Family Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.

This innovative and flexible program prepares the professional nurse for an advanced nursing practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner and doctoral studies. 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 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.

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; VECCHS 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.