

# FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

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## Description

The Department of Nursing offers the Post-Master's 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 family nurse practitioner. The PM-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-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.

Students enrolled in the Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program must maintain continuous enrollment by registering for course work or GRAD 800, Continuing Enrollment, to remain active through program completion.

## Requirements

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Code	Title	Credits
NURS 810	Families in Health and Illness	3
NURS 907	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 908	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 909	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	3
NURS 925	Health Care Systems and Leadership	3
NURS 935	Primary Care of Families I	3
NURS 936	Practicum in the Primary Care Families I	3
NURS 937	Primary Care of Families II	3
NURS 938	Practicum in the Primary Care of Families II	3
NURS 939	Seminar and Practicum in the Primary Care of Families III	6
NURS 944	Population Health Promotion and Risk Reduction	3
NURS 963	Advanced Clinical Epidemiology	3

Applicant must submit course description for any course taken in previous graduate program they wish to have reviewed for equivalency.

Total Credits 39

## Capstone Experience for All Master's and Post--Master's Nursing Tracks

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 evidenced-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 thesis, the student should discuss this option with a faculty adviser early in the program of study.

For family nurse practitioner (FNP and PM-FNP), the capstone course, NURS 939 Seminar and Practicum in the Primary Care of Families III, is the final integrated clinical practicum.

For post-master's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PM-PMHNP), the capstone course, NURS 985 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum II, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Practicum II, is the final integrated clinical practicum.