

# Post-Graduate Certificate

Academic Program Guide  
2016 – 2017 Catalog Year



COLLEGE OF NURSING  
Student Affairs

This Program Guide is intended as a recommended course schedule to help students guide their course progress. Students should meet regularly with their faculty advisor to discuss their specific course selections, remaining requirements, and degree options.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate			
SUMMER TERM - Resident Intensive Summer Experience (RISE): Attendance is required on campus in Tucson for 2 days the week before the Fall term in August.			
Course Title	Units	Course Notes	Program Milestones
<b>FALL TERM (7 – 11 units)</b>			
NURS 501 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology	4	<sup>1</sup> This course will begin during RISE in August and continue through the Fall Term. There is a mandatory 4 day end-of-term assessment in Tucson associated with this course. <sup>2</sup> must be taken within 3 years immediately preceding application to the AZ Board of Nursing (other states may have similar rules).	<b>Responsible Conduct of Research Statement:</b> complete this form at the beginning of this term.  <b>Transfer Coursework Request:</b> Complete Transfer Coursework Requests this term prior to the Plan of Study.  <b>Course Waiver Request:</b> Complete the Course Waiver Request prior to the start of the Fall term. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students who are currently practicing in an NP role may be eligible to waive NURS 501, NURS 572 and NURS 609a.</li> <li>▪ If the student has taken a 2 or 3 unit pathophysiology course in the last four years, he or she must take an Independent Study for 1 or 2 units.</li> <li>▪ Students who demonstrate prescriptive authority may be eligible to waive NURS 542 and NURS 573a.</li> <li>▪ Students who have taken a similar 1-3 unit course and currently hold an Adult or Family NP certification may be eligible to waive NURS 573a.</li> </ul>
NURS 572 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics <sup>2</sup>	3		
NURS 609a Health Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3		
NURS 573 Psychopharmacology	1		
<b>SPRING TERM (7 – 8 units)</b>			
Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI): Attendance is required on campus in Tucson for 2 days in March for assessment purposes.			
NURS 542 Pediatric Pharmacotherapeutics	1	<sup>2</sup> (2 units didactic, 2 units practicum=180 clinical hours)  <sup>3</sup> NURS 629c is required for students with no prior PMHNP certification, and those seeking certification for the child/adolescent component.  <sup>4</sup> (1 unit practicum=90 hours). Optional to take during spring; may be taken in a later term.	<b>Plan of Study:</b> Complete and file the Plan of Study with the Graduate College by end of this term.
NURS 629a Advanced Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing I <sup>2</sup>	4		
NURS 629c Advanced Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing III: Focus on child and adolescent <sup>3</sup>	2		
NURS 693a Residency <sup>4</sup>	1		
<b>SUMMER TERM (6 – 7 units)</b>			
NURS 573a Geropharmacy	1	<sup>4</sup> 2 units didactic, 2 units practicum=180 clinical hours)  <sup>5</sup> (1 unit practicum=90 hours). Optional to take during spring; may be taken in a later term.	
NURS 681 Issues in Gerontological Health	1		
NURS 629b Advanced Family Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing II <sup>4</sup>	4		
NURS 693a Residency <sup>5</sup>	1		
<b>FALL TERM (0 – 2 units)</b>			
NURS 693a Residency <sup>6</sup>	2	<sup>6</sup> (2 units practicum=180 hours). If units not completed in Spring and Summer, this course required in fall.	
<b>DEGREE TOTALS</b>	<b>15-25</b>		
<b>Total Clinical Practica Hours</b>	<b>540</b>		

## Program Notes

The following are important notes about the Post-Master's Certificate for all students:

[www.nursing.arizona.edu](http://www.nursing.arizona.edu)

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- **Program Milestones:** A complete checklist of all program milestones, including instructions, is available to current students and faculty via Doctoral Commons.
- Post-Master's Certificate students may be eligible to waive the following courses after review of prior Nurse Practitioner education and certification: NURS 501, NURS 609a, NURS 542, NURS 542 and NURS 573a. Complete waiver policies and procedures are available in the Post-Master's Certificate Student Handbook.
- Post-Master's Certificate students are required to attend orientation for Desire to Learn (D2L) learning platform and Typhon clinical database upon enrollment in the program.

### Additional Student Resources

**The following are additional resources to students in the Post-Master's Certificate Program:**

- Clinical Handbook
- Doctoral Commons (University of Arizona student D2L Login required)
- University of Arizona Graduate College Student Policies