# Doctor of Nursing Practice
## AGPCNP and FNP – Post-Doctoral Certificate (Hybrid Primarily Web)

## Concentration Description

Nurses with an earned DNP or PhD in Nursing may prepare for the nurse practitioner (NP) role by completion of the post-doctoral certificate. Applicants must complete an application with the Graduate School. This certificate requires 12-36 credit hours depending on the amount of clinical experience. A minimum of 500 clinical hours are required regardless of previous APRN experience.

## Requirements for Admission

Admission requires the student to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- A DNP or PhD in Nursing degree in nursing from an accredited program
- A minimum of one year of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN).
- Current non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in North Carolina or an NCSBN-compact state.
- Basic computer competency with proficiency in development and use of databases, patient information systems, statistical sets, and use of various statistical packages for data analysis.

- Written statement of personal career, educational, and scholarship goals: identification of practice interests, leadership goals and match with program goals.
- Three written professional references from individuals with expertise to comment on the applicant's capability for doctoral scholarship. At least one reference must be from a doctoral prepared nurse.
- A current curriculum vita.
- A personal interview with a member of the graduate faculty

## Requirements for Clinical Courses

Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: https://nursing.ecu.edu/student-handbook/. Upon admission all graduate students are required to complete a criminal background check. Students will receive specific instructions from the Office of Student Services on how to complete this process. The concentration director will review the post-master's certificate student's transcripts to determine the appropriate plan of study for the individual student.

## Required Curriculum

### Clinical Core Courses

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| NURS 6050 | Human Physiology and Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| NURS 6610 | Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| NURS 6611 | Clinical Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 |
| **Semester Total if all are needed** | | 9 |

### Nurse Practitioner Didactic and Clinical Courses

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| NURS 8113 | APN: Introduction to the Primary Care of Adults | 3 |
| NURS 8114 | APN: Primary Care of Adults | 3 |
| NURS 8115 | APN: Reproductive Healthcare | 2 |
| NURS 8116 | APN: Obstetrical Healthcare | 3 |
| NURS 8117 | APN: Pediatric Healthcare | 4 |
| NURS 8118 | APN: Care of Older Adults | 3 |
| NURS 8119 | APN I: Primary Care of Adults | 3 |
| | APN II: Obstetrics and Pediatrics | 4 |
| NURS 8122 | APN II:Older Adults with Acute and Chronic Illness | 3 |
| NURS 8120 | APN III: Synthesis in Primary Care | 4 |
| *NURS8123 | APN III: Specialty Care of Adults/Geriatrics | 3 |
| NURS 8124 | APN IV: Transition to Practice | 5 |
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**The concentration director will review the post-doctoral certificate student's transcripts and professional experiences in comparison to the program requirements to determine the appropriate plan of study for the individual student.**

## Requirements for Graduation

- All graduate students are required to maintain a minimum grade average of "B."
- Graduation application must be submitted at least one semester prior to completing the degree requirements as stated in the graduate catalog.
- Students who do not register for courses for a semester must complete an electronic readmission form (available at www.ecu.edu/gradschool/ and in the Graduate School Office).

For more information, contact ECUNursingGradPrgms@ecu.edu

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