

# ADULT GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

We'll train you to deliver care that meets patients' needs, regardless of setting. You'll be comfortable working in community health clinics, private medical practices, specialty clinics, Veteran's Administration facilities, home care, assisted living facilities, long-term care settings, rehabilitation centers, and urgent care.

In many cases, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners follow their patients across care settings, acting as a guardian to protect care quality and patient safety during transitions. These nurses are the backbone of our profession, caring for patients in sickness and in health, and they are in demand today more than ever. We base the program around five core courses, and supplement with three theory and four clinical courses. The clinical courses include classroom case studies and clinical preceptorships that focus on physical assessment and pathophysiology, health maintenance, and the management of common acute and chronic health problems.

**For more information:** <https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/adult-gerontology/adult-gerontology-primary-care-nurse-practitioner/>

## Curriculum

A total of 12 course units are required.

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Core Courses</b>		
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
NURS 6560	Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners	1
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
NURS 5470	Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-based Practice <sup>1</sup>	1
or NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	
<b>Theory Courses</b>		
NURS 6440	Health Care in an Aging Society	1
NURS 6460	Primary Care: Diagnosis and Management of Adults Across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6480	Primary Care: Complex Diagnosis and Management of Adults across the Lifespan	1
<b>Clinical Courses</b>		
NURS 6470	Primary Care Clncl Practicum: Diagnosis & Mgmt of Adults across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6490	Primary Care Cln Practicum: Complex Diagnosis & Mgmt of Adults across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6610	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Adults	1

NURS 6630	Advanced Concepts in Primary Care	1
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> NURS 5470 is a graduate-level research methods course approved for Penn BSN students only.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

### Full Time Plan of Study

First Year		Course Units
Summer		
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	1
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>3.00</b>
Fall		
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
NURS 6460	Primary Care: Diagnosis and Management of Adults Across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6470	Primary Care Clncl Practicum: Diagnosis & Mgmt of Adults across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6560	Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>4.00</b>

Spring		
NURS 6440	Health Care in an Aging Society	1
NURS 6480	Primary Care: Complex Diagnosis and Management of Adults across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6490	Primary Care Cln Practicum: Complex Diagnosis & Mgmt of Adults across the Lifespan	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>3.00</b>

Second Year Summer		
NURS 6610	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Adults	1
NURS 6630	Advanced Concepts in Primary Care	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>2.00</b>
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>12.00</b>

Part Time Plan of Study - 2 Years

First Year Summer		
NURS 6070	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>1.00</b>

Fall		
NURS 6080	Advanced Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Nursing Practice	1
NURS 6560	Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>2.00</b>

Spring		
NURS 6370	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	1

NURS 6440	Health Care in an Aging Society	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>2.00</b>

Second Year Summer		
NURS 6570	Advanced Physical Assessment and Clinical Decision Making	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>1.00</b>

Fall		
NURS 6460	Primary Care: Diagnosis and Management of Adults Across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6470	Primary Care Clncl Practicum: Diagnosis & Mgmt of Adults across the Lifespan	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>2.00</b>

Spring		
NURS 6480	Primary Care: Complex Diagnosis and Management of Adults across the Lifespan	1
NURS 6490	Primary Care Cln Practicum: Complex Diagnosis & Mgmt of Adults across the Lifespan	1
<b>Course Units</b>		<b>2.00</b>

Third Year Summer		
NURS 6610	Clinical Management of Primary Care with Adults	1

NURS 6630	Advanced Concepts in Primary Care	1
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	<b>Course Units</b>	<b>2.00</b>
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	<b>Total Course Units</b>	<b>12.00</b>