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. Plans of study are available for both full time (https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/adult-gerontology/adult-gerontology-primary-care-nurse-practitioner/plans-of-study/full-time-summer-start/) and part time (https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/adult-gerontology/adult-gerontology-primary-care-nurse-practitioner/plans-of-study/part-time-2-years/) students.

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**Total Course Units**: 12

^1 NURS 547 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 2021 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.