

**Building Acute Care Capacity: Transforming Primary Care NPs into Acute Care Providers
Adult-Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioners
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
Expanding Scope of Practice and Clinical Expertise**

Options:

1. Post-Masters AG-ACNP to DNP
2. Post-Masters AG-ACNP (certificate confirming completion of program of study)

Criteria:

Post-Masters AG-ACNP to DNP

1. Verification related to their NP status (ANP, FNP, PNP)
2. Meet admission requirements for both the MSN program and DNP program
 - A. GPA 3.5
 - B. GRE is waived since they already have earned their MSN
 - C. Goal statement for DNP program incorporates appropriate goals for expanded practice
 - D. Additional documentation includes CV, references, and confirmation that they have access and support to carry out their DNP project or proposal
3. Student will first complete an appropriate program of study for the AG-ACNP component before focusing the DNP curriculum

Post-Masters AG-ACNP

1. Verification related to their NP status
2. Meet admissions requirements for MSN program
 - A. GPA 3.0
 - B. GRE
 - C. Appropriate references
 - D. Articulate an understanding of the role of the AG-ACNP (18 yrs of age and older) and the rationale for the need for expanded scope of practice.
 - E. Interview Survey (written) clearly communicates an understanding of the concept of nursing, as well as the attributes they bring to the program. They appropriately address ways to balance work, school and personal life.

Gap Analysis:

Core courses: research, integration of evidence based practice into the role of the APN, and APN role development.

Advanced Physical Assessment: didactic

****Clinical experience and focus as an APN:** goal is to determine areas that they need to strengthen or new doors to open. This sets the stage for clinical placement for the Fall, Spring and Summer.

Curriculum Plans:

1. Post-Masters AG-ACNP:

(Full time or Part Time) 25 credits focusing on the Adult-Gero ACNP Competencies

Advanced Pathophysiology and Physiology for AG-ACNP

Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics for AG-ACNP

Pathophysiology & Collaborative Management in Acute Care for the AG-ACNP (I, II, III)

Advanced Health Assessment Application for the AG-ACNP (Fall Clinical)

AG-ACNP Practicum (spring clinical)

AG-ACNP Preceptorship (summer clinical)

RED FLAGS:

- A. Wanting to do their clinical hours while “on the clock” at work.
- B. Reluctance to obtain clinical hours beyond their current work setting .
- C. Starting a new job and wanting to go begin graduate school simultaneously.
- D. Assumption: they are really an “AG-ACNP”, they just need clinical hours to sit for certification.

2. Post-Masters AG-ACNP to DNP: 35 credit hours focusing on the Essentials for DNP

Informatics for Scholarly Practice

Evidence-Based practice I: the Nature of Evidence

Statistics in Health Sciences

Evidence-Based Practice II: Evaluating and Applying Evidence

Epidemiology

Quality Improvement & Patient Safety

Integrative Application of Evidence-Based Practice I

Health Care Economics and Finance

Integrative Application of Evidence-Based Practice II

Management of Organizations and Systems

Health Policy

Integrative Application of Evidence-Based Practice III

Legal and Ethical Environment

Electives (2)

- A. Recommend part time program of study (6 semesters)
- B. If also doing the Post-Master’s component as a *part time* program of study, they can begin the entry DNP level courses while doing their clinicals.