

## ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) Program prepares nurses to provide advanced nursing care to adults who are acutely and chronically ill. Emphasis is on stabilizing the individual's condition, minimizing acute complications, and restoring the individual to maximum health. Care is provided within acute care hospitals and ambulatory follow-up and therapy settings. Graduates are prepared to be recognized as Advanced Practice Nurses by the Board of Nurse Examiners and to take the ACNP National Certification Exam through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

### ACNP SPECIFIC COURSES DEGREE SEEKING TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (49-51)

Course	Title	Class/Clinical hrs per wk
• N5327	Theory	3/0
• N5301	Research	3/0
• N5328	Theory & Research Appl.	3/0
• N5315	Advanced Pathology	3/0
• N5334	Advanced Pharmacology	3/0
• N5418	Advanced Assessment	2/6
• N5350	Advanced Nursing Role	2/3
• N5303	Psychiatric Management	2/3
• N5305	Adult Management I	2/3
• N5314	Invasive Skills APN	2/3
• N5435	Acute Care I	2/6
• N5436	Acute Care II	2/6
• N5631	Advanced Practicum	0/24
• N53xx	**Elective	3/0

\*A Dual Role as an Educator (7 sem. credit hrs- N5302 and N5429) or Administrator (6 sem. credit hrs-N5311 and N5341) can be for 3 hrs of electives.

\*\* Students can also receive preparation as an Acute Care Educator by taking the \*courses and the Educator Courses N5302 and N5429. Total program is 40 hours.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS DEGREE SEEKING PROGRAM

- BSN from NLNAC or CCNE Accredited Program.
- 3.0 GPA on last 60 hours of BSN.
- GRE waived if GPA is 3.0 or higher.
- 2.8-2.99 GPA - GRE required with minimum score of 430 on verbal; 430 on quantitative section; OR 3.0 on the analytical writing section (Best 2 of 3 sections).
- Unencumbered RN licensed in Texas
- Physical Assessment content within last 3 years or approved Physical Assessment Continuing Education course.
- Basic statistics course with a minimum grade of "C."
- 3 letters of recommendation
- 200 word essay
- Two years clinical experience in an acute care setting.
- International students – TSE ,TOEFL or IELTS required and experience as RN in United States (or equivalent) health care system.

### POST-MASTERS ACNP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS- 36

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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS POST MASTERS CERTIFICATE

- MSN from NLNAC or CCNE Accredited Program
- Transcripts should reflect separate courses in Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacology, and Advanced Assessment.
- Other courses may be required upon review of transcript.
- Two years clinical experience in acute care nursing.

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**THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES  
GRADUATES WITH A  
BACKGROUND TO:**

- Assume responsibility as an ACNP to provide health care to adults and their families in secondary and tertiary settings.
- Demonstrate clinical expertise in providing care to acutely ill patients, including diagnostic reasoning, complex monitoring, and therapies.
- Use research and theoretical principals in implementing therapies that restore health, minimize complications, and manage risk factors.
- Integrate the patient's care across the continuum of acute care services in collaboration with other health care professionals, families, and patients.

UTA School of Nursing is accredited by the  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing  
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