

Master of Science in Nursing Programs

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Program Information Sheet Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration (see reverse side for Education concentration information)

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

| MSN (Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration) | | | |
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| | 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 | 1 | (00) | 45 hrs. |
| NURS 620 Clinical Decision Making I | 2 | 30 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 621 Clinical Decision Making I Practicum | 1 | (00) | 45 hrs. |
| NURS 630 Clinical Decision Making II | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 631 Clinical Decision Making II: Role Seminar | 1 | (00) | 30 hrs. |
| NURS 632 Clinical Decision Making II: Practicum | 2 | (00) | 90 hrs. |
| NURS 640 Clinical Decision Making III | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 641 Clinical Decision Making III: Role Seminar | 1 | (00) | 30 hrs. |
| NURS 642 Clinical Decision Making III: Practicum | 2 | (00) | 90 hrs. |
| NURS 645 Nursing and Public Policy | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 750 Internship | 6 | (00) | 270 hrs. |
| NURS 800 Thesis/Project | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| Totals | 45 | 465 hrs. | 600 hrs. |

Post-Master's Curriculum (Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration)

Individuals holding a graduate degree in nursing may earn a second master's degree in the Clarion University/Edinboro University MSN (family nurse practitioner) program. In order to qualify for a second master's degree, regardless of where the first degree was earned, the student must successfully complete a minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit in this MSN program beyond the first master's degree and meet program requirements with respect to the required semester hours of credit and courses for the major. Post-master's students would typically have transfer credits in nursing theory and research that could apply to the requirements of NURS 605: Evolution of Nursing Theory, NURS 610: Advanced Concepts in Nursing Research, and NURS 800: Thesis/Project. Students may petition for life experience credits for NURS 614: Health Promotion: Family & Community Perspectives and NURS 645: Nursing & Public Policy. Clinical courses and the internship are required of all degree students regardless of prior advanced education.

Post-Master's Certificate (Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration)

A post-master's certificate is available to individuals who hold a graduate degree in nursing as a nurse practitioner. Nurse practitioners who wish to broaden their education as a family nurse practitioner would have their previous educational preparation evaluated on an individual basis according to credentials, education, and professional experience. This review would be used to determine a program of study in the master's program that would be applicable for broadening their education to encompass family practice.

Policies

The policies of the MSN program are consistent with the 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 is 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 two or more years elapse, the student must receive permission to enroll 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 courses.
- Students have six years to complete the MSN (family nurse practitioner) program.

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MSN (Education Concentration)

| | 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 | 1 | (00) | 45 hrs. |
| NURS 645 Nursing and Public Policy | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 675 Nursing Curriculum Development | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 676 Educational Strategies in Nursing | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 677 Evaluation and Assessment in Nursing | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| NURS 750 Internship | 3 | (00) | 135 hrs. |
| NURS 800 Thesis/Research Project | 3 | 45 hrs. | (00) |
| TOTALS | 36 | 480 hrs. | 180 hrs. |

Post Master's Certificate (Nurse Educator Concentration)

A post-master's certificate is available to individuals who hold a master's degree in nursing from an accredited program. This includes nurses who have graduate degrees as nurse practitioners. The purpose of this certificate program is to prepare nurses for teaching positions in nursing in both academic and non-academic settings. Required courses are NURS 675: Nursing Curriculum Development, NURS 676: Educational Strategies in Nursing, NURS 677: Evaluation & Assessment in Nursing, and NURS 750: Internship.

Policies

The policies of the MSN (nurse educator) are consistent with the graduate policies of Clarion and Edinboro universities. The following are policies that have been jointly agreed upon for the joint MSN (nurse educator) program:

1. Students may transfer up to 12 credits of appropriate courses.
2. Students have six years to complete the MSN (nurse educator) program.