

# Doctor of Nursing Practice

Acute Care—Adult/Gerontology

Nurse Practitioner

Satisfies eligibility requirements for certification exam



## Prerequisites

NURS 520	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 550	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 552	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 555	Advanced Health Assessment	4

## Required Core Courses

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NURS 502	Orientation to Graduate Nursing Studies	0
NURS 706	DNP Seminar	2
NURS 716	Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Advanced Practice	4
NURS 722	Genetics and Environment in Disease	3
NURS 812	DNP Project Development	1
NURS 822	DNP Project Progression	6
NURS 832	DNP Project Finalization	2
NURS 887	Nursing DNP Program Finalization	0
OR RELT 545	God and Human Suffering	3
RELB 548	Jesus as Healer	3

## Emphasis in Acute Care—Adult/Gerontology Courses

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NURS 591	Orientation to Graduate Nursing Clinical Practicum	1
NURS 640	Primary Care of Adults I	3
NURS 645	Practicum I: Primary Care of Adults	4
NURS 650	Primary Care of Adults II	3
NURS 657	Acute Care Concepts and Skills I	3
NURS 659	Acute Care Concepts and Skills II	3
NURS 671	Practicum I: Acute Care of Adults	3
NURS 673	Practicum II: Acute Care of Adults	3
NURS 685	Role Development for Advanced Practice	1

## Electives

3

Select 3 hours of NURS Electives

Choose a minimum of six NURS hours (required if not taken at master's level):

NURS 527	Theory and Research for Advanced Practice	4
NURS 540	Healthcare Policy, Economics, and Finance	3
NURS 635	Issues in Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Technology	3

**Total Hours 48**

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