MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (PRIMARY CARE) TRACK

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Introduction to the Family Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care) Track

This concentration provides graduates with advanced practice role preparation, knowledge and skills in the care of children and adults across all ages within a family framework. Health promotion, disease prevention and management of common acute and chronic long-term health alterations in primary care settings are the foci of this concentration.

The Family Nurse Practitioner curriculum requires a total of 43 credit hours. The program generally follows a part-time format of study. Many of the courses are available online. The curriculum contains a minimum of 600 hours of required clinical practice, most of which may be arranged by the student in her or his own community. Attainment of competencies may require more than 600 hours. Practicum experiences occur in health department clinics, private practice offices, community-based health centers, hospital clinics and other settings providing primary health care.

Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program are eligible to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

A Family Nurse Practitioner post master’s certificate is available.

Admission Requirements

• Earned B.S.N. from an accredited bachelor's program in nursing.
• Minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the final 60 baccalaureate-level course credits in the B.S.N. program (Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores are required for applicants with a grade point average of less than 3.0).
• Basic undergraduate statistics course.
• Baccalaureate-level, upper-division nursing research course.
• Résumé or Curriculum vitae (CV) presented in specified format located on the College of Nursing website.
• A written essay describing the student’s philosophy of nursing (guidelines located on the College of Nursing website).
• Two letters of recommendation (guidelines located on the College of Nursing website).
• Current RN licensure to practice nursing.
• An interview and on-site writing sample may be required.
• Practice experience is not required but may be considered as part of the overall quality of the application.
• Background check (completed upon admission)

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