

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. The necessary coursework needed is dependent upon the coursework that was completed in your previous master's degree. A gap analysis will be completed to identify the specific courses that will be needed to complete this certificate.

Admission Requirements

- Current unrestricted State of Ohio RN license.
- 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.

Please contact the School of Nursing at (330) 972-7555 before applying.

Program of Study

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| NURS 691 | Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I | 4 |
| NURS 692 | Clinical Management II | 3 |
| NURS 693 | Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II | 4 |
| NURS 695 | Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III | 4 |
| NURS 696 | Clinical Reasoning | 1 |
| Total Hours | | 16 |