The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration offers nurses with an acute care/critical care clinical practice background the opportunity to provide care to acutely ill adults. These advanced practice registered nurses will be prepared to function as Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners (AGACNP). Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners provide evidence-based care to acutely ill adults with urgent and emergent complex health issues and critically ill adults with life threatening, rapidly changing physiological and pathophysiological conditions. The program is implemented in partnership with the Carolinas Healthcare System. Graduates with this concentration will be eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Corporation (AACN Certcorp) examination for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners.

Admission and Progression Requirements for the MSN degree
In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School, the following are required for graduate study in nursing:

1. Unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse in North Carolina
2. BSN degree awarded from an accredited university prior to application. A BSN degree from a nationally accredited program is preferred.
3. One year of professional nursing practice in acute/critical care
4. Overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the last degree and 60 hours of nursing coursework
5. Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or above
6. Statement of Purpose in the application packet explaining the applicant’s career goal in relation to acute/critical care practice. (Note: Statement of Purpose should not exceed two double-spaced typed pages.)
7. References should be from professional colleagues and should speak to clinical knowledge and expertise and one’s ability to function as a member of the healthcare team. At least one reference from a supervisory person is preferred.

Degree Requirements
The MSN degree requires completion of 47 graduate credit hours for the AGACNP specialty. All specialties require a Capstone Project. Specific requirements for this specialty are listed on the next page. This program is designed to accommodate full-time students, many classes are held in the late afternoon or evening. The program includes a minimum of 600 hours of supervised clinical experience.

Up to a total of six graduate semester credit hours may be accepted from another accredited institution or from a post-baccalaureate program at UNC Charlotte. All courses must be approved prior to transfer by the student's advisor, the Associate Director of the Graduate Division, and the Dean of the Graduate School. All coursework, including accepted transfer credits, must be completed within a six-year period just prior to graduation.
Applications are available online now at:  
http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/future-students

Students are admitted annually.

Applications for entry in the Fall Semester are due to the Graduate School by December 1st.

Questions?

♦ Visit the UNCC School of Nursing Graduate Programs Web Site at:  
http://nursing.uncc.edu/degree-programs/graduate-msn-and-certificates

♦ Email questions to: Dr. Marie Thomas, PhD, FNP-C, CNE at  mthom160@uncc.edu

All of our degree programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through 2021, and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.