Are you interested in providing high quality, patient-centered health care for adult and geriatric patients? Consider our Doctor of Nursing Practice, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner program. Enjoy the flexibility of some online instruction combined with the benefits of a campus experience.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DNP Advanced Nursing Practice (Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner)

DNP graduates are prepared to practice at the most advanced level of nursing. This program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, provides a foundation for this specialty through graduate courses in the application of theory to advance practice. A major focus of the program is the acquisition of advanced knowledge and skills for primary care, case management, screening and health promotion of adults through the lifespan in a variety of settings, including private practice, ambulatory clinics, long-term care facilities and the patient's home.

This program is offered in a hybrid in-person and iCourse format, requiring students to travel to campus for up to one week for orientation at the beginning of the program and then two or three times per semester.

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
Degree Requirements

84 credit hours including the required applied project course (DNP 707)

Completion of an evidence-based doctoral applied project focused on a clinical issue relevant to advanced practice nursing is required.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recommended a minimum of 1,000 postbaccalaureate practicum hours for all students completing the DNP. The program includes 1,125 practicum hours, exceeding the ANCC requirement.

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 or master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited 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. three professional letters of recommendation
4. resume
5. goal statement
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.

A current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums is required. All students are also 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.

An interview with program faculty is required.

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

Health and safety requirements include passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

No admission examination is required.

Applicants will be reviewed on a space-available basis after the priority deadline. Please see the program website for application deadlines.

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