

# Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate)

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## Program description

### **Degree awarded: Certificate Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)**

The certificate program for the adult gerontology nurse practitioner specialty is an advanced nursing practice program. It is designed for board-certified nurses in a different advanced practice registered nursing specialty who seek additional certification as an adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, and for doctorate-level nurses who seek an adult-gerontology nurse practitioner position. This program prepares graduates to provide holistic, client-centered primary care to adolescents, adults and geriatric patients in a variety of settings.

This is a hybrid program, a blend of in-person and online learning. Students are required to travel to campus for orientation once and for immersions two or three times per semester.

Core courses include pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology and advanced health assessment across the life span. Specialty courses focus on assessment, screening, diagnosis and evidence-based management of common, chronic and complex health conditions in adolescents, adults and geriatric patients. Content including epidemiology, differential diagnosis, sociocultural variations in evidence-based treatments, health promotion and case management is emphasized. Adult gerontology-focused theory and clinical courses include theories, principles and clinical skills in the care of adolescents and adults across the life span in a variety of settings, including private practice, ambulatory clinics, long-term care facilities and patients' homes. Practicing faculty with clinical experience teach the specialty coursework and clinical experiences. Any deficiency courses determined by the student's unique gap analysis must have been completed within the past five years to be eligible for credit.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged for students residing in Maricopa County, Arizona. Students should expect to travel throughout Maricopa County and, in some cases, surrounding counties to complete their assigned clinical placement.

Students residing outside of Maricopa County are responsible for identifying the required number of clinical sites in their area of residence and for identifying preceptors and sites willing to accommodate clinical rotations. Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation must approve these sites before

students start any clinical experience; the doctorate program office does not guarantee a clinical placement site for any student outside Maricopa County. If, during the program, faculty determine that the student needs additional supervision for clinical progress in the program, the student must complete clinical experiences in the Phoenix area.

The program offers practicum experiences (clinical rotations) in health profession shortage areas throughout the state, in both urban underserved and rural areas, providing students multicultural experiences to enhance professional development.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization reciprocity agreements member, Arizona State University is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual state authorization reciprocity agreement member states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards. California is not a state authorization reciprocity agreement member; the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education does not regulate out-of-state public institutions offering online education to students in California, or in-person education in Arizona to students from California. ASU may offer educational activities in California. There are some exceptions for specific programs at Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation; these are noted on the [ASU state authorizations](#) website.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

## Degree requirements

22 credit hours

### Required Core (22 credit hours)

DNP 623 Adult-Gerontology Health Promotion (3)

DNP 624 Adult-Gerontology Health Promotion Practicum (3)

DNP 625 Management of Common Health Problems in Adult-Gerontology: Theory (3)

DNP 626 Management of Common Health Problems in Adult-Gerontology: Practicum (5)

DNP 627 Management of Complex Health Problems in Adult-Gerontology: Theory (3)

DNP 628 Management of Common Health Problems in Adult-Gerontology: Practicum (5)

### Additional Curriculum Information

Nurses who complete this certificate meet the eligibility requirements for taking the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner exam. In addition to completing didactic courses, students complete 13 credit hours (585 clock hours) of practicum experiences in a community setting.

# Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. documentation of a current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums
4. three professional letters of recommendation
5. resume
6. admission essay
7. proof of English proficiency

## Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must [provide proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency, per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

International students who need an F-1 or J-1 visa need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the U.S. on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

All students are required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

Applicants are required to have an in-person interview with the program faculty.

Applicants are asked to submit an admission essay and:

- describe career goals for the next five to 10 years and discuss how obtaining an NP certificate from Arizona State University will help meet these goals
- read "The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice" (2006) from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, then focus on one of the first seven essentials and describe how meeting this essential will further their stated career goals

All Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation students are required to complete health and safety requirements, and they must have a passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen with the program's identified agency.

One year of clinical experience working within the student's specialty population is preferred.

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Application deadlines

Summer

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## Career opportunities

The Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation prepares graduates for excellence upon entering the workplace. Graduates of the adult gerontology nurse practitioner certificate program have the knowledge and training to provide health care for patients in a wide variety of settings. This broad base of comprehension and clinical expertise enables them to effectively participate and lead within clinical, community and academic arenas.

Career examples:

- business owner
- community advocate
- nurse practitioner
- professor

## Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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