

## GERONTOLOGICAL NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP) program prepares advanced practice nurses as primary care providers to manage the health of older adults with their families in a changing health care system. Emphasis is on health promotion and the management of minor acute illnesses and chronic complex health needs of older adults to maximize their functional level and independence. The GNP provides leadership and promotes research to maximize the health care services for older adults and their families. Graduates are prepared to be recognized as advanced practice nurses by the Board of Nurse Examiners and to take the National Certification Exam as a GNP through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

### GNP SPECIFIC COURSES DEGREE SEEKING TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (50-52)

|         |                         |      |
|---------|-------------------------|------|
| • 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  |
| • N5313 | Clinical Skills APN     | 2/3  |
| • N5420 | Adult Management II     | 2/3  |
| • N5422 | Geri or                 | 2/6  |
| • N5546 | Adult/Geri              | 3/6  |
| • 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 substituted for 3 hrs of electives.

### 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 gerontological nursing.
- International students – TSE ,TOEFL or IELTS required and experience as RN in United States (or equivalent) health care system.

### POST-MASTERS GNP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS- 36 or 37

| Course  | Title                  | Class/Clinical hrs per wk |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| • 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                       |
| • N5313 | Clinical Skills APN    | 2/3                       |
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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS POST MASTERS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

- 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 gerontological nursing.

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

- Assume responsibility as a GNP to provide health care to older adults, their families, and communities.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams in the coordination and delivery of quality health care across the continuum of older adult's services.
- Provide health care to older adults and their families that maximize their quality of life and promote a peaceful death when appropriate.
- Examine outcomes of GNP practice using research methodologies.

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