

Adult-Gerontology

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Bridge RN-BSN-MSN

Curriculum Guide



Registered nurses (RNs) who hold an associate degree in nursing from a community college or a diploma in nursing from a three-year hospital-based program and who do not hold bachelors or master's degrees are eligible for the RN-MSN curriculum sequence. These RN students must apply through the Ursuline College Adult Program (UCAP) but must declare interest in pursuing the RN-MSN sequence upon admission. The student must also meet criteria for admission to MSN graduate program (see below). These students will pursue all undergraduate level college core courses as well as the required RN-BSN level nursing courses through UCAP with the exception of NR 265 Evidence-Based Professional Nursing Practice (BSN level course) and NR 205 Pathophysiology (undergraduate level course). All RN-BSN courses in UCAP are

online. The MSN level bridge course, NR 532 Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice will substitute for NR 265, and the MSN level bridge course, NR 540 Advanced Physiology/Pathology, will substitute for NR 205.

After these courses are completed, the student receives the BSN degree and continues into the established MSN sequence of courses. Students progressing into the MSN program must receive a 3.0 or higher on their BSN transcript and must have at least 1 year of experience as a registered nurse. The student must select a specialty MSN track by pursuing the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner or Leadership.

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Bridge Courses

NR 265: Evidence-Based Professional Nursing Practice	NR 532: Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice
NR 205: Pathophysiology	NR 540: Advanced Physiology/Pathology

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Graduate Admission

Application

Students must apply for and be accepted into the RN-BSN program. Then complete the MSN application for admission into the graduate program. At the time of application, RN-MSN applicants are required to have a cumulative GPA 3.0 or better of transfer coursework OR undergraduate degree GPA of 3.0 or better.

Adult–Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)

Adult–Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) practices in any setting in which patient care requirements include complex monitoring and therapies, high–intensity nursing intervention, or continuous nursing vigilance within the range of high–acuity care. Coursework, clinical experience, and research utilization provide students with the knowledge, values and skills necessary for advanced practice nursing roles. The track is 45 credit hours total.

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General education requirements may vary. BSN nursing core courses included below.

	Fall (August-December)	Spring (January-May)	Summer (May-August)
BSN	<p>NR 235: Health Assessment of the Adult (2 credits)</p> <p>NR 226: Foundations of Professional Practice (3 credits)</p>	<p>NR 331: Societal Impact on American Women’s Health (3 credits)</p>	<p>NR 435: Healthcare Policy & Global Health Experiences (3 credits)</p> <p>NR 465: Nursing Leadership (3 credits)</p> <p>NR 426: Leadership Practicum (2 credits)</p>
Level 1	<p>*NR 532: Introduction to Evidence–Based Practice (3 credits) (replaces NR 265)</p> <p>*NR 540: Advanced Physiology/Pathology (3 credits) (replaces NR 205)</p> <p><i>BSN Awarded</i></p>	<p>*NR 533: Application of Evidence–Based Practice (3 credits)</p> <p>NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)</p>	<p>NR 535: Health Care Informatics (2 credits)</p> <p>NR 541: Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>NR 542: Advanced Pharmacology (4 credits)</p>
Level 2	<p>NR 615: Advanced Diagnostics (3 credits)</p> <p>With</p> <p>NR 616: Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p>NR 650A: Health Care Policy (1 credit)</p>	<p>NR 636: Adult Gerontology Health Disease Management (3 credits)</p> <p>With</p> <p>NR 617: Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p>NR 650B: Health Care Organizations and Finance (1 credit)</p>	<p>NR 620: Health Promotion, Maintenance and Restoration (3 credits)</p> <p>With</p> <p>NR 618: Clinical Management Course/Practicum (1 credit)</p> <p>NR 650C: Advanced Practice Ethical and Legal Responsibilities (1 credit)</p>
Level 3	<p>NR 644: Acute Care Management (5 credits)</p> <p>NR 650D: Advanced Practice Roles and Responsibilities with culminating project (2 credits)</p>	<p>NR 654: Focused Populations for Acute Care Nurse Practitioners (5 credits)</p>	

*Some semesters the course can be taken face–to–face or online

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