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Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Master of Science in Nursing Program

The **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Master of Science in Nursing Track** prepares advanced practice nurses to manage the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. The FNP Track is designed for nurses holding baccalaureate degrees, who are interested in completing course requirements leading to a graduate degree in nursing. 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 51-credit FNP Master of Science in Nursing Track, which is completed through precepted clinical settings, provides a flexible, executive-education format in which the theoretical content of all courses is taught in 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
Semester 2	NUR 630	Primary Care of Adults & Aged	6	180
	NUR 631	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention	3	
	NUR 621	Advanced Nursing Theory	3	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours			12
Semester 3	NUR 632	Primary Care of Women & Children	6	180
	NUR 628	Health Systems Management	3	
	NUR 627	Advanced Biostatistics and Epidemiology	3	
	NUR 642	Cultural Diversity	3	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours			15
Semester 4	NUR 635	Nursing Research	3	
	NUR 633	FNP Practicum	7	240
	NUR 639	Perspectives	3	
	NUR 643	FNP Preparation	1	
	Total Semester Credits/Hours			14
Total Program Credits/Hours			51	645

Degree requirements are subject to change