

COLLEGE	College of Nursing
PROGRAM	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Graduate Certificate

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students for state-regulated professional licensure or certification. However, specific licensure and certification requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status); passing a state or national exam; and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal regulation requires the university to meet all educational requirements for state-regulated licensure or certification in every US state and territory where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of study<sup>i</sup>.

### **UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida**

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate) program is designed for inperson course delivery. Although some limited online options may be available, students must take a preponderance of their coursework in-person within the State of Florida.

This program meets the educational requirements for certification as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) in the State of Florida. For information on all requirements for this credential<sup>ii</sup>, please review the Florida Board of Nursing requirements available here: <a href="https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/advanced-practice-registered-nurse/">https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/advanced-practice-registered-nurse/</a>.

Graduates of UCF's AGACNP Post-Bachelor's DNP or AGACNP Post-Master's Certificate program are eligible to sit for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) National Board Certification Examination offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center or the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology (ACNP-AG) National Board Certification Examination offered by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. Passing either of these certification exams meets the requirements for nurse practitioner board certification nationwide and the license requirements for the State of Florida.

#### UCF Program Preparation in Other US States and Territories iii

As a participant in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), UCF is authorized to offer educational programs in all states (except California), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US

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Virgin Islands. The State of California is not currently a member of SARA, but UCF is separately authorized to offer educational programming there as well.

We are currently unable to determine whether or not the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate) program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification in any additional states.

If you are interested in seeking licensure or certification outside of the State of Florida, we encourage you to review the appropriate state board of nursing information to determine all requirements needed to obtain your credential of interest. State board of nursing contact information for this field can be found here: <a href="https://apq.ucf.edu/document/statelicensingboards-nursing">https://apq.ucf.edu/document/statelicensingboards-nursing</a>. You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

### Enrollment Eligibility Restrictionsiv

To comply with federal enrollment restrictions, UCF may only enroll students physically located in the states and territories where it meets all educational requirements for the credential it prepares students to achieve. Accordingly, we are we are generally unable to enroll students physically located in other states and territories during their first term of enrollment in the program. However, students may be eligible to enroll upon submission of a signed attestation of their intention to pursue licensure in a state or territory where UCF does meet educational eligibility requirements. Please reach out to the program contact listed below for additional guidance in this regard.

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate) program is primarily a face-to-face program taught in Florida. Students must be in attendance for required on-campus activities. Additionally, clinical placements will be made available within the stiupulated service area. Students are required to attend their clinical hours at their assigned location. If there are online components allowed during this degree program, you may enroll in these online components as long as you will be physically located in a Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) state for the duration of your education.

UCF College of Nursing faculty are authorized to teach in NLC states. Due to nursing education restrictions imposed by non-NLC states, UCF is unable to offer courses, clinicals, or other educational services regardless of modality within non-NLC states. Should you be physically located within a non-NLC state for more than a vacation or brief visit, regardless of your legal state of residence or the type of license you have, you will be unable to apply or continue your nursing degree program at the UCF College of Nursing. This includes, but is not limited to, students accepting traveling nurse positions in a non-Nurse Licensure Compact state.

Although Colorado is a NLC state, the UCF College of Nursing cannot enroll students who will complete clinical practice hours there due to Colorado statute requirements for worker's compensation insurance coverage.

## **Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) Information**

As Florida is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), nurses with a RN license in the State of Florida may be eligible to apply for a compact license to practice in the other NLC states, districts, and US territories. This list is continually updating pending legislative changes. The most up-to-date information on the NLC can be found on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website at <a href="https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm">https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm</a>.

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### Programmatic Accreditation<sup>v</sup>

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) programs are accredited nationally by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Programmatic accreditation is typically required for state-regulated licensure in this field. Recognition by CCNE is specific to the program and is distinct from <a href="UCF's institutional accreditation">UCF's institutional accreditation</a> that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

### **UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States**

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We are unable to determine whether or not this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. It is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you intend to practice.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1)

As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e)

Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

iv To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>v</sup> To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32)