Program Description

Degree awarded: Certificate Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)
This certificate program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is designed for nurses who are board-certified in a different APRN specialty area who seek additional certification as an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner and for nurses with a doctoral degree in nursing who seek to become an adult gerontology nurse practitioner.

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 for students residing in Arizona. In-state students who live in Maricopa County are assigned clinical experiences in that geographic area. In-state students who live outside of Maricopa County may be assigned clinical placements in other areas of Arizona based on the college's ability to secure clinical agreements with those sites. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in the student's geographical area or if the faculty determines the student needs additional faculty supervision for clinical progress in the program, the student is required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area.

Students residing outside of Arizona are responsible for identifying one or more clinical sites in their area of residence. These sites must be approved by the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation before starting any clinical experience.

Experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged as are experiences in rural areas when sites are available for these experiences.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements member since May 5, 2015, Arizona State University is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual
states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards; program exceptions are noted on the ASU Authorizations website (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/authorizations/). A program exception means that the listed programs are not available to students located within the state.

The Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation prepares graduates for excellence upon entering the workplace. Since certification and licensure requirements vary by profession and from state-to-state, students should review professional licensure information (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/licensure/) to determine the requirements of individual state licensures or national certifications.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

22 credit hours

**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 Adult-Gerontology: Theory (3)
- DNP 626 Management of Common Health Problems in Adult-Gerontology: Practicum (5)
- DNP 627 Management of Complex Health Problems in Adult-Gerontology: Theory (3)
- DNP 628 Management of Common Health Problems in Adult-Gerontology: Practicum (5)

Additional Curriculum Information
Nurses who complete this certificate meet the eligibility requirements for taking the National Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination. In addition to completing didactic courses, students 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 Edson 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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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 must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission be considered for admission to this certificate program.

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 and:

- 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 Edson 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.

**Application Deadlines**
Summer

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the adult gerontology nurse practitioner certificate program have the knowledge and training to provide health care for patients in a wide variety of settings. This broad base of comprehension and clinical expertise enables them to effectively participate and lead within clinical, community and academic arenas.

Career examples:

- business owner
- community advocate
- nurse practitioner
- professor

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