OVERVIEW
The Gerontology MINOR is available to current University of Pittsburgh students enrolled in the Family (Individual Across the Lifespan) Nurse Practitioner DNP or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner DNP who want to increase their knowledge and expertise related to the diagnosis and management of healthcare needs in the care of older adults. The gerontology courses are specifically designed to address the needs of the older adult in regard to the common geriatric syndromes, geriatric economic and social issues, and the unique presentation of disease.

The Post-Professional CERTIFICATE in Gerontology for Nurses Practitioners is a non-degree certificate designed for graduate-prepared Family, Adult Primary Care, Psychiatric Mental Health Primary Care, and Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioners who seek to increase their formal education as a principal provider of primary health care in the care of older adults.

The Certificate curriculum prepares the Nurse Practitioner to apply advanced knowledge about gerontology and geriatrics and specialized knowledge of aging and the aging process; bring expertise to the Nurse Practitioner role that includes the diagnosis and management of acute, chronic, and preventive healthcare needs of the older adult population; and collaborate with and lead inter-disciplinary healthcare teams in the care of older adults.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
Gerontology MINOR
- Onsite
- 3 terms
- 9 credits (includes 180 practicum hours)
- Summer Term admission

CERTIFICATE in Gerontology for Nurse Practitioners
- Online* (no onsite campus requirements)
- Part-time (2 - 3 terms)
- 15 credits (includes 180 practicum hours)
- Fall Term admission

*PittOnline (online.pitt.edu / 412-648-9499)

ADMISSION CRITERIA: CERTIFICATE in Gerontology for Nurse Practitioners
- Current RN license in U.S. state/territory where student will complete practicum requirement
- ≥ 3.0 GPA in MSN or DNP as a Family, Adult Primary Care, Psychiatric Mental Health Primary Care or Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program
- Pre-admission interview
- Complete online application: nursing.pitt.edu

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