

Objectives

The Gerontological specialization outcomes build upon the graduate nursing program objectives by expecting that the student will:

1. Integrate theories, research, and experiential knowledge into advanced gerontological nursing practice.
2. Demonstrate advanced practice skills in the provision of health care for high priority older groups (minorities, underserved, indigent, or rural dwellers) within a community consistent with ANA's Scope and Standards of Practice for advance practice nurses.
3. Participate in the development of gerontological nursing as a science, through the use of theory and research.
4. Interpret relationships between social, cultural, political and economic issues and health care delivery for older adults and their families.



Specialization website:

www.nursing.und.edu/grad/gerontology/

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Specialization Information

The Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP) or Clinical Nurse Specialist (GCNS) specialization educates nurses for advanced practice preparation to address the complex health care needs of older adults in our state as well as the nation.

The Master of Science degree course of study is five semesters which includes one summer, is totally online, and can be taken full or part time.

Students complete more than 600 hours of clinical experience in or as near as possible to their home communities and will partner with experienced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists or physicians. Enrollment is limited.

Students obtain extensive knowledge in theories of aging and gerontological nursing. They become skilled and knowledgeable in providing interventions necessary for health promotion, managing complex health conditions, and working effectively with interdisciplinary teams to provide care and services for older adults in long term care facilities, transitional care units, assisted living facilities as well as acute care, independent or clinic settings.

Students who pursue the GNP or GCNS complete the required courses and are eligible for the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) examination for certification as a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner or Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist.

The program requires access to a computer for all courses. Minimum computer requirements may be found at:

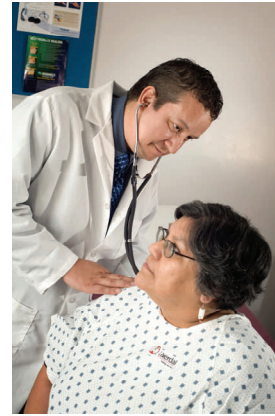
www.nursing.und.edu/grad/TechRequirements.cfm

Admission Requirements

Application for admission to the University of North Dakota is made to the Graduate School. The online application is found at <http://graduateschool.und.edu>

Specialization admission requirements include:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLN or CCNE accredited nursing program or entry to this specialization is also available through the RN to MS track — see website www.conted.und.edu/ddp/rn/ (Graduates from non-accredited or foreign schools are evaluated individually.)
- Undergraduate or graduate statistics course
- Minimum GPA of at least 3.00 for the last two years of baccalaureate study
- Current RN licensure
- One year experience as a Registered Nurse preferred
- Successful interview



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Specialization website:
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Curriculum

Full-time student*

	GNP	GCNS
Semester I (Fall) - 12 credits		
N500 Theories and Concepts in Nursing	3	3
N510 Adv Physiology/Pathophysiology I	3	3
N556 Epidemiology	3	3
N585 Advanced Health Assessment	3	3
Semester II (Spring) - 12 credits		
N502 Evidence for Practice	3	3
N511 Adv Physiology/Pathophysiology II	3	3
N523 Health Promotion	3	3
N526 Ethical, Legal, & Hlth Policy Issues	3	3
Semester III (Summer) - 9 credits		
N528 Gerontology Nursing Problems I	3	3
N597 Advanced Clinical Practicum I	4	4
N997 Independent Study or N998 Thesis	2	2
Semester IV (Fall) - 13/14 credits		
N529 Gerontology Nursing Problems II	3	3
N535 Drug Therapy I	2	2
N552 Role Development of the CNS	—	2
N553 Role Development of the NP	2	—
N563 Education in Advanced Practice	1	2
N597 Advanced Clinical Practicum II	5	5
Semester V (Spring) - 9/11 credits		
N539 Drug Therapy II	2	2
N554 Managed Advanced Nurse Practice	2	2
N597 Advanced Clinical Practicum III	5	5
N998Thesis (If choosing thesis option)	2	2
Total Credits	55-57	56-58

Subject to Change

*Students may also enroll part-time.

NOTE: Post Master's Certificate in Gerontological NP or CNS coming soon.