

The Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate program prepares advanced practice nurses to function in leadership roles in practice and educational settings. Advanced nursing theory and research provide the foundation for nurses to influence the future of nursing and health care. Graduates of the program are prepared for independent and collaborative decision making in health promotion and maintenance, with an emphasis on primary care across the life span. Graduates are eligible to take the National Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam. There are 41 credits required to complete this certificate program.

Required Course of Study

HCS 504 Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/ Nursing

This course provides new graduate students with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios. (1 credit)

NUR 550 Issues in Advanced Practice

This course addresses the changes in health care and their implications for advanced practice nursing. The impact of health care policy, managed care, as well as concepts related to financial responsibility within the health care delivery systems will be examined. (3 credits) Prerequisite: HCS 504

NRP 505 Role of Advanced Practice Nurse

This course emphasizes the history and development of advanced practice nursing roles and competencies, as well as the organizational and regulatory scope of practice requirements expected in these roles. Students examine the impact and evolution of this role transition, certification, and professional activities as these relate to advanced practice nursing. (3 credits) Prerequisites: NUR 513, NUR 518, and NUR 550

HCS 510 Advanced Pathophysiology

This course provides students with advanced anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of systems in relation to an individual's health across the lifespan. Focus is given to the physiological and biological manifestations and adaptive and maladaptive changes that occur. The knowledge gained in this course lays a foundation for the management of primary care issues of the family and its members. (4 credits) Prerequisite: NRP 505

HCS 507 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics

This course is designed to provide the nurse practitioner student with the information and skills to initiate and monitor drug therapy. This course will integrate advanced knowledge regarding the clinical application of pharmacology and pharmacokinetics, techniques and methods of drug prescribing, approaches to data collection, and problem solving with discussions about drug therapy for common acute and chronic diseases. Emphasis will be on the practical application of important concepts used in clinical practice for clients across the life span. (3 credits) Prerequisite: NRP 505

The U.S. Department of Education requires the University to provide the following information about each of our programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized profession.

Because fewer than 10 students completed this program during the relevant award year, the Department of Education does not permit us to disclose the on-time completion rate.¹

Related occupations²

Nurse Practitioners #29-1171.00

Registered Nurses #29-1141.00

Nurse Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary #25-1072.00

Program costs³

Tuition and fees \$20,080 to \$25,820
 Includes cost per credit, application fee, and fees for resources (books/eResources) for students completing the program in normal time.

Median graduate debt⁴

Federal	N/A
Private	N/A
Institutional	N/A

¹ The on-time completion rate identifies the percentage of students completing this program during the most recent federal award year who completed it within "normal time." The term "normal time" means the length of time it would take a student to complete this program if the student is continuously enrolled, takes one course at a time, and successfully completes each attempted course. Students enrolled in this degree program are typically nontraditional students. Students may exceed "normal time" for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, internships, practicums, clinical rotations, student teaching or administrator experiences required for licensure.

² Graduates of this program will be educationally qualified to enter the occupations listed. Visit onetonline.org for job descriptions.

³ The range provided represents the sum of tuition and typical fees required to complete the program within normal time, based on the University's 2011/2012 tuition levels. The actual costs that will be incurred by a particular student to complete this program will depend upon factors specific to that student. Tuition rates for this program may vary due to factors such as: (i) geographic location of the student; (ii) modality of coursework; (iii) military service; and (iv) future changes in tuition rates. The number of credits required for a particular student to complete the program will be dependent upon various factors, including: (i) transfer credits available; (ii) repeated coursework; and (iii) completion of additional specializations within this program. Please contact an Enrollment Advisor for additional information.

⁴ The figure represents the median amount of debt incurred by students who completed the program during the relevant federal award year. The actual amount of debt a particular student will incur to complete this program is dependent on various factors specific to the student. Please contact an Enrollment Advisor for additional information. Because fewer than 10 students completed this program during the most recent federal award year, we are not permitted to disclose this information.

Post Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

NRP 516 Advanced Health Assessment

Emphasis is placed on the advanced practice of history taking, conducting a physical examination, and obtaining and assessing diagnostic data for clients across the life span. Students will learn to justify actual and potential health problems through interpretation and integration of the history, health assessment, and laboratory data. This course incorporates 56 hours of supervised practice laboratory experience, allowing students to utilize the techniques and equipment to perform physical examinations. (4 credits)

Prerequisites: HCS 507, and HCS 510

NRP 552 Clinical Procedures

This course provides the theoretical foundation for common office procedures encountered in primary care. Included will be ECG, X-ray, spirometry interpretation, and diagnostic imaging as well as minor surgery and orthopedic procedures. Supervised practice will be provided for selected skills. (2 credits) Prerequisite: NRP 516

NRP 545A Adult and Geriatric Management

This two-part, combined theory and clinical course focuses on management of common pathological conditions related to the cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, and neurovascular systems for adults and geriatric patients including implications for the individual as well as the family. Theory and clinical experiences emphasize prevention, disease management, and evaluation of patient outcomes. Identification and application of pharmacological therapies are incorporated. (4 credits) Prerequisites: NRP 516 and NRP 552

NRP 540 Management of Pediatric and Adolescent Populations

This course focuses on the management of normal and common pathological conditions for children from birth through adolescence, as an individual and as a family member. The course combines theory and clinical experiences to emphasize assessment, prevention, and management utilizing a holistic model of care. Growth and development, anticipatory guidance, and behavioral theories are emphasized. Identification and application of pharmacological therapies are incorporated. The effects of culture on development, parenting, and health care practices are also evaluated. (5 credits) Prerequisites: NRP 516 and NRP 552

NRP 566 Preceptorship

This 480-hour precepted clinical course provides students with clinical experiences needed to develop and broaden their clinical skills and judgments. Students will consolidate and refine their acquired skills in assessment and client management in order to attain a level of competency and proficiency that will allow them to function independently in the nurse practitioner role. (4 credits) Prerequisites: HCS 504, NRP 505, HCS 510, HCS 507, NRP 516, NRP 545A, NRP 545B, NRP 560, NRP 540, and NRP 552

NRP 545B Adult and Geriatric Management

This two-part, combined theory and clinical course focuses on management of common pathological conditions related to the musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, hematological, neurological, and genitourinary systems for adults and geriatric patients including implications for the individual as well as the family. In addition, management of psychiatric issues and skin pathology will be discussed. Theory and clinical experiences emphasize prevention, disease management, and evaluation of patient outcomes. Identification and application of pharmacological therapies are incorporated. (4 credits) Prerequisites: NRP 516 and NRP 552

NRP 560 Management of Women's Health Issues

This combined theory and clinical course focuses on management of normal and common pathological conditions that occur in women's health across the life span. Special emphasis is placed on disease prevention, reproductive health issues, contraceptive therapies, episodic problems, and childbearing. Students develop a systematic approach to prenatal health care based on physiology and pharmacology. Appropriate educational and collaborative skills for the individual and their families will be explored. Management of pharmacological issues will also be addressed. (4 credits) Prerequisites: NRP 516 and NRP 552