# ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGPCNP), GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Certificate in AGPCNP is designed to provide a pathway for nurses who already have a master's or doctoral degree in nursing and want to become Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners. Post-graduate certificate programs support master's and doctorally prepared nurses to enhance or change their career direction.

The AGPCNP certificate offers the same adult-gerontology primary care specialty courses, content, instruction, assessment, lab hours and clinical hours to prepare students to manage chronic health conditions, prevention and wellness in primary care settings for adolescents, adults and older adults and sit for national certification as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP). The graduate certificate curriculum includes theory, simulation and clinical experiences that prepare graduates to be proficient, confident clinicians. Students will complete faculty-supervised laboratory work and 625 hours of clinical practicum work. A student may expect to complete the AGPCNP Certificate in one year and eight months of full-time study comprised of two courses per semester, three semesters per year, for five semesters.

As part of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) curriculum, students will attend an on-ground immersion experience and an on-ground intensive review session. The immersion experience occurs during the NR-509 Advanced Physical Assessment course. The purpose of this immersion is to provide the student with the opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students and to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills, thus ensuring students are prepared for advanced learning within the practicum experiences. The immersion event allows faculty and staff to work with students and assess their clinical competency before entering clinical rotations. The immersion event also allows the student to further experience *Chamberlain Care*<sup>®</sup>.

The on-ground intensive review session is offered during the last course in the program – NR-580 Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Capstone and Intensive. The intensive review session will focus on final student preparation for advanced practice. Both the immersion and intensive events occur on ground at designated locations and span several days. Students are responsible for their travel costs while participating in the immersion event and the intensive review |session. Typical costs include travel to/from the designated location, lodging and meals. Further details of the immersion event and intensive review session will be provided within the individual courses.

Students declaring a nurse practitioner graduate certificate are required to clear a background and fingerprint check, through a Chamberlain preferred vendor, by the end of their first course. Students declaring any one of the NP tracks will have their license reviewed for past sanctions, violations, and restrictions that impact current clinical/practicum approval by clinical sites and future licensure or other advanced practice credentials. Applicant may be denied entry related to current and past infractions at the discretion of the admissions committee and/or Dean. Students may enroll in core courses for the Master of Science in Nursing degree program but cannot enroll in an NP practicum course until clearance is satisfactorily completed. If the student background or fingerprint check does not satisfactorily clear, the student will not be allowed to continue in the NP specialty track. Students who do not receive clearance by the time they need to register for an NP practicum course should contact Academic Support Advising to discuss alternative academic program options and impacts to their plan of study, progression and financial aid status.

Students are responsible for specifying their own practicum site and qualified preceptor that meet the criteria established by Chamberlain. Students who are current nurse practitioners enrolling in an NP graduate certificate are highly encouraged to have a secured practicum site and preceptor upon admission to avoid delays in progression. If students are unable to secure their own practicum site and gualified preceptor. Chamberlain will assist in identifying site/preceptor upon the student providing documentation of at least five potential sites that have not been able to accommodate the student, and must submit the request three sessions in advance of the need. Students using Chamberlain's preceptor matching service will be provided with one preceptor option within a 100-mile radius of their home address. Students must have an active and unrestricted nursing license in the state where they will complete their practicum. If the preceptor, mentor and/or field instructor you are submitting for Chamberlain University's review and approval was found using a student-arranged third-party preceptor matching service, be advised that Chamberlain University will not reimburse any fees you may have incurred. Availability of the Graduate Certificate in AGPCNP may be limited. Program, graduate certificate and specialty track approval varies by state.

Successful completion of Chamberlain's Graduate Certificate in AGPCNP qualifies you to sit for national certification as an AGPCNP. State licensure requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, including Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners, vary by state. It is important that you understand what is required by the state in which you will ultimately practice. Chamberlain limits student enrollment to states where the Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program is approved to ensure our program meets the state's education requirement for licensure. Your state may have requirements in addition to graduating from an approved AGPCNP program or receiving national AGPCNP certification. We recommend visiting your state professional licensing board website for details specific to your state. To obtain more information about the national nurse practitioner certification process, visit the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board or the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

**By completing the Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner,** the student will have the knowledge, skills and ability to care for adolescents, adults and older adults in management of chronic health conditions, prevention and wellness in primary care settings in a primary care setting and sit for national certification as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP).

## **Program Details** Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) with Practicum

Certificate: Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)

Semesters: 5 Full Time With Practicum (33 credit hours)

### COURSES FOR ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGPCNP) Prior to January 2024

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Code	Title	Hours
NR-503	Population Health, Epidemiology and Statistical Principles	3
NR-506NP	Healthcare Policy and Leadership	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-568	Advanced Pharmacology for the Adult- Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NR-576	Differential Diagnosis in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care	3
NR-577	Primary Care Management of Adolescents and Adults	3
NR-578	Primary Care Management of Older Adults	3
NR-579	Palliative Care in Adult-Gerontology Across the Spectrum	3
NR-580	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Capstone and Intensive <sup>2</sup>	3

### COURSES FOR ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGPCNP) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024

Title	Hours
Population Health and Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Leadership and Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Advanced Physical Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3
Advanced Pharmacology for the Adult- Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	3
Differential Diagnosis in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care	3
Primary Care Management of Adolescents and Adults	3
Primary Care Management of Older Adults	3
Palliative Care in Adult-Gerontology Across the Spectrum	3
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Capstone and Intensive $^{\rm 2}$	3
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#### COURSES FOR ADULT-GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGPCNP) EFFECTIVE MARCH 2024

Code	Title	Hours
NR-586NP	Population Health and Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-582NP	Leadership and Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-568	Advanced Pharmacology for the Adult- Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	3

NR-576	Differential Diagnosis in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care	3
NR-577	Primary Care Management of Adolescents and Adults	3
NR-578	Primary Care Management of Older Adults	3
NR-579	Palliative Care in Adult-Gerontology Across the Spectrum	3
NR-580	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Capstone and Intensive <sup>2</sup>	3

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<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

<sup>2</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground intensive review weekend that focuses on final student preparation for advanced practice.

For the most up-to-date curriculum grids, visit chamberlain.edu/ curriculum.