The Department of Nursing offers the Post-Master’s Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program for students who completed a master of science degree in nursing. The certificate of advanced practice is designed for those individuals with a master’s degree in nursing who wish to expand their practice into the role of a primary care family nurse practitioner. The PM-PC-FNP specialty area prepares nurses to provide comprehensive care that includes health promotion, maintenance and restoration for persons across the life span.

Depending on educational background and previous coursework in master’s program, students accepted into the PM-PC-FNP certificate program are required to take as few as three and as many as 12 courses or 12-39 credits. Successful completion of the required curriculum qualifies the RN to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination.

For clinical nurse leader (CNL), the capstone course, NURS 958 Clinical Nurse Leader Capstone, requires students to complete 200 clinical hours plus a scholarly project, which synthesizes advanced practice knowledge and skills to address substantive nursing practice issues. For evidence-based nursing (EBN), the capstone course, NURS 956 Capstone Project Seminar, requires students to complete a scholarly project.

CNL and FNP students may elect to complete NURS 899 Master’s Thesis (6 credits). EBN students may elect to complete a thesis and register for 6 credits of NURS 899 Master’s Thesis as the capstone in place of NURS 956 Capstone Project Seminar. If a student opts to do a