

# FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE

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The Nurse Practitioner (NP) Post-graduate Certificate program builds on the graduate level nursing competencies and knowledge base. Nurses who are already prepared at either the master's or doctorate level for other roles may apply for the post-graduate certificate program with advanced specialization as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). The FNP concentration prepares students for certification as an FNP across the lifespan. Students in the Post-graduate Certificate program will enroll in existing NP population-focused courses, but they will not be required to complete master's graduate nursing core courses or direct care core courses (e.g., advanced physiology/pathophysiology (across the lifespan), advanced health/physical assessment (across the lifespan), and advanced pharmacology) if they were completed in a prior master's or doctorate program with a grade of B or better.

## Admission Requirements for the Post-Graduate Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner

Admission requirements are consistent with those of the Graduate School. Applicants for the nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate will be considered on a competitive basis. Nurses who are interested in the nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate are encouraged to contact the Capstone College of Nursing (CCN) Graduate Recruitment and Retention Liaison.

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The following are requirements for admission:

- For regular admission, a grade point average of at least 3.0 overall (based on a 4.0 grading scale) or 3.0 for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work is required.
- Master's degree in nursing from an accredited graduate program in nursing or a master's degree in a health related field with a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program.
- Current unencumbered RN licensure in the United States.
- Final admission is contingent upon drug and background screen results that are deemed acceptable by appropriate University officials.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

## Certificate Requirements

Candidates must apply in writing to the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs in the Capstone College of Nursing one semester before completion of certificate requirements is anticipated.

### Post-Graduate Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner Sample Program of Study

Post-Graduate Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner Sample Program of Study		Hours
NUR 567	FNP Role & Issues	3
NUR 569	Family Nurse Practitioner I	3
NUR 570	FNP Clinical I	3

NUR 571	Family Nurse Practitioner II	3
NUR 572	FNP Clinical II	3
NUR 573	Family Nurse Practitioner III	3
NUR 574	FNP Clinical III	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

**The student's transcripts will be assessed for the following courses. In absence of transcript credit, the courses must be completed.**

Code and Title	Hours	
NUR 505	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NUR 521	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUR 529	Advanced Pathophysiology	3