If you have a master's degree in nursing and are interested in providing high-quality, patient-centered health care for the adult and geriatric population, consider the adult gerontology nurse practitioner certificate program. Enjoy the flexibility of some online instruction combined with the benefits of a campus experience.

**Program Description**

**Degree Awarded: Certificate Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)**

This Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education-accredited certificate program is designed for nurses with a master's degree in nursing who seek to become adult gerontology nurse practitioners and for nurse practitioners with a master's degree or DNP who seek additional certification as adult gerontology nurse practitioners. This certificate program is offered in a hybrid iCourse and in-person format that requires students to travel to campus for orientation and then two or three times per semester. Adult gerontology-focused theory and clinical courses include theories, principles and clinical skills in the care of adults across the lifespan.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators. Every attempt will be made to arrange this in the student's geographical area. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in that area or if the faculty determine the student needs additional faculty supervision of skills, the student will be required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area. Rural health and experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged, and sites are available for these experiences.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus
Degree Requirements

**Required Core (22 credit hours)**
DNP 623 Adult-Gerontology Health Promotion (3)  
DNP 624 Adult-Gerontology Health Promotion Practicum (3)  
DNP 625 Management of Common Health Problems in Adults Across the Lifespan (3)  
DNP 626 Management of Common Health Problems/Adults Across the Lifespan Practicum (5)  
DNP 627 Management of Complex Health Alterations in Adults Across the Lifespan (3)  
DNP 628 Management of Adults Across the Lifespan w/Complex Health Alterations Practicum (5)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Nurses who complete this certificate will meet the eligibility requirements to take the National Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination. In addition to completing didactic courses, students will complete 13 credit hours (585 clock hours) of practicum experiences in a community setting.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee  
2. official transcripts  
3. documentation of a current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums  
4. three professional letters of recommendation  
5. resume  
6. admission essay  
7. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

All students are required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

Applicants are required to have an in-person interview with the program faculty.

Applicants are asked to submit an admission essay:

- Describe career goals for the next five to 10 years and discuss how obtaining a NP certificate from Arizona State University will help meet these goals.
- Read The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (2006) from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, then focus on one of the first seven essentials and describe how meeting this essential will further the stated career goals.

All College of Nursing and Health Innovation students are required to complete health and safety requirements, and must have a passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen with the program's identified agency.

One year of clinical experience working within the student's specialty population is preferred.

For U.S. Department of Education Gainful Employment Program Disclosure information, students should refer to the College of Nursing and Health Innovation website.

Application Deadlines

Summer

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