DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

DNP: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)

A post-BSN Opportunity

Are you interested in being a nurse practitioner who provides high quality person-centered primary care to adolescents, adults, and the elderly?

If so, GW’s DNP: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) prepares you to be an expert clinician and nurse leader who makes evidence-based decisions, engages in health policy decisions, and advocates for patient safety and quality care for the entire spectrum of adults.

AGPCNPs care for the physical, psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual health of patients, families, and communities.

AGPCNPs must synthesize theoretical, scientific, and evidence-based clinical knowledge for both health and illness situations.

AGPCNPs are leaders prepared to shape the future of primary care for patients across the adult age continuum.

Demand for AGPCNPs is critical and increasing to meet the evolving health care needs of our population’s changing demographics.

WHY GW IS A SMART CHOICE

As you pursue an DNP: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner degree online at GW you will find that, as a nationally recognized leader in online nursing education, GW offers you a special combination of:

+ FLEXIBILITY – access courses anytime and work around a busy or unpredictable schedule

+ CONVENIENCE – use any internet-connected computer, and complete clinical experiences in your community

+ VALUE – top-ranked school with comparatively low tuition

+ SHARED MISSION – providing high quality care to patients across the adult spectrum, which is a critical need for our nation’s aging population

+ COMMUNITY – diverse colleagues nationwide to share experiences and exchange ideas, and create a lifelong connection to GW’s alumni network

+ ACADEMIC RIGOR – interdisciplinary approach designed for today’s complex healthcare environment

+ POLICY EXPERTISE – GW is evolving as the school of nursing for health policy

STRENGTHEN YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAPACITY AND WIDEN YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

The DNP: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner expands your scope of practice to become a leader in your role as a nurse practitioner and prepares you to:

• Shape the future of primary health care for patients across the adult age continuum – from adolescents to adults to the elderly

• Practice in many care environments now offered to older adults, including their own homes, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes

• Work in family practices, urgent care settings, primary care clinics, specialized clinics, hospice, and other environments

• Develop in-depth knowledge about an in-demand and rewarding specialty

• Handle acute and chronic health care issues for patients throughout their adult lives

• Advocate for patient safety and quality care

• Be part of health care policy decisions
FORMAT
Designed for working nurses, coursework is online and as challenging as an on-campus option. Like on-campus pathways, there is a regular semester schedule and students have textbooks, work on group projects, and complete final exams or projects.

Classes are asynchronous to provide flexibility. Interactive formats give you easy access to course materials, faculty members and other students. Some courses have synchronous seminars to provide live time with faculty members and other students.

Your clinical residency will be in your own community.

You will have five to six on-campus experiences for face-to-face interactions with your classmates and faculty members, to hone your skills in GW’s premier simulation lab, and for workshops, seminars, and networking.

A clinical research project in the final year caps your studies.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
The rigorous curriculum incorporates the values within the SON vision and mission, and consistent with the ANCC Magnet goals, educates you to be a nurse leader prepared to:

- Provide high quality patient care
- Further evidence-based practice
- Ensure collaboration among health care providers
- Develop quality improvement initiatives
- Engage in policy discussions and decision-making
- Collect and analyze clinical data
- Translate research into practice
- Strategically manage resources
- Utilize technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness

Integrated with this is coursework to provide you with expertise to care for adolescents, adults, older adults, and the frail elderly. Courses include:

- Adult Gerontology I, II, and III
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Genetics
- Population Health
- Organizational and Interdisciplinary Concepts in Nursing
- Health Care Quality Improvement
- Health Services Research and Policy
- Translating Research into Practice
- And more... 

FACULTY
Drawn from diverse health care professions, the faculty gives you access to many worldviews and healthcare perspectives.

Our faculty believes optimal learning occurs when education is student-centered and adult learners are recognized for their professional knowledge, life experience, and self-reflection.

STRONG EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS
You will have a strong support network:

- Positive support from the faculty through academic advising and other direct interactions
- On-campus orientation to develop relationships and facilitate communication
- Access to all campus services, with staff and faculty assistance in navigating university systems
- A student writing resource website
- National network of colleagues for idea exchange and support

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
If you already have a MSN, you can pursue an AGPCNP certificate and/or we can develop a personalized program of study based on your previous education. The certificate and personalized program of study will be less than the 81 credits noted below.

You enter the DNP: AGPCNP in the fall semester as a full- or part-time student.

For more information about the admissions requirements and process, please visit nursing.gwu.edu/how-apply or contact us at sonadmit@gwu.edu or 571-553-0138.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required.

This is a post-BSN degree opportunity.

TUITION, FINANCIAL AID AND VALUE
2015-2016

TUITION
$1,030/credit*
Total Credits Needed for Graduation ............................................81

*This graduate tuition rate is fixed for students admitted in Fall 2015 or Spring 2016, and guaranteed for one year past the standard degree completion.

OTHER COSTS
Students are responsible for other costs, including but not limited to: CPR certification, books, certified background check, health insurance, immunizations, and lab fees. For the current listing of all associated costs, please visit our website at nursing.gwu.edu/tuition-and-fees.

FINANCIAL AID
GW Colonial Central provides a “one-stop shop” for tuition, student loans, and financing your education. Some employers provide tuition support and some scholarship opportunities are available. Visit colonialcentral.gwu.edu.

Students are eligible to apply for financial aid through GW’s Financial Aid Office (financialaid.gwu.edu). Questions? Contact finaid@gwu.edu or call 202-994-6620.

Also, nursing specific scholarships and other funding sources are identified in the Admissions & Aid section of the school’s website at nursing.gwu.edu.

VALUE
George Washington University is a nonprofit private university. Receive a valuable education from a school of nursing ranked in the top 11% of nursing schools by US News & World Report and whose MSN program is ranked #9.