ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

The Post-Master’s Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certificate program prepares acute care nurse practitioners to provide advanced practice nursing care to acutely and/or critically ill adults. The program requires one calendar year of intense study including advanced clinical practice and theory. The program is built upon a core of advanced assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology. Acute Care Nurse Practitioners are prepared to conduct comprehensive physical assessments, appraise health risks and promote health behaviors, order and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and manage commonly occurring health problems and diseases. The program consists of 16 credits of graduate level course work and 525 hours of clinical practice.

Admission Criteria

- Hold an MSN degree from a professionally accredited nursing program.
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the master’s degree program.
- Recent acute/critical care experience (within the past three years).
- A 300 word essay describing professional goals.
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses: graduate level pharmacology, pathophysiology, and advanced assessment.
- Completion of an interview with the selection committee.
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification.

Program of Study

- 8200:691 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I (4 credits)
- 8200:692 Clinical Management II (3 credits)
- 8200:693 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II (4 credits)
- 8200:695 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III (4 credits)
- 8200:696 Clinical Reasoning (1 credit)