

# Code Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Under Review | Fall 2023

## Proposal Information

### Workflow Status

In Progress

**Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate**

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Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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## Proposal Information

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### College

College of Nursing

### Department

Nursing

### Campus

Health Sciences Center  
(Albuquerque)

## Effective Term and Year

### Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2023

## Justification

### **Concentration Justification**

Healthcare is changing and becoming more volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous. We need advanced professional nurses who know how to negotiate the system. We have an obligation to our stakeholders to ensure that our graduates can meet the needs of the healthcare environment. To address these issues, our accrediting bodies have recommended a transition to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The transition to the doctoral degree is consistent with other health professions such as physical therapy, pharmacy, and occupational therapy. Our community deserves advanced nursing leaders who are well prepared to meet the challenges of modern healthcare, reduce the costs of healthcare, advance health equity, reduce the cost of healthcare, and provide evidence-based care. Consistent with our mission, advanced professional nurses of tomorrow must be doctorally prepared. The University of New Mexico College of Nursing believes that the State of New Mexico deserves high quality healthcare providers who are prepared at the highest level.

The College of Nursing has one open position for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) Concentration. Once hired, this concentration will be fully staffed with two primary concentration faculty to teach concentration specialty courses and an additional faculty member serving in an administrative leadership role who are academically and experientially qualified to teach within this concentration. This concentration admits annually and has a typical cohort of 8-10 students per year. Required core courses (24 credits) will be taught by faculty across the College and are sufficient in number to deliver the curriculum. The AG-ACNP faculty are academically and experientially prepared to teach the required curriculum.

This DNP concentration replaces a master's level concentration and does not impact the College's budget or faculty workload. The faculty currently responsible for teaching the master's concentration are academically and experientially prepared to teach this new doctoral level concentration. The master's level concentration will be sunset and no longer taught.

Required didactic and clinical core courses (33 credits) will be taught by faculty across the College and are sufficient in number to deliver the curriculum. Concentration specific credits total 32 within the program of studies which are taught by concentration specific faculty.

## **Associated Forms**

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**Select any associated course forms that exist**

NURS 700 - Introduction to Professional Inquiry (3)  
NURS 701 - Introduction to Translational Evidence-Informed Care (3)  
NURS 707 - Formulating Strategies for Systemic Health Inquiry (3)  
NURS 708 - Evidence-Informed Practice and Scholarship (3)  
NURS 709 - Integrating Innovative Strategies for Systemic Health Change (3)  
NURS 710 - Translation of Evidence for Healthcare Practice, Policy, and Evaluation (3)  
NURS 711 - Advanced Pathophysiology (3)  
NURS 712 - Pharmacological Principles of Clinical Therapeutics (3)  
NURS 713 - Advanced Health Assessment (3)  
NURS 760 - Advanced Diagnostic Test Interpretation (2)  
NURS 761 - Managing the Acute & Complex/Chronically Ill Adult/Gerontology Patient I (5)  
NURS 762 - Managing the Acute & Complex/Chronically Ill Adult/Gerontology Patient II (5)  
NURS 763 - Managing Emergency & Critical Illness in the Adult/Gerontology Patient (5)  
NURS 764 - AGACNP Practicum I (4)  
NURS 765 - AGACNP Practicum II (5)  
NURS 769 - Comparative Models of Maternal and Child Health Care Delivery (3) | **Retired**  
NURS 795 - Advanced Nursing Fieldwork (1 - 7)

**Select any associated program forms that exist**

DNP Nurs Prac

## Program Information

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**Degree Name**

DNP Nurs Prac - Doctor of Nursing Practice

**Degree Type**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

**Program Type**

Doctoral

**Program Description**

No Parent Selected

**Degree Hours**

59-71

**Minimum Major Hours**

## Degree Requirements

Choose one  
concentration

34 - 45

Total Credits

- Complete 1 of the following

### **Clinical Concentration**

- Earn at least 35 credits from the following types of courses:  
Clinical Concentration required courses (see above) and 250 Clinical/Practice hours.

### **Nursing Executive Organizational Leadership Concentration**

- Completed between 34 and 45 credits from the following types of courses:  
Nursing Executive Organizational Leadership Concentration required courses (see above) and 550-700 Clinical/Practice hours.

**Grand Total Credits: 34 - 45**

## Concentration Information

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### **Concentration Title**

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

### **Program Level**

Graduate

## Concentration Requirements

- Complete all of the following
  - Admitted to a program offered by College of Nursing
  - Complete the following:
    - NURS700 - Introduction to Professional Inquiry (3)
    - NURS707 - Formulating Strategies for Systemic Health Inquiry (3)
    - NURS709 - Integrating Innovative Strategies for Systemic Health Change (3)
    - NURS701 - Introduction to Translational Evidence-Informed Care (3)
    - NURS708 - Evidence-Informed Practice and Scholarship (3)
    - NURS710 - Translation of Evidence for Healthcare Practice, Policy, and Evaluation (3)
    - NURS711 - Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
    - NURS713 - Advanced Health Assessment (3)
    - NURS712 - Pharmacological Principles of Clinical Therapeutics (3)
    - NURS761 - Managing the Acute & Complex/Chronically Ill Adult/Gerontology Patient I (5)
    - NURS762 - Managing the Acute & Complex/Chronically Ill Adult/Gerontology Patient II (5)
    - NURS763 - Managing Emergency & Critical Illness in the Adult/Gerontology Patient (5)
    - NURS765 - AGACNP Practicum II (5)
    - NURS760 - Advanced Diagnostic Test Interpretation (2)
    - NURS764 - AGACNP Practicum I (4)
    - NURS798 - Systems Thinking for Healthcare Transformation III (1)
    - NURS799 - Systems Thinking for Healthcare Transformation IV (2)
  - Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
    - NURS795 - Advanced Nursing Fieldwork (1 - 7)
  - Earn at least 2 credits from the following:
    - NURS796 - Systems Thinking for Healthcare Transformation I (2)
  - Earn at least 1 credits from the following:
    - NURS797 - Systems Thinking for Healthcare Transformation II (1)

**Grand Total Credits: 65**

**Concentration Description**

The Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) program at the University of New Mexico College of Nursing prepares graduates to provide

AGACNP Program Goals:

1. Provide full scope care in managing acute, complex/chronic, and critical health issues of the adult/gerontology population that is ethical, equitable, and person-centered. (Essentials 1, 2, 3)
2. Advocate for systems & policies that promote health equity, diversity & inclusion, social justice, and facilitate access to care to improve health of the adult/gerontology population. (Essentials 3, 7)
3. Participate in nursing scholarship that contributes to & advances knowledge to improve health outcomes of adult/gerontology population. (Essentials 4, 5)
4. Apply evidence-informed research as the basis for advanced nursing practice. (Essentials 1, 4)
5. Disseminate evidence to the adult/gerontology population and health care professionals through multiple modalities. (Essentials 4, 10)
6. Assume professional responsibility for maintaining and advancing clinical practice competencies. (Essentials 9, 10)
7. Collaborate with professional partnerships to optimize care for the adult/gerontology population focusing on wellness & disease prevention, chronic disease management, regenerative/restorative care, and hospice/palliative care. (Essentials 6, 7)
8. Utilized informatics & healthcare technologies that engage, manage, and improve health conditions of the adult/gerontology population. (Essential 8)

The DNP with a specialization as a AGACNP is also grounded in the core competencies for all nurse practitioners and the population-focused competencies for AGACNPs from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) encompassed in the Population-Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies document (NONPF, 2013).