

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, MSN

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Field of Study: Family Nurse Practitioner

NURS 431	Psychosocial and Spiritual Dimensions of Advanced Nursing Practice	2
NURS 502	Inquiry III Evidence-Based Practice	2
Hours		9
Total Hours		40

Program Overview

Family nurse practitioners (FNPs) are advanced nurses who offer care, promote health, and treat disease in patients ranging from children to elders. They provide comprehensive wellness care as well as management of acute and chronic illnesses. FNPs practice in hospitals, urgent care and primary care settings, federally-qualified health centers, and private practice offices.

Major Requirements

As part of the MSN program, the FNP major requires 40 credit hours of coursework, plus 600 hours of clinical. The coursework is usually completed within 18 months (four semesters) for full-time students, and courses are offered in a distance-friendly format.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		Hours
NURS 405	Inquiry I - Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 453	Advanced Pathophysiology	4
NURS 459	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NUNP 410	Health Promotion Across the Life Span	2
NURS 444A	Ethical Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice	1
Hours		12

Spring

NURS 425	Inquiry II - Research Process	3
NURS 430	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUNP 419	Family Health Nursing: Health of Adults and Older Adults	5
NURS 444B	Health Care Delivery and Finance in Advanced Practice	1
Hours		12

Summer

NUNP 429	Health Promotion & Common Reproductive Health Problems of Adolescents and Adults	4
NURS 451	Leadership for Quality Healthcare within Organizations and Systems	3
Hours		7

Second Year

Fall		Hours
NUNP 439	Family Health Nursing: Health of Children and Adolescents	4
NURS 444C	Health Policy Legislation and Legal Issues in Advanced Practice	1