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Post Master’s Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner Program

The **Family Nurse Practitioner Master of Science in Nursing Post Master’s Certificate** Track prepares master-degreed nurses to manage the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. This track is designed for nurses holding master’s degrees in nursing who are interested in completing course requirements leading to the FNP certification. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the FNP national certification examinations through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to earn the FNP-BC credential, or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) to earn the NP-C credential.

Role and Qualifications: The FNP is the advanced practice nurse generalist and graduates of this track assume responsibility for the provision of healthcare in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention and clinical management of primary care conditions. The FNP develops collaborative relationships with other healthcare providers, designs and implements the plan of care, and is accountable for improving clinical outcomes and care processes in a quality, cost effective manner. The emphasis of this program is on meeting the healthcare needs of underserved populations.

Curriculum: The 39-credit Post Master’s Certificate track, completed through precepted clinical settings provides a flexible, executive-education format in which the theoretical content of all courses is taught one weekend session per month each semester. The remainder of each semester is taught using both a face-to-face and web-enhanced pedagogical approach for student/faculty collaboration, faculty presentations, and clarification of theoretical content. All clinical courses are offered as immersion practicum experiences, conducted in faculty approved, in-person, precepted clinical settings. The following course sequence is required for this curriculum of study. Students are admitted to this track as a cohort in the Summer, Spring, or Fall semester.

Plan of Study

	Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Clinical Hours
Semester 1	NUR 610	Advanced Pharmacology	3	
	NUR 616	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
	NUR 620	Advanced Physical Assessment	4	45
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		10	45
Semester 2	NUR 630	Primary Care of Adults & Aged	6	180
	NUR 631	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention	3	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		9	180
Semester 3	NUR 632	Primary Care of Women & Children	6	180
	NUR 627	Advanced biostatistics and Epidemiology	3	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		9	180
Semester 4	NUR 635	Nursing Research	3	
	NUR 633	FNP Practicum	7	240
	NUR 643	FNP Preparation	1	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours		11	240
Total Program Credits/Hours			39	645

Degree requirements are subject to change