

Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Degree Type

M.S.

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) has a combined clinical and functional role. The practitioner role necessitates a strong clinical background in evaluating clients and making judgments about interventions. Therefore, applicants need to have a least one year's full time experience (2,000 hours) as a Registered Professional Nurse before beginning FNP clinical courses. The autonomous and collaborative roles of the nurse practitioner in primary care demand socialization into those roles, knowledge of multiple practice models, and development of accountability for direct provision of health care services. Clinical experiences with faculty and preceptors include a variety of physicians and nurse practitioners, geographic locations, and clients from different social, cultural, and economic backgrounds. There are intensive clinical placements with preceptors. A total of 640 clinical hours and 48 credits are required in order to meet the changing professional expectations in this practice area, and to be eligible to take the ANCC certification exam.

Course Requirements

(Prior to registering each semester, students need to meet with their advisor for individual program planning)

Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
NSG 558	Paradigms & Persp Adv Prac Nsg	
NSG 559	Nursing in Sociopolitical Env	
NSG 649	Transforming Advanced Practice Roles	

Research Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
NSG 508	Research Methods	
NSG 611	Research Seminar	

Cognate Course

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 560	Advanced Human Pathophysiology	

Elective course

With advisement.

Item #	Title	Credits
	NSG Nursing Elective	3

Supporting Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
NSG 610	Family Processes	
NSG 622	Advanced Pharmacology	
NSG 636	Health, Healing, & Self Care	

Clinical Courses

- There is a mandatory clinical lab fee.
- NSG 619 is required as prerequisite for all subsequent clinical courses.

Item #	Title	Credits
NSG 619	Diagnostic Health Assessment	
NSG 621A	Adult & Geriatric Care - Theory	
NSG 621B	Adult & Geriatric Care - Practicum	
NSG 660	Women & Children's Health: Theory	
NSG 661	Women & Children's Health: Internship	

Functional Area Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
NSG 623	Ind Study in Adv Clin Nsg Prac	
	Total Credits	48