

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Overview

MSN Program Director

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Emphasizing the delivery of primary care to families and individuals of all ages within the healthcare delivery system, the Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner online program from YSU centers on professional nursing issues, nursing science, and research methods for building a successful, evidence-based practice.

In this online MSN FNP program, you will gain the knowledge, skills, and professional behaviors required to provide comprehensive and holistic primary care to a culturally diverse population. You will study health promotion, health maintenance, and management of common health problems pertaining to children, adolescents, women, adults and older adults, and family centered primary care with an emphasis on physical assessment, diagnosis, and management of patient care.

The program includes a supervised clinical practicum consisting of 600 hours in a variety of primary care settings. Our MSN core curriculum features an integrated capstone course, along with studies of pathophysiology, diagnostics and technologies, pharmacology and more.

The program is delivered in a fully online format (<https://online.ysu.edu/degrees/nursing/msn/family-nurse-practitioner/>).

Youngstown State University online nursing program must meet the standards of the state(s) in which we possess authority to provide education and may only admit students from states in which we have approval. Online nursing program students must complete the program in the state of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, or Florida.

Graduates of this program will be qualified and eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center and/or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners FNP certification examinations. Following national certification, graduates are qualified to be recognized as a Family Nurse Practitioner and granted prescriptive authority through the State Board of Nursing.

Admission Requirements

Complete online application and pay \$45 non-refundable application fee.

1. Hold a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from an accredited program
2. Regular admission requires a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and verification of work experience.
 - **For FNP:** 1,000 clinical hours of practice as a Registered Nurse prior to registering for the first specialty course (FNP NURS 7045, 7046, 7047). *

If GPA is 2.7 – 2.99 (on a 4.0 scale)

- **For FNP:** 2,000 clinical hours of practice as a Registered Nurse prior to registering for the first specialty course (FNP NURS 7045, 7046, 7047) *

Degree-seeking students having an undergraduate GPA below 2.7 are required to meet the 2,000 clinical hours or 2 years' experience as written above **AND** must present a satisfactory score on the general test of the Graduate Record Exam or the Miller Analogies Test.

1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate academic work from each college or institution of higher learning attended (other than Youngstown State University (YSU))
2. Verification of a current, unencumbered RN license and expiration date in the state in which the student is licensed and practices, and will be completing practicum hours.

**Please use Supplemental Employment Verification form to verify clinical hours and experience.*

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The areas of coursework in the M.S.N. program include core courses, and one of the following options:

- Family Nurse Practitioner option (26 semester hours)

The breakdown of these course requirements is as follows:

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
Core Courses		
NURS 6900	Healthcare Issues and Trends	3
NURS 6901	Theoretical Foundations in Science and Research	3
NURS 6902	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 6903	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 6904	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 6917	Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 6918	Advanced Diagnostics and Technologies	3
NURS 7003	Role Development in Advanced Practice	3
NURS 7005	Capstone Practicum	3
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Option Courses		
NURS 7045	Family Nurse Practitioner 1	3
NURS 7046	Family Nurse Practitioner 2	3
NURS 7047	Family Nurse Practitioner 3	3
NURS 7048	Family Nurse Practitioner 1 Practicum	3
NURS 7049	Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Practicum	3
NURS 7050	Family Nurse Practitioner 3 Practicum	3
NURS 7051	Family Nurse Practitioner 4 Practicum	1
Total Semester Hours		46

MSN Student Learning Outcomes

All graduates of the program are prepared to:

- Synthesize theory and research from nursing and related disciplines for advanced nursing roles.
- Utilize leadership strategies to influence health and health care and to promote the nursing profession in the advanced nursing role.
- Expand the knowledge of evidence-based practice by identifying nursing research problems and contributing to research investigations.
- Integrate assessment of own learning in developing a lifelong pattern of scholarly inquiry.

Upon successful completion of the MSN program, graduates are eligible to sit for national certification examinations. Once certified, graduates must apply for a Certificate of Authority to practice as an Advanced Practice Nurse in the State of Ohio or in the state in which they intend to practice.

Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner option are prepared to:

- provide primary care to families and persons of all ages within the health care delivery system
- incorporate a variety of theories from nursing and related fields into the nurse practitioner role
- analyze social issues related to the health care delivery system and advanced nursing practice