College of Health and Human Services
UNC CHARLOTTE

Master of Science in Nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan

The Family Nurse Practitioner across the Lifespan concentration offers nurses the opportunity to provide primary care in family practice settings. FNPs provide care to individuals and families across the lifespan, promote wellness and disease prevention, and provide leadership in the delivery of quality health care. Upon graduation, individuals will be qualified to sit for exams leading to Board Certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP).

Family Nurse Practitioner across the Lifespan graduates are prepared to work as primary care providers in: primary care practices, community-based clinics, public health departments, and other rural/urban settings

Admissions and Progression Requirements for the MSN Degree

In addition the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School, the following are required for admission to the MSN in Advanced Clinical Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner.

1. Unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse in North Carolina.
2. BSN degree awarded from an accredited university prior to application. A BSN degree from a nationally accredited program is preferred.
3. Overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of coursework.
4. Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or better.
5. A statement of purpose, describing the applicant's experience and objective in undertaking graduate study in the chosen specialty. The statement of purpose should explain the applicant's career goal in relation to primary care and family practice.
6. The three letters of recommendation required by the Graduate School should be from professional colleagues and should speak to clinical knowledge and expertise and one's ability to function as a member of the health care team. At least one reference from a supervisor is preferred.
7. One year of professional nursing practice following completion of an RN program.

Degree Requirements

The MSN degree requires completion of 46 graduate credit hours for the FNP specialty. All specialties require a Capstone Project. The NP programs are designed to accommodate full-time students and many classes are held in the late afternoon or evening.

Up to a total of six graduate semester credit hours may be accepted from another accredited institution or from a post-baccalaureate program at UNC Charlotte. All courses must be approved prior to transfer by the student's advisor, the Associate Director of the Graduate Division, and the Dean of the Graduate School. All coursework, including accepted transfer credits, must be completed within a six-year period just prior to graduation.

UNC Charlotte Curriculum for FNP Program

Year One—Fall Semester	Year One—Spring Semester	Year One—Summer Session
NURS 6220 (3) Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Nursing Practice	**NURS 6230** (3) Advanced Health Assmt/Diagnostic Reasoning for Advanced Practice	**NURS 6115** (3) Health Policy and Planning in the U.S.
BIOL 6274 (3) Advanced Human Pathophysiology	**NURS 6430** (1) Advanced Health Assmt/Diagnostic Reasoning Practicum	**NURS 6160** (3) Research in Nursing and Health Professions
STAT 6127 (3) Introduction to Biostatistics	**NURS 6101** (3) Theoretical Basis of Nursing Practice	
	NURS 6210 (2) Family Health in Advanced Practice Nursing	
Year Two—Fall Semester	**Year Two—Spring Semester**	**Year Two—Summer Session**
NUNP 6250 (3) Advanced Primary Care and Health Promotion Adults Across the Lifespan	**NUNP 6260** (3) Advanced Primary Care of Children/Adolescents	**NUNP 6400** (4) Internship in Family Health Nursing
NUNP 6450 (2) Advanced Primary Care and Health Promotion Adults Practicum	**NUNP 6460** (2) Advanced Primary Care of Children/Adolescents Practicum	
NUNP 6240 (3) Advanced Primary Care Reproductive Health	**NURS 6440** (2) Advanced Primary Care Reproductive Health Practicum	
NURS 6603 (3) Synthesis in Advanced Nursing Practice		**Total Program Hours:** • 46 Semester Credit Hours • 600 Clinical Practicum Hours

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Students are admitted annually.

Applications for entry in the Fall Semester are due to the Graduate School by December 1st.

Questions?

- **Visit the UNCC School of Nursing Graduate Programs Web Site at:**

  http://nursing.uncc.edu/degree-programs/graduate-msn-and-certificates

- **Email questions to**: Dr. Marie Thomas, mthom160@uncc.edu

All of our degree programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through 2021 and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.