POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE: NURSE PRACTITIONER (ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER)

Web Site: https://twu.edu/nursing/master-of-science-in-nursing-msn/adultgerontology-nurse-practitioner-agnp/

Individuals who have a master's degree in nursing may be considered for admission to a Post-master's Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner.

Those students admitted to the Certificate program must have completed a graduate Physical Assessment course, a Pharmacology course, and a course in Pathophysiology with a grade of B or better (The three 'Ps'). The Pharmacology course must have been successfully completed within 6 years of the anticipated completion of the Post-Master's Certificate. Prerequisite courses for the Post-Master's Certificate are not required that are part of the MSN degree since all students admitted to the Certificate program must have a master's degree in nursing. Therefore, courses within the MSN are waived as pre-requisite except the Assessment, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology.

A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who holds a master's or doctoral degree in a specific population focus. These include family, adult-gerontology (primary or acute care), neonatal, pediatrics (primary or acute care), women's health, or psychiatric-mental health populations. Texas Woman's University offers programs for family, adult-gerontology (primary and acute care), pediatric primary care, women's health, and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner tracks.

The Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) manages care for patients aged 13 and older in outpatient primary care or internal medicine settings. The AGPCNP provides acute, chronic, and preventative care to adolescence through old age in outpatient primary care or specialty areas such as cardiology, dermatology, oncology, etc.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Work well with teams and complete project work.
2. Collect and analyze information, problem-solve, and make decisions.
3. Effectively communicate through a variety of mediums and modes.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Certificate Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

27 semester credit hours (SCH).

Prerequisites

These courses are considered prerequisites to a Post-Master's Certificate. If a student is practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse and is currently credentialed by the Texas Board of Nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse, the pharmacology course must have been completed no more than six years earlier (must be current within six years of anticipated certificate completion). If not, this coursework will need to be repeated for the new certificate.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
BIOL 5333	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5663	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 5643	Advanced Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Total SCHs		**9**

Required Courses

Course	Title	Credits
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)		
NURS 5502	Foundational Concepts for the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	2
NURS 5503	Principles of Adult and Geriatric Care Management, Diagnostics and Common Procedural Interventions	3
NURS 5323	Primary Care Management of the Adolescent, Adult, and Older Adult	3
NURS 5523	AGPCNP Clinical Practicum I: Introduction to Adult Primary Care	3
NURS 5563	Acute and Chronic Disease Management of the Adult and Older Adult	3
NURS 5565	AGPCNP Clinical Practicum II: Acute and Chronic Disease Management	5
NURS 5573	Synthesis and Transition to Professional Practice for the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NURS 5575	AGPCNP Clinical Practicum III: Advanced Care Management	5
Total SCHs		**27**