



# Graduate Certificates: Post M.S.N./Doctorate Nurse Practitioner

UCF's hybrid graduate certificate program allows APRNs to add an additional specialty to their current practice. Upon completion of the accredited post-M.S.N./Doctorate advanced practice certificate program, graduates are eligible to sit for the required national certification examination in their specialty area. This exam is necessary to obtain the state license to practice and function in the advanced practice role.

**Hybrid** Some components of this program are delivered online.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Prepares APRNs for **advanced primary care practice, focusing on patients 13 years and older** in primary care and home care settings. **AGPCNPs** diagnose and manage self-limiting and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. Their services include, but are not limited to, ordering, conducting and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; prescribing pharmacological agents and non-pharmacological therapies; and teaching and counseling.

### FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Prepares APRNs for **advanced primary care practice across the lifespan** — from children to adults. **FNPs** diagnose and manage self-limiting and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. Their services include, but are not limited to, ordering, conducting and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; prescribing pharmacological agents and nonpharmacological therapies; and teaching and counseling.

### ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Prepares APRNs for **advanced practice in acute care, focusing on patients 18 years and older**. An **AGACNP** cares for adult or gerontology patients with medically complex, stable and unstable acute, critical, and chronic illnesses across care settings ranging from hospitals to sub-acute, ambulatory care, clinic, and home care environments. The AGACNP provides a spectrum of care from disease prevention to acute and critical care management.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Start:** Spring term only

**Deadline:** Sept. 1

**Format:** Cohort, part-time

**Schedule:** Hybrid classes. Clinical hours located within UCF service area.

**Prerequisites:** 4 courses and 1 lab

**Length:** 4 semesters

**Credit hours:** 22

**Clinical hours:** 600 (within UCF service area)

**Tuition:** \$369.65/credit hour (in-state)  
\$1,194.05/credit hour (out-of-state)

*Graduate students may incur other fees, such as the Material and Supply Fee, Equipment Fee, Online Course Proctoring Fee, etc.*

**Start:** Spring term only

**Deadline:** Sept. 1

**Format:** Cohort, part-time

**Schedule:** Hybrid classes. Clinical hours located within UCF service area.

**Prerequisites:** 4 courses and 1 lab

**Length:** 5 semesters

**Credit hours:** 22

**Clinical hours:** 660 (within UCF service area)

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# CURRICULUM & REQUIREMENTS

## PREREQUISITE COURSES (4 ONLINE / 1 CAMPUS^)

- Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning
- Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Lab ^
- Pathophysiological Bases for Advanced Nursing Practice
- Health Promotion
- Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice

## TRACK-SPECIFIC COURSES | HYBRID FORMAT

### ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

- Adult I Primary Care
- Adult I Primary Care Clinical
- Women's Health for APNs
- Adult II Clinical for APNs
- Gerontological Care for APNs
- Gerontological Care Clinical for NPs
- Advanced Practice Practicum

### FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

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- Adult I Primary Care Clinical for APNs
- Women's Health for APNs
- Women's Health for APNs Clinical
- Gerontological Care for APNs
- Gerontological Care Clinical for NPs
- Pediatric Primary Care
- Pediatric Primary Care Clinical
- Advanced Practice Practicum

### ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care I
- Diagnostics and Skills for Care of the Critically Ill
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care II Clinical
- Critical Care Pharmacology
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care III Clinical
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Practicum

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### 1. REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

If you are not a UCF graduate, official transcripts from each college or university attended must be sent in a sealed envelope directly to the address below or electronically to [gradadmissions@ucf.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@ucf.edu).

University of Central Florida  
College of Graduate Studies  
P.O. Box 160112  
Orlando, FL 32816-0112

### 2. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

The B.S.N. must be earned from a regionally accredited institution and the nursing program must also be accredited by the CCNE or ACEN.

### 3. MASTER OF SCIENCE OR DOCTORATE IN NURSING

The M.S.N./D.N.P. must be earned from a regionally accredited institution and the nursing program must also be accredited by the CCNE or ACEN.

### 4. UNDERGRADUATE STATISTICS COURSE

### 5. APRN LICENSE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA



The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and advanced practice post-master's certificates at the College of Nursing at University of Central Florida are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C., 20001, (t: 202-887-6791).

### 6. WRITTEN ESSAY

Write a one-page, double-spaced essay using 12-pt. Times New Roman font and 1-inch margins. Address the following:

*Describe your future career plans and how the program to which you are applying will help you achieve your career goals; Identify one significant contemporary issue or problem in U.S. healthcare and explore how members of the nursing profession can help address that issue or solve that problem.*

*\*\*It is advantageous to discuss your essay with a DNP advisor prior to submitting your application.\*\**

### 7. CURRICULUM VITAE

CV must reflect prior education, recent clinical accomplishments, any recent scholarly work (publications and presentations), awards, additional certifications, and activities with professional organizations. For recent graduates, this can include accomplishments as a student.

### 8. THREE PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

### 9. POTENTIAL INTERVIEW