Program Courses and Clinical Rotations*

NURS 673 - Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NPs (3 Semester Hours; 60 Clinical Hours)
This clinical and laboratory course introduces students to the use of diagnostic and treatment modalities utilized in acute/critical care settings. Content includes principles such as fluid replacement, hemodynamic monitoring, and electromechanical interventions. Analysis of laboratory data and interpretation of radiographs and ECGs will be included. Laboratory practice will include procedures such as suturing, casting, and gynecologic exams.

NURS 674 - Acute Care of Adults I Seminar (3 Semester Hours)
This course focuses on the diagnosis and management of acutely ill adults across the lifespan experiencing episodic illness or injury, exacerbation of chronic illness or terminal conditions in the acute care setting. Evidence-based practice is emphasized with integration of theory, assessment, and advanced therapeutics for application to patients in high acuity patient settings through all phases of hospitalization and illness.

NURS 675 - Acute Care Adults Clinical I** (4 Semester Hours; 240 Clinical Hours)
This course provides the opportunity to apply knowledge and develop skills related to the role of the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner in acute care settings. Focus is on care of acutely ill clients / families managing chronic disease processes. Examples of potential rotations include cardiology, nephrology, neurology, endocrine, infectious disease, and hospital internal medicine.

NURS 676 - Acute Care Adults Seminar II (3 Semester Hours)
This course focuses on the diagnoses and management of acutely ill adults across the lifespan experiencing episodic illness or injury, exacerbation of chronic illness or terminal conditions in the acute care setting. Evidence-based practice is emphasized with integration of theory, assessment, and therapeutics for application to patients in high acuity patient setting through all phases of hospitalization and illness. In this course students will be prepared to diagnose, treat, and follow patients with acute/critical health problems with emphasis placed on high acuity conditions.

NURS 677 - Acute Care of Adults Clinical II** (5 Semester Hours; 300 Clinical Hours)
This course provides the opportunity to apply knowledge and develop skills related to the role of the nurse practitioner in management of clients/families with acute and complex health conditions. Clinical time will include simulation experiences including an advanced procedures course where students will learn skills such as advanced airway management, central line placement, paracentesis, thoracentesis, and lumbar puncture. Clinical rotations focus on management of the acutely ill, and potentially decompensating patients; possible rotations include ED, ICU, surgery, gastroenterology, nephrology, hematology/oncology, and bone marrow transplant.

*All students complete courses in the nursing science core and the direct care nursing core. A listing of the complete curriculum is available at: http://www.winona.edu/graduatenursing

**Prior Experience
Applicants who are currently practicing NPs can have their clinical hours tailored to meet their educational goals.

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Winona State University (WSU) admitted students for the first time to the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) Program in 2011. WSU is the first, and currently only, AGACNP Program in the state of Minnesota.

The AGACNP Program was created at the request of one of our clinical affiliates and the majority of the original program students were employed at that clinical site. Since that time students from across the region and nation have become interested in this role. Additional employers have supported students in their AGACNP program enrollment. National Certification pass rate is 99%.

Two cohort groups (15 students) have graduated and are employed in a variety of acute care settings throughout Minnesota (rural and urban, including the greater Twin Cities), Iowa, and Wisconsin.

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program Credits

Master of Science: 54 credits
(Including 12 clinical credits; 720 total clinical hours)
Graduate Certificate: 18 credits
(Including 7 clinical credits, 3 clinical residency credits; 600 total clinical hours)
Post-Bacc. Doctor of Nursing Practice: 74 credits
(Including 12 clinical credits, 9 clinical scholarship credits; 1260 total clinical hours)
Post-Master’s Doctor of Nursing Practice: 31 credits
(Including 9 clinical scholarship credits; 540 total clinical hours)

Courses are offered in a variety of delivery methods, including online, hybrid, and traditional one day per week formats. Further detail regarding course scheduling and course delivery is available at www.winona.edu/graduatennursing.

Students choosing the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP Program) are prepared to provide and manage health care of the acutely ill adult patient in a wide range of settings.

AGACNP practice includes decision-making, both independently and interdependently; and is directly accountable for clinical judgments. The program includes courses in the nursing science core; advanced pathophysiology, pharmacology, and health assessment; differential diagnosis and disease management; diagnostic and therapeutic interventions to manage acute and critical health problems; participation in and use of research; development and implementation of health policy, leadership, education, and case management; and consultation with emphasis on interdisciplinary therapeutics. You will complete clinical practicums arranged by our Clinical Site Coordinator and under the supervision of qualified preceptors and focus on acute care in a variety of specialty areas.

If you choose the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program you will complete additional coursework in the areas of applied biostatistics, epidemiological approaches to population health, select electives, and a clinical scholarship project conducted within the clinical setting.

Graduates are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s (ANCC) national board certification AGACNP exam or the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) Certification Corporation Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Adult-Gerontology) exam.

The Graduate Certificate (GC) is for nurses who have completed a previous graduate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited graduate nursing program and desire to prepare for certification as an AGACNP. All GC applicants must have completed advanced physical or health assessment, advanced pharmacology, advanced pathophysiology, and advanced health promotion prior to admission.

If you already have your master’s degree as an AGACNP and want to obtain your DNP, you may apply to our Post-Master’s DNP program for AGACNPs. This is a 31-credit program that involves additional courses in the areas of applied biostatistics, epidemiological approaches to population health, select electives, and a clinical scholarship project conducted within the clinical setting, most preferably the setting where you are employed. Our goal is to give you the tools needed to assist with translation of knowledge within your clinical setting and assist your setting to address organizational goals.