Thank you for your interest!
At Boise State, we seek highly motivated nurse practitioners who are ready to expand their scope of practice by pursuing the education needed to become ANCC certified in acute care or primary care adult gerontology.

**About the AGNP Primary Care Graduate Certificate**
Nurse Practitioners with ANCC certification in Adult Gerontology Primary Care are being hired by community health centers, specialty clinics, home health agencies, correctional facilities, and private practices to effectively meet the health care needs of an aging population.

**About the AGNP Acute Care Graduate Certificate**
If you are one of the many nurse practitioners expanding your scope of practice to urgent, emergency, and critical care settings, earning a graduate certificate will prepare you for privileging and ANCC certification in Adult Gerontology - Acute Care.

**About the Curriculum**
The Graduate Certificate program is an online program consisting of a minimum of 19 credits in four semesters with a total of 512 clinical hours of which 448 hours will be in a precepted clinical setting, providing supervised direct patient care. Courses include management of adult/geriatric health and illness and advanced procedures, and diagnostics training in the chosen program (Acute Care or Primary Care).

**Summer Intensives**
Students are required to attend two on-campus intensive summer course sessions (7-10 days each) to ensure acquisition of skill, and to complete simulation learning experiences and Objectively Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE).

**Costs**
Tuition per credit hour is $750 per credit hour. Additional costs include books and software. Lodging and transportation to and from summer sessions are the responsibility of the student.

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Application Deadlines
Graduate Certificate programs begin in the summer term and applications are accepted year-round (rolling admission). However, we make the first admission decisions for applicants who meet our priority deadline of February 1. This includes arranging for official transcripts to be sent to Boise State. Applications received after this date will be considered if space is available.

Application Requirements
To be considered for admission, applicants to either program must meet following criteria:

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited nursing program.
2. Hold a master’s degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited nursing program.
3. Possess a valid, unencumbered RN license issued by a state or territory of the United States.
4. Possess a valid, unencumbered NP license issued by a state or territory of the United States.
5. Possess national board certification (AANP, ANCC) allowing practice as a Nurse Practitioner.
7. Have a graduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
8. English proficiency (written & spoken) is mandatory.
9. Meet the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) functional abilities essential for nursing practice, including:
   i. Ability to see, hear and touch, smell and distinguish colors.
   ii. Oral and writing ability with accuracy, clarity and efficiency.
   iii. Manual dexterity, gross and fine movements.
   iv. Ability to learn, think critically, analyze, assess, solve problems, and reach judgments.
   v. Emotional stability and ability to accept responsibility and accountability.

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Application Steps

1. Complete the online Boise State Graduate College application at http://graduatecollege.boisestate.edu/howtoapply/

2. After you submit the application and pay the $65 Graduate College application fee ($95 USD for international applicants), click on the “Nursing” link in the left navigation menu. This will take you to the Application Requirements for Graduate Programs in Nursing screen where you will upload documents required for admission consideration.

3. Under NURSING LICENSE, upload a copy of your active, unencumbered RN license issued by a state or territory of the United States.

4. Under PERSONAL STATEMENT, upload a **Goal Statement**.

   The written **Goal Statement** should introduce yourself, your educational goals, and your long term professional goals to the admission committee. This statement will be evaluated for the quality of both the content and writing style (i.e. grammar, punctuation, spelling, word use) and must:

   a) Be no more than 500 words.
   b) Explain your motivation and interest in expanding your scope of practice to adult gerontology with a specialization in either acute care or primary care.
   c) Explain why you have chosen the AGNP graduate certificate program at Boise State University.

5. Under RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE, upload a **CV or Resume**. Please include any applicable specialty certifications and information regarding your work experience as a registered nurse.

6. Under NURSE PRACTITIONER LICENSE, upload a copy of your active, unencumbered NP Licensure data.

7. Under NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION, upload a copy of your National NP specialty certification(s).

8. The School of Nursing has a different process for collecting letters of recommendation than the Graduate College. Please complete the Letters of Recommendation section of the application and disregard the RECOMMENDATIONS link located in the left navigation menu.

   After you submit this information, your references will be emailed and asked to complete an evaluation form. References should be nursing faculty members, professional healthcare colleagues, or work supervisors who can evaluate your potential for success in a graduate program. Recommendations from family, friends, other students, or co-workers are **NOT** appropriate.

9. Submit the School of Nursing application processing fee ($20) via TouchNet.

10. Arrange for official transcripts to be sent to Boise State.

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Official Transcript Submission Information

Official transcripts must be received before your application can be reviewed by the School of Nursing. Therefore, at your earliest convenience, please request official transcripts from each educational institution you have attended beyond high school. The registrar’s office at these schools can send transcript(s) to Boise State by mail or electronically via an approved transcript service provider.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have previously attended or received a degree from Boise State, you do not need to submit Boise State transcripts or any additional transcripts from other institutions attended after you received your degree.

MAIL
Institution may send official transcripts to:

Graduate Admission and Degree Services
Room 307, Riverfront Hall
Boise State University
1910 University Drive
Boise, ID 83725-1110

ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS
Official transcripts may be submitted as a secure PDF through an approved transcript services provider to gradcoll@boisestate.edu. Approved Transcript Services include:

- Credentials eScript-Safe (formerly known as Script-Safe International)
- Credential Solutions TranscriptsNetwork and TranscriptsPlus
- National Student Clearinghouse
- Parchment Exchange (formerly known as Docufide and Avow Systems)

Application Fees

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How to Monitor your Application Status
At any stage during the application process, you can log in to your application account and check the status of your application and confirm that official transcripts have been received, that all supporting documents have been uploaded, and verify that your references have submitted an evaluation form.

If any documentation or information is missing, application review and notification of an admission decision may be delayed.

To facilitate timely communication about your application and decision, please contact the School of Nursing immediately if your address, phone number, or email address change.

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Review Process & Interviews
Your application will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee upon verification that:

- You have submitted your Boise State University Graduate College Application.
- You have uploaded the required supporting documents.
- You have paid the required Graduate College application fee ($65) and the School of Nursing application fee ($20).

The graduate college has received official transcript(s) from all schools you have attended.

Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted by phone and email to schedule a phone interview.

Financial Aid

Questions? Contact Us!

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