

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST: ADULT-GERONTOLOGY CONCENTRATION

The clinical nurse specialist: adult-gerontology concentration prepares students for leadership roles as clinical nurse specialists within the health-care system. Clinical and theoretical content focuses on systems thinking, evidence-based practice, and translational research as related to adult and geriatric clients and families. The curriculum offers an opportunity to choose an emphasis in a selected vulnerable population with health-care needs. The curriculum includes 540 hours of clinical practicum in the advanced practice role and 510 practicum hours for the D.N.P. role. The graduate is prepared for certification by the American Nurses Certification Corporation as a clinical nurse specialist in adult-gerontology nursing.

Core	Theory		Clinical		Total Units
	Units	Hours	Units	Hours	
NGRD 650 Advanced Role Development and Collaboration	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 652 Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 652 Health-Care Systems Leadership	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 654 Health Systems Policy Development and Advocacy	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 654 Social Determinants of Health ²	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 656 Health Systems Finance	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 656 Outcomes Assessment for Strategic Planning	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 658 Intermediate Statistics	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 658 Nursing Research and Translational Science	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 658 Professional Writing for Nurse Leaders	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
RELE 564 Ethics and Health Disparities	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
RELR 5 Health Care and the Dynamics of Christian Leadership	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
RELT 557 Theology of Human Suffering	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
Totals	49.0	490	—	—	49.0
Concentration					
NGRD 620 Pharmacology in Advanced Practice I	2.0	20	—	—	2.0
NGRD 622 Pharmacology in Advanced Practice II	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
NGRD 625 Advanced Health Assessment	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 625 Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
Totals	13.0	130	—	—	13.0
Clinical					

NGCN 550 Adult-Gerontology: CNS I	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGCN 552 Adult-Gerontology: CNS II	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGCN 554 Adult-Gerontology: CNS III	2.0	20	2.0	60	4.0
NGCN 554 Adult-Gerontology: CNS Clinical Practicum	—	—	5.0	150	5.0
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NGCN 554 Adult-Gerontology: CNS Clinical Practicum	—	—	6.0	180	6.0
Totals	10.0	100	18.0	540	28.0
D.N.P. Project					
NGRD 650 Introduction to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Inquiry Proposal Project	2.0	20	1.0	30	3.0
NGRD 650 Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	4.0	120	4.0
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NGRD 650 Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	80	2.0
NGRD 650 Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGRD 650 Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGRD 650 Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	120	2.0
Totals	2.0	20	17.0	590	19.0
Overall Totals	74.0	740	35.0	1130	109.0

¹ Multiple registrations required to fulfill total unit requirement

² Fulfills service learning requirement

Portfolio

Prior to graduation, students are required to submit an online professional portfolio. Documentation of 510 doctoral leadership practice hours will be included in the portfolio.

Normal time to complete the program

Four (4) years (15 academic quarters)—based on less than full-time enrollment.