

Post-Master's Certificate Program: Adult

Adult Nurse Practitioner (MSN) Program

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Admission Guidelines

The Role

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Adult Nurse Practitioner program prepares graduates to function as advanced practice nurses in adult primary care. The emphasis of the program is on clinical practice with adult populations. Adult nurse practitioners function autonomously in a variety of primary care settings. The ANP student will gain an in-depth knowledge of nursing theory and research, critical decision-making, differential diagnosis, and patient/case management focused on wellness, illness management and disease prevention.

The Program

There are six unique aspects of this program: a) a combination of online and onsite didactic courses; b) accessible clinical practice sites; c) individualized clinical practica precepted by expert health care practitioners; d) individually designed post-master's certificate options; e) combined ANP/Medical-Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), ANP/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (NP), and ANP/Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (NP) programs of study; and f) competency-based application of knowledge to clinical practice. One year of recent full-time medical-surgical or primary care experience is required prior to enrollment in the clinical seminar/practica courses.

The Faculty

Rush College of Nursing faculties are highly experienced practitioner-teachers with doctoral and master's degrees and certification in their specialties. The Practitioner-Teacher model at Rush University allows faculties to maintain and enhance their clinical expertise and apply it to research and academic programs. Faculties are nationally and internationally known in their various areas of expertise and are actively involved and often leaders in professional organizations. Faculties are also well published and frequently speak at local, regional, national, and international professional meetings. Additional program faculties include experienced health care providers such as nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physicians, as well as allied health care professionals with expertise in adult primary care.

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Clinical Sites

Rush University Medical Center offers graduate practitioner students in adult primary care nursing clinical experiences in a wide variety of settings with a focus on managing a caseload of adult patients. Practicum sites include ambulatory and out-patient clinics, primary care practices, selected in-patient units, home health care agencies, wellness centers, and other primary care settings. Clinical practice experiences are planned on a student-centered basis by Rush College of Nursing faculty. Planning is based on individual student learning needs, available clinical sites and preceptors, and specifically designed clinical objectives.

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities for adult nurse practitioners are varied and cross a diverse range of healthcare settings. Adult nurse practitioners provide care in ambulatory and out-patient clinics, primary care practices, selected in-patient units, home health care agencies, wellness centers, and other primary care settings. They function independently and collaboratively with a variety of adult primary care providers to deliver quality, evidence-based care that will maximize patient care outcomes.

Certification and Accreditation

Completion of the ANP program provides eligibility for certification as an adult nurse practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center of the American Nurses Association or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and for state licensure/certification where available.

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