

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 630 contact hours for clinical practice.

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 6210	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinic I: Primary Care of Adolescent and Adult	7
NURS 6220	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II: Primary Care of Women and Children	7
NURS 6230	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical III: Primary Care of Adults and Older Adults	8

Curriculum

First Term		Hours
NURS 6210	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinic I: Primary Care of Adolescent and Adult	7
Hours		7
Second Term		
NURS 6220	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II: Primary Care of Women and Children	7
Hours		7
Third Term		
NURS 6230	Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical III: Primary Care of Adults and Older Adults	8
Hours		8
Total Hours		22

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.

Synthesize knowledge derived from a scientific foundation in order to demonstrate expertise in advanced clinical nursing practice to improve delivery of care.

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

Use clinical scholarship and analytical methods to implement safe, quality improvement in administration of patient care

Encourage interprofessional collaboration and teamwork to enhance and improve population health outcomes

Engage in influencing the development and implementation of health policy that provides an interface between practice, research and policy development

This should not be a separate program assessment plan. The program is subsumed in either the MSN or DNP APRN programs.