

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 five semesters with summer courses. If prerequisite courses are required, an additional 2 semesters of study will be added. Specialty courses begin each summer in May and prerequisite courses begin 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.*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Two letters of recommendation
- Current Resume/C.V.
- Essay (250-500 words):
 - Why are you choosing to pursue the FNP role?
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state preferred
- 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 required).
- 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

WHERE TO BEGIN

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

TRANSFER CREDITS

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 23 semester hours with a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Clinical practicum is approximately 600 clock hours. This program offers two tracks depending on the applicant’s experience. Students who need to take prerequisite coursework will have two additional semesters of study.

Courses for Currently Practicing NPs	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
Diagnostics & Procedures	1
Primary Care Advanced Practicum (240 Clinical Hours)	4
Total	23

Additional Courses for Non-NPs

Advanced Practice Roles, Ethics & Policy	3
Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role Development	2
Total	28

Prerequisite Courses (may be required)

Advanced Pathophysiology (fall only)	3
Advanced Pharmacology (spring only)	3
Advanced Health Assessment (fall and spring)	4

*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.*