

Oncology Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate

The oncology nurse practitioner predoctoral fellowship program (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/oncology-nurse-practitioner/>) is designed for licensed nurse practitioners interested in providing high-quality care across the illness span to cancer patients and their families. To maximize survivorship and minimize distress, candidates are prepared to address the unique physiologic and psychosocial needs of cancer patients across the illness span in a program that emphasizes screening, surveillance, diagnosing, staging, and team-building. The curriculum is based on Oncology Nursing Society competencies, and students participate in 540 hours of supervised direct patient care experiences in multiple specialty services at a comprehensive cancer care center. Candidates enrolled in Azusa Pacific's Doctor of Nursing Practice program may apply these hours toward the residency requirement and may petition to apply didactic units toward the specialty courses. Candidates for the certificate meet the eligibility criteria for the Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner examination offered by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation.

Prerequisites

- Master's degree in nursing that includes advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology, and advanced health assessment.
- Experience in oncology nursing.
- Current California nurse practitioner license.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
GNRS 630A	Oncology Nurse Practitioner Fellowship A	4
GNRS 630B	Oncology Nurse Practitioner Fellowship B	4
GNRS 630C	Oncology Nurse Practitioner Fellowship C	4
GNRS 631	ONP: Cancer Biology and Assessment	2
GNRS 632	ONP: Cancer Therapeutics	2
GNRS 633	ONP: Symptom and Side Effect Burden	2
GNRS 634	ONP: Survivorship and the Psychosocial Impact of Cancer	2
GNRS 635	ONP: Team-Based Care and the Role of the Oncology Nurse Practitioner	2
GNRS 636	ONP: Clinical Trials in Oncology Nursing	2

Total Units

24

Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Articulate a Christian worldview, demonstrating respect for the dignity and uniqueness of others, valuing diversity, and applying spiritual concepts.
2. Engage in scholarly inquiry and critical thinking, including evaluation and application of evidence-based research.
3. Appraise and apply knowledge to develop, implement, and evaluate interventions that promote health and prevent disease.
4. Demonstrate thoughtful analysis of the legal, political, ethical, and/or financial factors impacting healthcare.
5. Use information systems and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, promote, quality, mitigate error and support decision making.
6. Demonstrate the ability to coordinate and collaborate with other health care team professionals.
7. Engage in clinical reasoning, effective communication, and act as a change agent to develop professional identity and practice skill.