

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF ADULT- GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

The DNP adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner option prepares graduates to function as doctorally prepared nurses at the highest level of clinical practice, to translate knowledge into practice, to apply policy, as well as design, implement and evaluate innovations to improve health care systems and patient centered outcomes.

This option provides the theoretical and practical foundations necessary for nurses to become advanced practice nurses, specifically in working with adolescent (ages 13 and older) and adult patients. As the United States population ages, adult-gerontology is an expanding area that offers abundant opportunities in palliative care, home health, long-term care, assisted living and others. Students who complete this program option will be eligible to sit for the ANCC and AANP certification exams.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission Fall - Priority: December 1  
deadline:

Recommendation Requirement: Two letters of recommendation

Prior academic records: Official transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended

Statement of Purpose: A personal statement describing your career goals relative to the doctoral study. You should include a general idea for your DNP project. Your vision for your post-DNP contributions to advance the nursing profession through scholarship and evidence-based practice must be emphasized in the statement. Also, briefly describe your professional nursing practice and indicate any current or previous leadership roles. The applicants with a clear idea of a potential DNP project and the ability of the project to enhance/improve/contribute to nursing practice will be given preference for admission.

Prerequisites: None

Additional Requirements: - Minimum Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university with a preferred minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

- Active and unencumbered RN license from a U.S. state or territory

- Current resume

International Requirements: The minimum required score for the TOEFL is:

- Internet-based test: 100 or higher

- Paper test: 600 or higher

The minimum required score for the IELTS is:

- An overall band score of 7.0 Individual band scores of 6.0 or higher

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
45085 University Drive, Suite 201-T  
Ashburn, VA 20147

### Contact for questions:

nursing@gwu.edu ~ 571-553-0138 (phone)  
<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid> (<https://nursing.gwu.edu/admissions-aid/>)  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 72 credits in required courses. In addition, students are expected to complete a minimum of 1000 practice hours with an approved preceptor. Practice hours consist of a minimum of 500 direct clinical hours and 500 indirect DNP practice hours.

| Code      | Title  | Credits |
|-----------|--|---------|
| NURS 6208 | Biostatistics for Health Care Research                                     |         |
| NURS 6220 | Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology                                    |         |
| NURS 6222 | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning                        |         |
| NURS 6224 | Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner I: Practice Introduction |         |
| NURS 6225 | Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner II: Adolescent and Adult |         |
| NURS 6229 | Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner III: Adult, Older/Frail  |         |
| NURS 6233 | Genetics for Healthcare Providers  |         |
| NURS 6234 | Advanced Pharmacology for Nursing  |         |
| NURS 8400 | Epidemiology and Population Health   |         |
| NURS 8401 | Organizational Concepts in Nursing   |         |
| NURS 8402 | Knowledge Management in Nursing  |         |
| NURS 8403 | Translating Research into Practice   |         |
| NURS 8405 | Healthcare Quality Improvement   |         |
| NURS 8417 | Health Policy and Analysis   |         |
| NURS 8418 | Healthcare Economics, Finance, and Reimbursement                           |         |

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| NURS 8419 | Analytical Methods and Appraisal for Evidence-Based Practice |
| NURS 8489 | DNP Project Scholarly Inquiry                                |
| NURS 8490 | DNP Project Planning   |
| NURS 8491 | DNP Project Implementation                                   |
| NURS 8492 | DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination                     |