- **ADDENDUM, effective May 17, 2021. Herzing University Online has begun enrolling in the following programs for the September 8, 2021 class start:**
  - **Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**
  - **Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Adult Gerontology – Acute Care Nurse Practitioner – Accelerated RN-MSN**
  - **Post Master's Certificate Adult Gerontology – Primary Care Nurse Practioner**

Official Program Outline

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ADULT GERONTOLOGY- ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (MSNAGACNP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This online graduate degree in nursing will provide students with the academic knowledge, skills, and abilities to apply for certification as a Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Graduates will be prepared to have integrated praxis philosophy throughout multiple courses. Courses consist of core graduate courses, specialty concentration courses, and clinical courses. This program is for licensed registered nurses (current, unrestricted license) who have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and are interested in advancing their careers to become certified as an Adult Gerontology Acute Care (AGACNP) Nurse Practitioner.

Prior to enrollment, individuals considering the Master of Science in Nursing program, particularly the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration, should be aware of their state requirements regarding required clinical courses and eligibility to apply for licensure.

CORE MSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Integrate scientific evidence from nursing and biopsychosocial disciplines, genetics, public health, quality improvement, and organizational sciences when designing and implementing outcome measures in diverse settings and through the lifespan.

2. Demonstrate leadership skills that emphasize ethical and critical decision-making, fiscal responsibility, inter-professional relationships that promote safe, quality care within a systems framework.

3. Apply methods, tools, performance measures, and evidence-based standards when evaluating quality indicators within an organizational system.

4. Synthesize theories, models and research findings inherent to nursing practice, education and management to guide an organization or healthcare system towards achieving successful outcomes.

5. Apply client/patient care technologies and informatics to coordinate and ensure safe quality care and promote effective communication among members of the inter-professional healthcare team.

6. Analyze ethical, legal and sociocultural factors to influence policy development and healthcare delivery systems that promote the health of individuals and populations.

7. Articulate a leadership role within inter-professional teams through effective communication, collaboration and consultation with other professionals to manage, coordinate care and provide safe, quality family-centered and population-based care.

8. Incorporate organizational and culturally sensitive client and population centered concepts in the planning, delivery, management, and evaluation of direct and indirect evidence-based health promotion care and services to specified individuals, families and populations.

9. Implement scholarly activities in selected individuals, populations, and systems.

ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGACNP) PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Students are expected to meet all the core MSN program outcomes as well as the Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Acute Care program outcomes. Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and holistic caring as an advanced practice nurse.

2. Analyze scientific literature for application to selected diagnoses and treatment plans.

3. Synthesize ethical principles into the management and evaluation of healthcare delivery concerns in culturally diverse care settings.

4. Articulate a personal philosophy and framework acknowledging professional and accrediting agency competencies relating to the role and scope of practice of the adult gerontology nurse practitioner.

5. Implement the role of the adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner in selected acute care and clinical settings.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES
Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to nurse practitioner, advanced practice nurse and adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner .

PROGRAM CONTENT
A minimum of 48.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES
All courses, 15.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
HA 610	Health Policy and Management	NU 560 or BU 600	3.00
NU 500	Theoretical Foundations for Nursing	None	3.00
NU 525	Technology and Nursing Informatics in Advanced Practice	None	3.00
NU 530	Organizational Systems and Behaviors	None	3.00
NU 560	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice	MA 320 or equivalent	3.00

REQUIRED DIRECT CARE CORE COURSES
All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 610	Advanced Health Assessment	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 621	Advanced Pathophysiology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 636	Advanced Pharmacology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN AGACNP CONCENTRATION
All courses, 24.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 626	Roles for Nurse Practitioners	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 665	Clinical Decision-Making for the AGACNP	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	3.00
NU 666	Advanced Practice Specialty Procedures and Skills for Acute Care	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	3.00
NU 667	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	NU 665, NU 666	5.00
NU 668	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	NU 667	5.00
NU 669	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	NU 668 and Final Semester	5.00

Official Program Outline

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ADULT GERONTOLOGY- ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER – ACCELERATED RN-MSN (MSNAGACNPA)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This online graduate degree in nursing will provide students with the academic knowledge, skills, and expertise to apply for certification as a family nurse practitioner in primary care. Graduates will be prepared to have integrated praxis philosophy throughout multiple courses. Courses consist of bridge, core, specialty concentration, and clinical courses. This program is for licensed registered nurses (current, unrestricted license) with an Associate Nursing degree interested in advancing their careers to become certified adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioners.

Individuals considering the Accelerated Master of Science program, should be aware that state requirements for availability of required clinical courses and eligibility to apply for licensure as an adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner vary from state to state. Applicants should check with their state board of nursing before enrolling in any graduate nursing program. Students enrolled in this program are not eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

CORE MSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Integrate scientific evidence from nursing and biopsychosocial disciplines, genetics, public health, quality improvement, and organizational sciences when designing and implementing outcome measures in diverse settings and through the lifespan.

2. Demonstrate leadership skills that emphasize ethical and critical decision-making, fiscal responsibility, inter-professional relationships that promote safe, quality care within a systems framework.

