

Family Nurse Practitioner

This innovative and flexible blended (face to face and online) program prepares the professional nurse for an advanced nursing practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner and doctoral studies (including a cooperative doctorate with the University of Florida). The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) consists of 45 semester hours (sh) of coursework.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the University graduate admission requirements described in the Admissions section (<http://catalog.uwf.edu/graduate/admissions>) of the catalog, the department bases decisions for regular admission on a holistic review of credentials in which the following criteria are used to assess the potential success of each applicant:

- An earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from an NLNAC, ACEN, or CCNE accredited nursing program with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale OR a 3.0 (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of coursework on the BSN.
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of "C" or better.
- Students who, for academic or disciplinary reasons, are not eligible to register in the college or university last attended will not be admitted for graduate study.
- Possess a current unencumbered Registered Nurse license to practice nursing in a state or territory of the United States.
- Express Admission Students are required to become licensed as a registered nurse to practice in a state or territory of the United States by the end of the first semester of enrollment to progress in the program.
- Submission of Curriculum vitae (CV) that includes: work history, educational background, and community service involvement.
- Submit career goals statement that includes a narrative writing of your future career plans (where you hope to see yourself professionally in the next 5-10 years) and should be an example of your writing skills. References are not necessary. Submission should be typed and between 150-200 words.
- Submit copy of your RN license.
- Approval by the School of Nursing Graduate Admissions Committee. Admission to this program is competitive and selective.

*** The graduate admission test may be waived for the following:**

- Applicant must have earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from a NLNAC, ACEN, or CCNE accredited nursing program with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale OR a 3.0 (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of coursework on the BSN.

If an applicant is unable to meet the above criteria, they may petition the Nursing Department Graduate Admissions Committee and request a special review.

Please note that upon admission the M.S.N. student will receive information concerning current UWF School of Nursing requirements for enrollment. These include, but are not limited to: physical examination and immunizations; Level 2 criminal background check;

drug screen; VECHS fingerprinting; AHA BCLS certification; proof of professional liability insurance; and proof of personal health insurance.

Degree Requirements

Students wishing to earn a M.S.N. and a Family Nurse Practitioner must successfully complete both the core courses and the specialty courses. All courses in the plan of study must be passed at a grade of "B" or higher. No more than 49% of the program requirements for the M.S.N. and Family Nurse Practitioner degree may be taken in traditional business subjects.

Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization

M.S.N. Direct Care Core (9 sh)

NGR 6002	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NGR 6172	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NGR 6140	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Total Hours		9

M.S.N Common Core (14 sh)

NGR 6111	Foundations of Nursing Science	3
NGR 6803	Integration of Evidence in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 6893	Health Systems Leadership and Policy Strategies	3
NGR 6638	Population Health Promotion and Management	3
NGR 6835	Project Evaluation and Dissemination	2
Total Hours		14

Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization (22 sh)

NGR 6201	Care of the Adult I	3
NGR 6201L	Care of the Adult I Practicum	3
NGR 6202	Care of the Adult II	3
NGR 6202L	Care of the Adult II Practicum	3
NGR 6301	Care of the Child and Family	3
NGR 6301L	Care of the Child and Family Practicum	2
NGR 6343	Women's Health	3
NGR 6343L	Care of Women Practicum	2
Total Hours		22