

ADULT ONCOLOGY SPECIALTY, MINOR

The Adult Oncology Specialty Minor is a graduate nursing program that provides advanced training in oncology care for students. The program is led by highly experienced faculty who are renowned experts in the field of oncology nursing, and students will have the opportunity to interact with nationally recognized scientists and clinicians from the School of Nursing and the Penn Medicine’s Abramson Cancer Center.

The program requires students to complete three courses, with the final course involving 240 clinical hours that can be applied towards the NP program clinical requirement as well as the Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP) and Adult Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS) certifications.

This hybrid program requires students to complete three courses which consist of both online and on-campus components. In both the Fall and Spring semesters, students are expected to attend two on-campus days at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

The Oncology Specialty is also offered as a Certificate Program for Master’s-prepared nurses and Advanced Practice Providers (APPs). Please see the link for more information.

Curriculum

A total of 3 course units are required. We also provide a sample plan of study for students.

Code	Title	Course Units
Theory Courses		
NURS 6640	Advanced Practice for Oncology Care	1
NURS 6660	Effects of Cancer and Cancer Therapy	1
Clinical Courses		
NURS 6670	Oncology Practice: Cancer Assessment, Diagnosis, & Management	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
