OVERVIEW
The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) Certificate is designed for graduate-prepared nurse practitioners (NP) or clinical nurse specialists (CNS) who are seeking to expand their roles via nurse practitioner certification in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care. The curriculum prepares nurse practitioners to function as generalist, principal providers of care for adults with acute, critical and complex chronic health problems across the continuum of acute care services.

Students may choose a clinical emphasis in cardiopulmonary, critical care, oncology, trauma emergency preparedness or directed study which allows students to design clinical experiences around a particular area of interest (i.e. internal medicine, general surgery). The curriculum includes AG-ACNP specialty courses and clinical practice hours.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). After passing the exam, the graduate should consult the licensing board of the state in which they intend to practice for legal (credentialing) and practice information.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
- **Online** or onsite
  - Students are required to attend 2 onsite laboratory intensives – 2 days in Summer term and 1 day in Fall term.
- Full-time (3 terms) / Part-time (varies)
- 24 credits (includes 540 clinical hours)
  - Dependent on the individual’s previous role, population of patients, and years of experience, up to 300 clinical hours may be completed through the credit by course examination option.
  - Additional coursework may be required following review of official transcript(s) by faculty
- Spring Term Admission

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ADMISSION CRITERIA
- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete clinical requirements
- \( \geq 3.0 \) GPA in MS, MSN or DNP as a NP or CNS from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program
- Pre-admission interview (applicants residing at a distance may arrange for a telephone interview)
- Online application: [nursing.pitt.edu](http://nursing.pitt.edu)
- Application Deadline: December 1

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