

Master of Science in Nursing Programs

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Program Information Sheet Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree is designed so students may attend full- or part-time. Courses are sequenced to promote successful attainment of program outcomes. A list of courses for students in the MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner follows:

MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner			
	Credits	Theory	Practicum
NURS 601: Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 602: Pharmacologic Applications	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 605: Evolution of Nursing Theory	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 610: Advanced Concepts in Nursing Research	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 614: Health Promotion—Family & Community Perspectives	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 615: Advanced Health Assessment	2	30 hrs.	(00)
NURS 616: Advanced Health Assessment Practicum	2	(00)	60 hrs. (+30 as skill labs)
NURS 620: Clinical Decision Making I	1	15 hrs.	(00)
NURS 621: Clinical Decision Making I Practicum	2	(00)	90 hrs.
NURS 622: Family Nurse Practitioner Role Development	1	15 hrs.	(00)
NURS 630: Clinical Decision Making II	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 632: Clinical Decision Making II Practicum	2	(00)	90 hrs.
NURS 640: Clinical Decision Making III	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 642: Clinical Decision Making III Practicum	2	(00)	90 hrs.
NURS 645: Nursing and Public Policy	3	45 hrs.	(00)
NURS 750: Family Nurse Practitioner Internship	6	(00)	270 hrs.
NURS 800: Thesis/Scholarly Project	3	45 hrs.	(00)
Totals	45	465 hrs.	600 hrs.

Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

A Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate is available to individuals who hold a master's degree in nursing from an accredited program. A program of study that meets all requirements for the graduate to sit for national certifying exams will be tailored to the needs of the individual based on a gap analysis. A minimum of 24 credits is required to earn a certificate.

Policies

The policies of the MSN Program are consistent with graduate policies of Clarion and Edinboro Universities of Pennsylvania. The following policies have been jointly agreed upon for the joint MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner Program:

- Once admitted, it's strongly advised that less than two years elapse between clinical courses. Clinical courses include NURS 615/616: Advanced Health Assessment, all clinical decision making courses, and the internship. If more than two years elapse, to enroll, the student must seek permission from the faculty member teaching the course and may be asked to complete a practical exam or retake the previous clinical course.
- Students may transfer up to 12 credits of appropriate non-clinical courses.
- NURS 800 must be completed before enrolling in the final FNP internship. (Post-Master's students do not take NURS 800).
- Students have six years to complete the program.