

Family Nurse Practitioner

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Family Nurse Practitioner track is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses for the current and future healthcare systems. The program emphasizes community-based primary healthcare for individuals and families across the lifespan. Additional attention is placed on the specific healthcare needs of underserved and rural communities. Family Nurse Practitioner skills include identification of acute illnesses; nursing and medical management of commonly encountered acute and chronic illnesses in collaboration and consultation with an interdisciplinary team; development of a knowledge base of community needs and resources available for health promotion; health teaching, guidance, and counseling of clients and their families about illness and its prevention; and health promotion, maintenance, and management.

This Program is offered at both the MSN and Post-Master's level.

The FNP MSN program can be combined with preparation in Community/Public Health Nursing.

PROGRAM FORMAT

- 50 credits for MSN; 26-37 credits for Post-Master's certificate
- 20 months fulltime; or 32 months parttime (at 2 courses/term) for MSN
 - Post-Master's program can be completed fulltime in as little as 12 months
 - 672 clinical hours
 - One of the two preceptorships should occur outside of Charlottesville/Albemarle County.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Students who complete the Master's Degree program in Family Nurse Practitioner are able to:

- Demonstrate skill in interpreting pertinent biopsychosocial evidence derived from individual and family assessments including health histories, physical examinations, laboratory and diagnostic sources, and current literature.
- Formulate different diagnoses and treatment plans for selected acute and chronic illnesses based on an analysis of biopsychosocial data and current research findings.
- Develop and initiate management strategies for common health problems.
- Present assessment data, both orally and written, in an organized manner.
- Evaluate community resources that provide services to clients with particular health needs.
- Successfully pass the ANCC certification examination for Family Nurse Practitioner.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students meet all admissions requirements including the completion of a course in statistics (within the past five years). Applicants must have a BSN degree from an accredited institution, and should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Enrolled students must have a current, unencumbered RN license, but prior work experience as a RN is not required. New BSN grads may enroll as part-time students.

Full-time MSN students enroll in the Fall; part-time students may begin any term.

Post-Master's students may enroll in any semester (depending on prior coursework).

International students must demonstrate ability in English, and must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. The deadline for international students is February 1.

Application deadlines:

Fall Semester	April 1
Summer Term	April 1
Spring Semester	November 1



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Sample Program of Study

(MSN student, full-time option)

Fall Semester

Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Research Processes & Biostatistics (4)
Pathophysiology (4)
Advanced Practice Role I: Acquisition (2)

Spring Semester

Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)
Pharmacology (4)
Advanced Health Assessment (3)

Summer Session

Health Policy: Local to Global (3)
Primary Care NP Seminar I (3)

Fall Semester

Nutrition in Health Promotion (2)
Primary Care NP Seminar II (3)
Primary Care Preceptorship I (6)

Spring Semester

Primary Care NP Seminar III (3)
Primary Care Preceptorship II (6)
Advanced Practice Role II: Transition (1)

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Sample Program of Study

(Post-Master's student)

All students need to have completed Pathophysiology, Health Assessment, and Pharmacology before starting Primary Care Seminar I in the late summer. These courses may be completed at UVA (classroom based) or credit transferred from elsewhere:

Fall Semester

Pathophysiology (4)
Advanced Practice Role I: Acquisition (2)

Spring Semester

Pharmacology (4)
Advanced Health Assessment (3)

Summer Session

Primary Care NP Seminar I (3)

Fall Semester

Primary Care NP Seminar II (3)
Primary Care Preceptorship I (6)

Spring Semester

Primary Care NP Seminar III (3)
Primary Care Preceptorship II (6)
Advanced Practice Role II: Transition (1)