

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE: FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate is offered to individuals who have completed a graduate degree in nursing and who desire to obtain specialized knowledge to seek certification as an FNP. FNP graduates are eligible to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification or American Academy of Nurse Practitioner (AANP) certification corresponding to their population foci.

The program is offered in a three-semester, part-time option. The curriculum is designed to prepare professional nurses for the FNP role in primary nursing care. The curriculum includes 780 contact hours for clinical practice.

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6540	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Adults	3
NURS 6550	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Adults: Practicum 1	4
NURS 6560	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Families	3
NURS 6570	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Families: Practicum 2	4
NURS 6580	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Older Adults	2
NURS 6590	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Older Adults: Practicum 3	5
Total Hours		21

Curriculum

First Term		Hours
NURS 6540	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Adults	3
NURS 6550	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Adults: Practicum 1	4
Hours		7
Second Term		
NURS 6560	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Families	3
NURS 6570	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Families: Practicum 2	4
Hours		7
Third Term		
NURS 6580	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Older Adults	2
NURS 6590	Advanced Practice Nursing in Primary Care of Older Adults: Practicum 3	5
Hours		7
Total Hours		21

Transcripts must indicate completion at the graduate level of advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment with a grade of B or higher in each course.

- PLO 1. Synthesize knowledge derived from a scientific foundation in order to demonstrate expertise in advanced clinical nursing practice to improve delivery of care.
- PLO 2. Demonstrate continuous quality improvement in patient care situations while providing leadership in clinical decision making through use of information systems and technology for the improvement and transformation of health care.
- PLO 3. Use clinical scholarship and analytical methods to implement safe, quality improvement in administration of patient care.
- PLO 4. Encourage interprofessional collaboration and teamwork to enhance and improve population health outcomes.
- PLO 5. Engage in influencing the development and implementation of health policy that provides an interface between practice, research and policy development.
- PLO 6. This should not be a separate program assessment plan. The program is subsumed in either the MSN or DNP APRN programs.