Purdue University Global
Board of Trustees Update

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New Program: Graduate Master’s Certificate, Specialization in Adult Gerontology Acute Care

Objective of the Program: Graduate Master’s Certificate, Specialization in Adult Gerontology Acute Care program is designed to train Registered Nurses (RNs) to provide restorative, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care in acute care settings (e.g., emergency rooms, intensive care units, trauma centers)

This program is attractive to Purdue University Global for several reasons:

- **Attractive job prospects driven by healthcare growth and hospital preferences:** Job growth of over 30% is expected for Nurse Practitioners with more than half of that growth in adult acute care. This is significant given that there are already nearly 200K practicing NPs in the country currently. Furthermore, there is an opportunity to grow the program in states where efforts are underway to prevent primary care NPs from working in acute care settings.

- **PG has capabilities required to launch program:** Purdue Global has several faculty members on staff with the expertise required to design and teach this program.

- **PG’s proposed program will be well-situated to compete:** Versus most competitors, Purdue Global’s program design is attractive; Purdue Global has more credits but fewer clinical hours, all at a slightly lower total cost.