

## **AGACMC: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Post Master's Certificate**

Graduates who earn their post-doctoral/post-masters AG-ACNP certificate will be qualified to serve adult and older adult patients in acute and complex care settings. Students who pursue this specialization will learn how to effectively communicate with families and manage multifaceted acute care situations.

1. Perform comprehensive history taking, physical examination, and principles of pathologic mechanism of disease to correctly identify and document common adult and gerontology acute illnesses.
2. Eliminate differential diagnoses by priority for new or recurring common adult and gerontology acute illnesses.
3. Document data from a variety of sources to make clinical decisions in planning and implementing care, consultation, or referral with the inter-professional team.
4. In consultation with the inter-professional team, prescribe appropriate pharmacologic modalities considering age, allergies, drug-drug compatibilities, cost, and patient adherence to regime.
5. Monitor for acute and chronic mental health and behavioral problems and disorders, adapting for the cognitively impaired individuals.
6. Communicate effectively with the inter-professional team.
7. Through collaboration and effective communication with the inter-professional team, develop and implement comprehensive, specialty focused plans of care for adult-gerontology populations with complex, chronic health problems.
8. Modify existing plans of care through synthesis of previous data derived from on-going assessment of client information and physical examination.
9. Utilize appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic interventions with concern for safety, cost, invasiveness, acceptability, simplicity and effectiveness.
10. Use evidence-based criteria to evaluate client outcomes and revise plans of care.
11. Provide for continuity of care beyond secondary care through collaboration and communication with appropriate referrals to community-based agencies.
12. Develop, implement, and evaluate educational interventions for patients, families and staff.
13. Through collaboration with the inter-professional team, develop a comprehensive plan of care to include a comprehensive history and physical, problem list, education plan, and referral follow-up process to determine outcomes of evidence-based care for adult and geriatric populations with complex acute and critical health problems.
14. Utilize evidence-based practices, products, and technology that are specific to adult-geriatric populations into clinical practice and utilize specialty-based technical skills in the performance of therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.
15. Use evidence-based criteria to evaluate client outcomes and modify existing plans of care through synthesis of previous data derived from on-going assessment of client information.
16. Plan appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic interventions with concern for safety, cost, invasiveness, acceptability, simplicity and effectiveness.

17. Evaluate legal and ethical principles to guide decision-making in the advanced nursing practice role.
18. Communicate effectively with the inter-professional team members.

Program Assessments:

1. Student completion of courses and earning certificate.
2. Students passing ANCC certification exam.
3. Student employment.
4. Program outcomes will be assessed by the program Evaluation Committee on an annual basis.

Fall 2023: Due to continued decline in enrollment, the program was closed for admission. One remaining student is expected to graduate in 2024.