

Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is designed to provide the Bachelor's level educated 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. Didactic and clinical course content focuses on the assessment and management of health promotion and health maintenance strategies, risk reduction, common acute and chronic alterations in health status for individuals and families across the lifespan. The program can be completed in 7 semesters.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. *The School of Nursing is in the process of seeking approval to offer this program in a fully online format with synchronous class meetings.* Clinical placement is a collaborative process between the student and the faculty and clinicals are scheduled at the convenience of the host facility. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be eligible to take the national certification exam given by either the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application and \$30 application fee
- Earned BSN degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Completion of Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology courses with grade of "B" or better.
- Completion of undergraduate Statistics course with a grade of "C" or better within the last five years.
- Three recommendation letters
 - One from previous faculty (if graduated in last 5 years)
 - Two professionals who can attest to clinical experience
- Essay (250-500 words):
 - Why are you choosing to pursue the FNP role?
- Current Resume/C.V.
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state preferred
- [Documentation of one year of direct patient care](#) prior to specialty courses
- 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

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- FNP Questions: Dr. Sharon Simon, ssimon@su.edu
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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 45 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Minimum grade of "B" required in all courses. Approximately 600 clinical practicum hours.

Courses	Credits
Advanced Practice Roles, Ethics & Policy	3
Advanced Concepts in Physiology & Pathophysiology	3
Advanced Pharmacology & Therapeutics	3
Adv. Health Promotion & Assessment Across Lifespan	4
Research and Evidence-Based Practice	4
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
Data Interpretation & Informatics	3
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
Diagnostics & Procedures	1
Primary Care Advanced Practicum (240 Clinical Hours)	4
Total	45

*For International Students who require an F-1, I-20 visa, due to limited on-campus credit hours, F-1 visas **are not** issued for this program.*