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
2015-16 tuition per credit hour is $600 per credit hour. Tuition for the 2016-17 academic year, (beginning Fall 2016), 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.
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:
   a. Ability to see, hear and touch, smell and distinguish colors.
   b. Oral and writing ability with accuracy, clarity and efficiency.
   c. Manual dexterity, gross and fine movements.
   d. Ability to learn, think critically, analyze, assess, solve problems, and reach judgments.
   e. Emotional stability and ability to accept responsibility and accountability.

Application Process Options
There are two ways to complete the application process. You can Direct Apply to Boise State or you can create an account with NursingCAS, a centralized application service that provides you with the ability to have application information sent to multiple schools.

PLEASE NOTE: There is an additional fee to use NursingCAS. The fee varies based on how many schools you are applying to.

NursingCAS Instructions
All information, including curriculum, requirements and cost are subject to change.
1. Complete the Boise State Graduate College Application and submit the $65 fee ($95 for international students). Do not upload supporting documents since they will be submitted via NursingCAS.

2. Log in to (or create) a NursingCAS account and enter all required profile information.

3. Create a Goal Statement in the NursingCAS Personal Statement section. Save it as “BSU ANGP Goal Statement.” Then, attach your saved document to Boise State in the NursingCAS Program Materials section.

   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.

4. In the NursingCAS Professional Experience section, input your RN and NP Licensure data and specialty copy of your National NP certification(s) along with information regarding your work experience as a registered nurse/nurse practitioner. The upload a resume or CV is optional but encouraged.

5. Go to the NursingCAS Reference section and enter the name, title, occupation, and email address for three references from nursing faculty members, professional healthcare colleagues, or work supervisors who can evaluate your potential for success in a graduate program and as an advanced practice nurse (AGNP). Recommendations from family, friends, other students, or co-workers are NOT appropriate.

   NursingCAS will generate an email to each reference that will include a link to the Evaluator Portal, a user name and password.

6. Submit the NursingCAS fee. The NursingCAS Fee is $65 if Boise State is the first school you are applying to via NursingCAS. If you have already applied to other schools, the fee to have your application information sent to Boise State is $35.

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

8. Arrange for official transcripts to be sent to the Boise State Graduate College.

   Transcripts may also be submitted to NursingCAS. However, please alert the AGNP program so that we can download your transcripts from NursingCAS and forward them to the Graduate College.

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Official Transcript Submission Information

**Official transcripts** must be received by Boise State University 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) directly to Boise State by mail or electronically via an approved transcript service provider. Alternatively, transcripts may be submitted to NursingCAS.

**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.

**NursingCAS Option:** If you submit your transcript(s) to NursingCAS, please alert the AGNP program so that we can download your transcripts from NursingCAS and forward them to the Graduate College.

**MAIL**
Institutions 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 also be submitted as a secure PDF through an approved transcript services provider.

**How to Monitor your Application Status**
The AGNP program will communicate with you about your application status and admission decision. To facilitate timely communication, please update the School of Nursing immediately if your address, phone number, or email address changes.

- Please remember, admission to Boise State’s Graduate College is required, but admission to the Graduate College does **not** guarantee admission to the AGNP Program.

- Once you have submitted your AGNP Application via NursingCAS and submitted the NursingCAS payment, you will be able to use the Quick Status Menu in NursingCAS to verify receipt of Recommendation Letters or NursingCAS Payment.

- Messages from NursingCAS will be posted in the **My Messages** section and sent to the email used when you created your NursingCAS account.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Missing documentation or information will delay the review of your application.
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 in NursingCAS.
- You have paid the required NursingCAS fee, the Graduate College application fee ($65) and the School of Nursing application fee ($20).
- Boise State has received official transcript(s) from all institutions you have attended.

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

Financial Aid

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