



**BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

*School of Nursing*

## **Post-Master's Graduate Certificate Adult-Gerontology Primary or Acute Care Direct Apply Application Instructions**

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### **Thank you for your interest!**

At Boise State University, we seek highly motivated nurse practitioners who are ready to expand their education and scope of practice. Our adult-gerontology post-master's certificate programs enable licensed NPs to become certified in acute care or primary care within 1 year.

### **About the AGNP Primary Care Graduate Certificate**

Our post-master's Adult-Gerontology Primary Care graduates are well prepared to certify and care for teens, adults and the elderly in community-based settings including community health centers, specialty clinics, home health agencies, correctional facilities, and private practices.

### **About the AGNP Acute Care Graduate Certificate**

Our post-master's Adult-Gerontology Acute Care graduates are well prepared to certify and care for teens, adults and the elderly in hospital-based settings including emergency rooms and critical care units.

### **About the Curriculum**

Our 1-year Post-Master's Graduate Certificate program is designed for licensed Nurse Practitioners. Each student will receive an individualized plan of study based on prior education and supervised clinical hours. At most, students will complete 19 credit hours and a determined number of clinical hours in program-arranged direct-care settings

### **Summer Intensives**

Students are required to attend two on-campus intensive summer course sessions (5-7 days each).

### **Costs**

Tuition costs are per credit hour with no additional out-of-state or professional program fees. Additional costs include books and software. Lodging and transportation to and from summer sessions and clinical sites are the responsibility of the student.

### **Application Deadlines**

Graduate Certificate applications are accepted year-round (rolling admission). Please allow time for official transcripts to be sent to Boise State.

Please Note: All information, including curriculum, requirements and cost are subject to change.

## Application Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants to the post-master's program must meet the following criteria:

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited nursing program.
2. Hold a master's or doctoral 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.
6. Be practicing in a state eligible for the AGNP program. Eligible states include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.
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.

(\* Unencumbered license is one that is not revoked, suspended, or made probationary or conditional by the State licensing or registering authority as the result of disciplinary action.)

## Application Steps

1. Complete the [online Boise State Graduate College application](#).
2. After submitting the application, 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 and APRN/ARNP 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 specifying 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. Please complete the **Letters of Recommendation** section of the application and use 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.

## 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

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 be submitted as a secure PDF through an approved transcript services provider to [gradcoll@boisestate.edu](mailto: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

Boise State Graduate College Application Fee	\$65.00
School of Nursing AGNP Application Fee	\$20.00

## 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 an 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**

To apply for federal financial aid, please submit a [FAFSA application](#). Boise State School Code: 001616.

## **Questions? Contact Us!**

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