



Providing Complex Care to the Acute Patient



The **Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP)** specialty prepares the graduate to take a position as an acute care nurse practitioner in critical care or acute care settings. The program combines advanced critical care knowledge from the physiological and psychosocial sciences with emphasis on skill development for the role. Graduates are eligible to take the certification examination of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association) or the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation.

The **Acute & Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist (CCNS)** program prepares registered nurses to improve outcomes of acutely and critically ill patients and families and to impact evidence based practice in health care organizations. The CCNS specialty combines advanced critical care knowledge from the physiological and psychosocial sciences emphasizing theories of nursing with clinical expertise, consultation, research, education, and leadership. Graduates are eligible to take the certification examination of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation.

Admissions

Although each applicant is considered on an individual basis, the following are requirements for the ACNP and CCNS programs:

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a U.S. Department of Education accredited school.
- Current Registered Nurse license in the United States.
- A minimum of one year of professional nursing experience in an acute or critical care setting.

- Completion of an undergraduate-level statistics course (three or more credits) with a C or better.
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale based on a review of **ALL** official transcripts from **EVERY** undergraduate and graduate institution attended.
- A strong science GPA.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Graduate School online admissions application and fee (at <http://grad.georgetown.edu>).
- Professional statement of purpose.
- Résumé or curriculum vitae indicating higher education institutions attended and dates of attendance, work and clinical experience (with dates), and other activities.
- Scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken no more than five years prior to applying (GRE **MAY** be waived for applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher).
- Interview (by invitation only).
- Score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for students whose degree program was administered in a language other than English (minimum requirements can be found at <http://grad.georgetown.edu>).
- All transcripts from institutions outside of the U.S. must be accompanied by an official World Education Services evaluation (www.wes.org).

Deadlines for Fall Admission

PRIORITY DEADLINE—**April 1**

FINAL DEADLINE—**June 1**

For more information on this and the other health programs in NHS, please contact:

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For information about financial aid and scholarships, visit the **Office of Student Financial Services** website at <http://finaid.georgetown.edu> and the **School of Nursing & Health Studies** scholarship page at <http://nhs.georgetown.edu/academics/scholarships.html>.



Sample Program of Full-Time Study

ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

FALL SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Analytical Tools and Research Applications	3
Advanced Health Assessment	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Anatomy for Health Care Professionals	1
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	5
Total Credits	15

SPRING SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Professional Aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Interdisciplinary Health Care Ethics	2
Scholarly Inquiry in Health Care	3
Advanced Concepts in Pharmacology	3
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	5
Total Credits	16

SUMMER SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Health Systems and Policies in Transition	3
Scholarly Project	1
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	5
Total Credits	9

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS 40

*Thesis option available (3–6 credits).

TOTAL PROGRAM CLINICAL HOURS 600

Post-Master's ACNP

ACNP I, ACNP II, ACNP III, Anatomy for Health Care Professionals	
Total Credits	16
Clinical Hours	600

ACUTE & CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAM

FALL SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Professional Aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Analytical Tools and Research Applications	3
Advanced Health Assessment	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Acute & Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist I	5
Total Credits	17

SPRING SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Instructional Design, Methodologies and Evaluation	3
Scholarly Inquiry in Health Care	3
Interdisciplinary Health Care Ethics	2
Advanced Concepts in Pharmacology	3
Acute & Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist II	5
Total Credits	16

SUMMER SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Health Systems and Policies in Transition	3
Acute & Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist III	3
Scholarly Project*	1
Total Credits	7

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS 40

*Thesis option available (3–6 credits).

TOTAL PROGRAM CLINICAL HOURS 500

Post-Master's CCNS

CCNS I, CCNS II, CCNS III, Instructional Design, Methodologies and Evaluation	
Total Credits	18
Clinical Hours	500

COMBINED ACNP/CCNS PROGRAM

FALL SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Professional Aspects of Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Analytical Tools and Research Applications	3
Advanced Health Assessment	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Acute Care Advanced Practice Nursing I	5
Anatomy for Health Care Professionals	1
Total Credits	18

SPRING SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Interdisciplinary Health Care Ethics	2
Scholarly Inquiry in Health Care	3
Advanced Pharmacology	3
Acute Care Advanced Practice Nursing II	5
Instructional Methods and Design	3
Total Credits	16

SUMMER SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Health Systems and Policies in Transition	3
Acute & Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist III	5
Scholarly Project*	1
Total Credits	9

FALL SEMESTER

Course	Credits
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III	5
Total Credits	5

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS 48

*Thesis option available (3–6 credits).

TOTAL PROGRAM CLINICAL HOURS 850

Part-Time Program (suggested two-year plan of study)

The part-time option for all three programs offers an accessible schedule for students who would like to continue to maintain clinical experience while pursuing their degree. Students can generally complete the program in 2 years.