Winona State University – Department of Graduate Nursing Graduate Certificate (GC) Plan of Study Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS) Program

This plan of study* is intended for students with a graduate degree in nursing who are seeking a certification as an AGCNS.

Year One			
Summer	Fall	Spring	
		NURS 620 AGCNS Role Foundations Seminar (3)	
		3	3
Year Two			
Summer	Fall	Spring	
	NURS 624 AGCNS Role Development Seminar (3)	NURS 630 AGCNS Role Synthesis Seminar (3)	
	NURS 625 AGCNS Role Development Clinical (4)	NURS 631 AGCNS Role Synthesis Clinical (4)	
	7 (4 clinical)	7 (4 clinical)	14
Program Total: 17 credits			

TOTAL: 16 credits; 1 clinical credit = 60 hours (8 direct role clinical credits = 480 hours) **** assumes 60 faculty supervised clinical hours in the role/population transferred in with advanced health assessment/advanced health promotion)

Applicants must provide evidence of holding at least a master's in nursing, along with the following required coursework. Upon admission, students are required to submit the syllabi for each of the courses to the program faculty for review. If this content has not been covered, these courses will need to be taken:

NURS 612: Advanced Health Promotion (3)

NURS 617: Advanced Clinical Pharmacology (3) (within 3 years of graduation in some states for credentialing)

NURS 618: Advanced Pathophysiology (4)

NURS 619: Advanced Health Assessment (3) (3 clinical)

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^{*}Your official plan of study will be set up with your advisor upon admittance into the program.