

# ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (DNP)

Graduates of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist track use advanced skills to care for adults in increasingly complex acute and critical care settings. The curriculum focuses on three spheres of impact: patient care, nursing personnel, and the health care system.

Graduates of the track possess the core competencies to practice as a CNS for acute and critically ill adult patients in a variety of inpatients settings, including direct care, consultation, systems leadership, collaboration, research, ethical decision-making, and advocacy.

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
GNUR 404	Theories & Concepts for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
GNUR 405	Introductory Statistics for Healthcare Professionals	3
GNUR 407	Social Justice and Ethics in Health Care	3
GNUR 408	Research for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
GNUR 420	Leadership and Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
GNUR 521	Population-Focused Health	3
GNUR 523	Health Care Policy and Economics	3
GNUR 545	Evidence Translation for Advanced Clinical Practice	3
<b>Role (CNS) Courses</b>		
CMAN 425	Advanced Quality and Safety in Health Care	3
GNUR 413	Advanced Pharmacology	3
GNUR 425	Advanced Health Assessment Across the LifeSpan	4
GNUR 442	Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology	3
<b>Population (Adult-Gerontology Acute Care) Courses</b>		
MSN 447	CNS Practice Across the Adult Age Spectrum	3
GNUR 536	Management of Adults with Acute/Critical Conditions I	3
GNUR 538	Management of Adults with Acute/Critical Conditions II	3
<b>Project Courses</b>		
GNUR 570	DNP Scholarly Project: Planning	1
GNUR 571	DNP Scholarly Project: Proposal and Pre-Implementation	2
GNUR 572	DNP Scholarly Project: Project Implementation	2
GNUR 573	DNP Scholarly Project: Analysis and Dissemination	1
<b>Practicum</b>		
MSN 510	Clinical Practicum for Advanced Practice in the CNS role	12
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>64</b>

## Clinical Experiences

Practicum experiences are designed by faculty members, who will help secure clinical site placements. Practicum experiences for the Adult-

Gerontology Acute Care CNS program can be completed in the student's geographical area. Students must have an RN license in before they begin clinical rotations.

## Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

## Learning Outcomes

### Program Goal

The goal of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is to prepare nurses to assume advanced roles in direct care and systems leadership domains at the highest level of nursing to improve health care outcomes through practice-based scholarship.

### Program Outcomes

At the completion of the DNP program, the graduate has the knowledge and skills to:

- Apply integrated scientific, knowledge and clinical judgements at the highest level of professional nursing practice.
- Evaluate health care delivery approaches and healthcare systems, with an emphasis on quality and safety.
- Apply best evidence in approaches to client and system-centered practices.
- Apply analytic approaches and information technology in the delivery and improvement of client-centered health care and health care systems.
- Employ ethics, leadership, and advocacy concepts to advance healthcare quality and equity for individuals, systems and populations.
- Implement intraprofessional and interprofessional leadership and collaboration competencies and methods, at the highest level of professional nursing practice in advancing health and health outcomes.