

# ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGACNP TRACK), BSN TO DNP DEGREE

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) track is a 75-credit hour graduate nursing curriculum to prepare registered nurses to serve as an advocate for patients with complex acute, critical, and chronic illness, disability, and/or injury to improve patient outcomes in diverse populations. The role encompasses care ranging from disease prevention to acute and critical care management. The AGACNP provides direct healthcare services to improve patient outcomes by utilizing evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning, and interprofessional collaboration. The AGACNP provides specialized care for patients 18 years and older with greater autonomy at the highest level in multiple settings including the ICU, ER, trauma units, specialty clinics, surgery, other hospital services, and long-term care facilities. This is an online program with required on-campus and virtual immersions.

The program of study conforms to educational guidelines from the Texas Board of Nursing, the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2021), the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF), and National Taskforce on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education (NTF, 2022). Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for national Adult-Gerontology examinations offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN).

## APRN DNP/Adult Gerontology Acute Care Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NUR 5103	Diagnostic Reasoning	1
NUR 5213	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Management I: Practicum	2
NUR 5214	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Management II: Practicum (NUR 5214::AGACNP II Practicum)	2
NUR 5215	AGACNP Residency (NUR 5215::AGACNP Residency)	2
NUR 5311	Gerontology Considerations for APRN Practice	3
NUR 5333	Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Management I: Common Problems	3
NUR 5334	Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Management II: Chronic Problems	3
NUR 5335	Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Management III: Acute & Critical Care (NUR 5335::AGACNP Management III)	3
NUR 5336	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Management III: Practicum (NUR 5336::AGAC III Practicum)	3

## Sample Curriculum Plan for APRN DNP/Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP(AGACNP) - Spring Start

Year 1		
Spring Trimester		Hours
NUR 5209	Theoretical Concepts for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	2
NUR 5201	Introduction to Statistical Methods	2
NUR 5211	Servant Leadership and Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 5351	Advanced Pharmacology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
Summer Trimester		
NUR 5349	Global Healthcare and Missions	3
NUR 6316	Transforming Health Care Organizations and Changing Outcomes	3
NUR 5312	The Roles and Business of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
Fall Trimester		
NUR 5332	Advanced Human Pathophysiology	3
NUR 5314	Scientific Inquiry	3
NUR 6272	Applied Ethics for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
Year 2		
Spring Trimester		
NUR 5354	Advanced Health Assessment/Promotion/Disease Prevention	3
NUR 6377	Policy and Implications for Health	3
NUR 5311	Gerontology Considerations for APRN Practice	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
Summer Trimester		
NUR 5103	Diagnostic Reasoning	1
NUR 5333	Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Management I: Common Problems	3
NUR 5213	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Management I: Practicum (150 hours)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
Fall Trimester		
NUR 6375	Translational Science	3
NUR 5334	Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Management II: Chronic Problems	3
NUR 5214	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Management II: Practicum (NUR 5214::AGACNP II Practicum)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
Year 3		
Spring Trimester		
NUR 5335	Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP Management III: Acute & Critical Care (NUR 5335::AGACNP Management III)	3

NUR 5336	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Management III: Practicum (NUR 5336::AGAC III Practicum)	3
NUR 5280	Health Informatics and Innovations in Technology	2
NUR 6110	Data Management for the Advanced Practice Nurse	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Summer Trimester</b>		
NUR 5215	AGACNP Residency (NUR 5215::AGACNP Residency)	2
NUR 6373	Clinical Epidemiology	3
NUR 63C1	DNP Project I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Fall Trimester</b>		
NUR 6V76	Advanced Practice Nursing Residency (225 hours)	3
NUR 61C2	DNP Project II	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Spring Trimester</b>		
NUR 62C3	DNP Project III	2
NUR 6V76	Advanced Practice Nursing Residency (225 hours)	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>75</b>