

Post-Graduate Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner

The Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC): Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program designed for RNs who already hold a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. The FNP Certificate is designed to provide the nurse with the necessary knowledge, skills, values, meanings, and experiences to assume the role of a primary health care provider in a variety of clinical settings. Graduates of the FNP Certificate program are eligible to take the national certification exam given by either the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). The program can be completed in 1 year full time with summer courses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN (previously NLNAC) accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume/C.V.
- Essay answering the following questions:
 - How will this degree advance your professional goals?
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state or individual state (must obtain licensure in clinical rotation state)
- Copy of Advanced Practice Nursing certification as applicable. Applicants without national certification will be individually evaluated and must submit evidence of their specialty expertise.
- Documentation of 2,080 RN or APRN hours (direct patient care).
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty will be required
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 25 semester hours with a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Clinical practicum is approximately 600 clock hours.

Revised Plan of Study – Pending University Approval

Courses	Credits
Mental Health in Primary Care	3
Primary Care of Families: Chronic	3
Primary Care of Families (180 Clinical Hours)	3
Primary Care of Families: Acute	3
Primary Care of Families Practicum (180 Clinical Hours)	3
Primary Care of Women & Children	3
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
Diagnostics & Procedures	1
Primary Care Advanced Practicum (240 Clinical Hours)	4
Total	25

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours are transferable.

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting www.su.edu/sonapp.

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