to participate in clinical experiences by the required date will result in you being unable register for the clinical course.

d. In addition, prior to beginning the first clinical practice experience, you will be required to provide documentation of compliance with all federal, state, and/or local regulatory requirements related to the activities that are required elements of the specialization. These will include, but are not limited to, immunization status, drug screening, physical history, and examination records, and evidence of an unencumbered registered nurse license.

3. Prior to registering for subsequent clinical courses, all immunizations must be current according to Purdue Global policy. Specific requirements are listed in the NP Clinical Student Handbook.

4. You are expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner and maintain a safe environment. If a faculty member and/or agency consider you to be in violation of either one of these requirements, you may be removed from the clinical setting and may receive a failing grade for the course if the course outcomes are not met. Unprofessional and/or unsafe practices will be reviewed by the administrative staff as needed.

5. You may apply transfer credit toward the following courses only:

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Additional transfer credit or credit by credential may be granted at the discretion of the School of Nursing if you have submitted evidence of national certification and/or advanced practice recognition/licensure from your state in an advanced practice registered nurse role.

The School of Nursing provides all the School of Nursing guidelines, policies, and documents that are necessary to plan for and support you in meeting the expectations to secure a practicum or clinical experience.

**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 made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. 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 Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate, you may sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner certification or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners’ Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner certification. These are primary 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**

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