

## Adult/Gero Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) Clinical Hours Breakdown

**TCNJ Requirements** for hours for the AGNP student is 585 clinical hours plus 35 observational hours for Health Assessment for a total of 620 hours.

Note: Additional hours may be required to ensure clinical competency in any of the courses below. Primary care hours are typically Mon-Fri 8:30-5 pm.

A mandatory *Nurse Practitioner Student Orientation* is planned each November prior to starting NURS 633 Health Assessment in the spring, where further discussion of the information below will take place. Consultation with your advisor (appropriate site considerations) and clinical site coordinator (all other placement logistics) is advised for best preparation.

Advisors will discuss in one on one sessions the importance of saving vacation time, working only part-time or per diem, and arranging personal life responsibilities in order to devote the needed time for clinical courses. Accommodations cannot be made for course clinical hour requirements, and students are expected to be flexible with clinical agency opportunities for learning.

Population	Age Range
Adolescents	13-21
Adults	22-64
Older Adults	65 and up including frail elder 80+

### Key Considerations

- Logging clinical hours alone may not be sufficient to meet program requirements.
- Certification boards may ask to see case logs in addition to time logs. Case logs are even more important and should show breadth and depth for each population/area.
- You cannot complete specialty site hours unless all clinical hours for required populations/areas have been completed.
- Specialty elective should be completed in an area that enhances knowledge of some aspect of primary care i.e. cardiology, pulmonology, infectious disease, endocrinology, etc.

Student effort/ clinical request submission paperwork due dates	Course	Hours required	Appropriate sites/population breakdown
Optional	NURS 633 (Spring)	35	Observational only experience
February 2	NURS 636 (Summer)	135	Primary care, urgent care, walk-in clinics, episodic care areas, prisons
May 2	NURS 638 (Fall)	135	85 hours Primary care including adolescents 50 hours Gyn (may need more for competency)
October 2	NURS 637 (Spring)	135	Primary care (Internal medicine / adult clinics ideal), LTC facilities Focus on age 50+ Chronic disease mgt <b>85 hours PC &amp; 50 GYN if not completed in Fall</b>
February 2	NURS 690 (Summer)	180 hours	130 hours PC with focus on chronic/ complex disease management (same facilities as above) 50 hours specialty elective (see key considerations)