

Finalizing The Plan

Academic and Professional Success Plan

Part 4

Module 6

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Introduction

Choosing the right specialty that aligns with one's professional developmental goals is a significant step of concluding the academic and professional success plan. This was why this writer pondered various options for his nursing specialty, including a close look at his selected specialty, *Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner* (AGACNP) and the second preferred specialty, *Nursing Informatics*. A development of justifications for selecting AGACNP specialty was also presented in this plan. Lastly, related professional organizations to the chosen specialty were examined well and becoming a member of these associations were explored.

The results of these efforts are below.

I. Comparison of Nursing Specialties

On this part of the paper, the comparison on both specialties were explored through five differentiator categories, namely, description, target population, scope of practice, focus of graduation education, and role being prepared for.

By practice description, the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) is an advanced practice specialty for registered nurses that focuses care to adults and older adults with acute, critical, and complex chronic physical and mental illnesses across the entire adult age spectrum. Meanwhile, Nursing informatics (NI) is the specialty that integrates nursing science with multiple information and analytical sciences to identify, define, manage, and