

Adult Gerontology– Acute Care Nurse Practitioner



Level up your nursing career. Become a leader in adult acute care and treatment.

Adult Gerontology–Acute Care Nurse Practitioners provide emergency care and address complex health issues.

Rising demand for acute and gerontological care has increased the need for Adult Gerontology–Acute Care Nurse Practitioners (AG-ACNPs), yet only 6.1% of all nurse practitioners in the U.S. carry this certification.* Rivier's AG-ACNP degree prepares you to assess patients' health conditions, order and interpret diagnostic tests, prescribe medications, and develop and oversee treatment plans.

Making an Impact

AG-ACNPs provide a wide spectrum of care for their patients aged 17 and older—from meeting immediate, acute care needs to disease prevention; the top diagnoses treated by AG-ACNPs are hypertension, heart failure, and diabetes.* As a Nurse Practitioner, you'll diagnose and treat your patients' medical problems, as well as act as a researcher, educator, and counselor in service to your patients' care. AG-ACNPs work in the acute care environment and serve in the hospitalist role or specialty areas such as ER, critical care, surgery, or cardiology.

Choose Rivier

This online MSN in Adult Gerontology–Acute Care Nurse Practitioner degree offers a combination of advanced theory and clinical education. Through coursework and clinical experiences, students gain the confidence and skills to practice with autonomy. Rivier's Nursing Simulation and Clinical Education Center provides state-of-the-art, high-tech simulation resources for hands-on learning. Online coursework provides greater flexibility for working students. Classes are offered in seven- and 14-week terms.

**Source: American Association of Nurse Practitioners*



Course Format

Online and
10 days on campus



#1 Ranked

nursing school
in New Hampshire



3.5-5 Years

estimated
program length



Top 50 Ranked

private nursing
school in the nation



48 Credits

to complete
program



Multiple

Entry Points

based on entry degree





Course of Study

PREREQUISITES

Undergraduate statistics (or evidence of completion).

CORE REQUIREMENTS

NURS 507	Advanced Pathophysiology
NURS 516	Advanced Health Assessment
NURS 517	Advanced Role of the Nurse
NURS 518	Advanced Pharmacology
NURS 601	Quality Healthcare Improvement
NURS 602	Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing & Healthcare
NURS 606	Research Capstone Advisement
NURS 620	Biostatistics for the Health Sciences
NURS 630	Acute Care Theory I
NURS 631	Acute Care Theory II
NURS 635	Acute Care Skills Lab I
NURS 636	NSG Acute Care Skills Lab II
NURS 638P	Acute Care Practicum I
NURS 638S	Acute Care Seminar I
NURS 639P	Acute Care Practicum II
NURS 639S	NSG Acute Care Seminar II
NURS 640P	Acute Care Practicum III
NURS 640S	Acute Care Seminar III
BUSS 559	Healthcare Finance
BUSS 632	Healthcare Information Systems

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Students may take four courses (12 credits) from a list of specified courses prior to matriculating.
- Students must follow their Program of Studies when registering for courses. If students wish to make a change to their Programs of Studies, they must request the change in writing to the Graduate Nursing Education Program Director.
- Students must complete clinical/practicum requirements four months prior to practicum courses.

Note: Nursing practicums may be completed in student's geographic location. Program prerequisites include undergraduate statistics (or evidence of completion), Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support certifications.

The University reserves the right to make changes when appropriate and necessary as needed without notification. (0825)

MSN Program Start Dates

Three term starts per year allow you to begin your program in September, January, or May. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year.

Accreditation & Licensure

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



Registered nurses (RN) who complete this advanced degree coursework and clinical education are qualified to sit for the national exam to become a board-certified AGACNP-BC. Rivier University's ASN, BSN, MSN, Post-Master's Certificates, and DNP programs located in Nashua, New Hampshire, are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.



The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the master's nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at rivier.edu/ACEN.

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