



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Program (56 Quarter Credits)

- The program is organized into four 10-week quarters per academic year (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)
- The plan of study is designed with 1-2 courses per Quarter. *Please see plan of study on page 3*
- To review the program information and course descriptions please click [HERE](#)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

| Core Courses (15 Credits) | | | | |
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| Course Number | Course Name | Credits | Prerequisites | Quarter(s) Offered |
| NURS500 | Confronting Issues in Contemporary Health Care Environments | 3 | None | Fall/Winter/Spring |
| NURS502 | Advanced Ethical Decision Making in Health Care | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| NURS544 | Quality and Safety in Healthcare | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| RSCH503 | Research Methods and Biostatistics | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| RSCH504 | Evaluation and Translation of Health Research | 3 | RSCH503 | All Quarters |
| Elective Courses (3 Credits) | | | | |
| Elective Course | Graduate-Level Elective Course | 3 | None | All Quarters |
| Support Courses (14 Credits) | | | | |
| Course Number | Course Name | Credits | Prerequisites | Quarter(s) Offered |
| NURS548 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 | None | Fall, Spring, Summer |
| NURS549 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 | None | Fall, Spring, Summer |
| NURS550 | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning | 4 | Must take this course the spring quarter after NURS556 and immediately before NURS534 | Spring Quarter |
| NURS664 | Professional Issues for Nurse | 1 | All Core Courses | Fall and Spring |



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| | Practitioners | | | Quarter |
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| NURS556 | Pharmacology for Family Nurse Practitioners | 3 | All Core Courses, NURS548, & NURS549 | Winter Quarter |
| Clinical Courses (24 Credits) | | | | |
| Course Number | Course Name | Credits | Prerequisites | Quarter(s) Offered |
| NUPR 520 | Nurse Practitioner Clinical Orientation Seminar | 0 | | Fall |
| NURS534 | FNP I Primary Care of the Emerging Family <i>(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)</i> | 5 | All Core and Support Courses | Summer Quarter |
| NURS535 | FNP II Primary and Episodic Care of Infants, Children, and Adolescents <i>(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)</i> | 5 | NURS534 | Fall Quarter |
| NURS536 | FNP III Primary Care of Adults and Older Adults Across the Adult Age Spectrum I <i>(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)</i> | 5 | NURS535 | Winter Quarter |
| NURS537 | FNP IV Primary Care of Adults and Older Adults Across the Adult Age Spectrum II <i>(Includes 160 Clinical Hours)</i> | 5 | NURS536 | Spring Quarter |
| NURS538 | FNP V Integrative Practicum in Family Practice Across the Lifespan <i>(Includes 80 Clinical Hours)</i> | 4 | NURS537 | Summer Quarter |

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- A final grade of a **B** or better is required for each course.
- Students must maintain a 3.00 or higher for both “Term GPA” and “Cumulative GPA”.
- Financial Aid/Student Loans – Graduate students who utilize student loans must maintain a minimum enrollment of *4.5 credits per quarter*.
- The Graduate College policy requires students to complete the program within five years of their first enrollment term.

SAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY:

| | FALL QUARTER | WINTER QUARTER | SPRING QUARTER | SUMMER QUARTER |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| YEAR ONE | NURS500 (3 Credits) | NURS502 (3 Credits) | NURS549 (3 Credits) | Elective Course (3 Credits) |
| | NURS544 (3 Credits) | RSCH503 (3 Credits) | RSCH504 (3 Credits) | |
| YEAR TWO | NURS548 (3 Credits) | *NURS556 (3 Credits) | *NURS550 (4 Credits) | *NURS534 (5 Credits) |
| | NUPR 520 (0 credits) | | NURS664 (1 Credit) | |
| YEAR THREE | *NURS535 (5 Credits) | *NURS536 (5 Credits) | *NURS537 (5 Credits) | *NURS538 (4 Credits) |

- Courses marked with a (*) have weekly, synchronous virtual class sessions, which have mandatory attendance. Please note any course in the plan of study may require mandatory, synchronous virtual sessions.
- The mandatory online clinical orientation is a synchronous, one-night information session. This is not a course for credit.
- Nurse Practitioner students are required to take NURS550 – Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning, the spring quarter immediately preceding the first clinical-based course and after the completion of the track specific pharmacology course.
- Clinical courses require both clinical and didactic coursework. Both clinical and didactic coursework must be successfully completed to earn a passing grade in the course.

See full course information above