3. Apply methods, tools, performance measures, and evidence-based standards when evaluating quality indicators within an organizational system.

4. Synthesize theories, models and research findings inherent to nursing practice, education and management to guide an organization or healthcare system towards achieving successful outcomes.

5. Apply client/patient care technologies and informatics to coordinate and ensure safe quality care and promote effective communication among members of the inter-professional healthcare team.

6. Analyze ethical, legal and sociocultural factors to influence policy development and healthcare delivery systems that promote the health of individuals and populations.

7. Articulate a leadership role within inter-professional teams through effective communication, collaboration and consultation with other professionals to manage, coordinate care and provide safe, quality family-centered and population-based care.

8. Incorporate organizational and culturally sensitive client and population centered concepts in the planning, delivery, management, and evaluation of direct and indirect evidence-based health promotion care and services to specified individuals, families and populations.

9. Implement scholarly activities in selected individuals, populations, and systems.

ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (AGACNP) PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Students are expected to meet all the core MSN program outcomes as well as the Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Acute Care program outcomes. Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and holistic caring as an advanced practice nurse.

2. Analyze scientific literature for application to selected diagnoses and treatment plans.

3. Synthesize ethical principles into the management and evaluation of healthcare delivery concerns in culturally diverse care settings.

4. Articulate a personal philosophy and framework acknowledging professional and accrediting agency competencies relating to the role and scope of practice of the adult gerontology nurse practitioner.

5. Implement the role of the adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner in selected acute care and clinical settings.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES
Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to nurse practitioner, advanced practice nurse and adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner.

PROGRAM CONTENT
A minimum of 64.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED BRIDGE COURSES
All courses, 16.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
EN 304	English Composition II	EN 111, EN 104	3.00
MA 320	Statistics	MA 109 or equivalency	3.00
NSG 321	Advanced Leadership and Management	None	3.00
NU 480	Dimensions of Advanced Nursing Practice	None	2.00
NSG 323	Community and Public Health Nursing	None	5.00

CORE COURSES

All courses, 15.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
HA 610	Health Policy and Management	NU 560 or BU 600	3.00
NU 500	Theoretical Foundations for Nursing	None	3.00
NU 525	Technology and Nursing Informatics in Advanced Practice	None	3.00
NU 530	Organizational Systems and Behaviors	None	3.00
NU 560	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice	MA 320 or equivalent	3.00

REQUIRED DIRECT CARE CORE COURSES

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 610	Advanced Health Assessment	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 621	Advanced Pathophysiology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 636	Advanced Pharmacology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN AGACNP CONCENTRATION

All courses, 24.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 626	Roles for Nurse Practitioners	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 665	Clinical Decision-Making for the AGACNP	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	3.00
NU 666	Advanced Practice Specialty Procedures and Skills for Acute Care	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	3.00
NU 667	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I	NU 665, NU 666	5.00
NU 668	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II	NU 667	5.00
NU 669	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum	NU 668 and Final Semester	5.00

POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE ADULT GERONTOLOGY-PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMCAGPCNP)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This online graduate degree in nursing will provide students with the academic knowledge, skills, and expertise to apply for certification as an Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. Graduates will be prepared to have integrated praxis philosophy throughout multiple courses. Courses consist of core MSN courses, specialty concentration courses, and clinical courses. This program is for licensed registered nurses (current, unrestricted license) who have a Master of Science in Nursing degree and are interested in advancing their careers to become certified as a Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner.

Individuals considering the post-masters certificate program, should be aware that state requirements for availability of required clinical courses and eligibility to apply for licensure as an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner vary from state to state. Applicants should check with their state board of nursing before enrolling in any graduate nursing program.

POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE ADULT GERONTOLOGY-PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students are expected to meet all the core MSN program outcomes as well as the adult gerontology-primary care nurse practitioner program outcomes. Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and holistic caring as an advanced practice nurse.

2. Analyze scientific literature for application to selected diagnoses and treatment plans.

3. Synthesize ethical principles into the management and evaluation of healthcare delivery concerns in culturally diverse care settings.

4. Articulate a personal philosophy and framework acknowledging professional and accrediting agency competencies relating to the role and scope of practice of the adult gerontology nurse practitioner.

5. Implement the role of the adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner in selected clinical settings.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to nurse practitioner, advanced practice nurse and adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 33.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED DIRECT CARE CORE COURSES

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 610	Advanced Health Assessment	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 621	Advanced Pathophysiology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 636	Advanced Pharmacology	NU 500, NU 560	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN AGNP-PC CONCENTRATION

All courses, 24.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 580	Health Promotion Across the Life Span	None	3.00
NU 611	Clinical Decision-Making	NU 610, NU 621, NU 636	2.00
NU 626	Roles for Nurse Practitioners	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 641	Women's Health for the Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	NU 611	4.00
NU 661	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner I	NU 611	4.00
NU 662	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner II	NU 661	4.00
NU 663	Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	NU 662 and Final Semester	4.00