Take charge as a Family Nurse Practitioner

Maybe you want a more hands-on role in diagnosing and treating patients. Or you have a passion for guiding patients toward smart health choices. Or you’re simply ready to have more autonomy in your nursing practice. Accomplish all three as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) — and get there with a degree program that won’t disrupt your schedule. In most cases, our CCNE-accredited* Master of Science in Nursing/FNP can be completed in approximately two years.

Nursing Bridge Program

If you have an active RN license and a bachelor’s degree in an unrelated field, our Nursing Bridge Program helps experienced nurses like you earn your MSN degree — saving you time and money. You’ll start with three BSN courses and then move into the program specialty that fits your career goals.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

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In this MSN/FNP degree program, you’ll be prepared to:

• Assume leadership roles in advanced nursing practice and educational settings
• Perform comprehensive or symptom-focused physical exams
• Order, perform and interpret diagnostic and screening tests
• Offer preventive care

Our MSN/FNP degree also prepares you to sit for professional certifications, such as the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Family Nurse Practitioner board certified (FNP-BC) credential and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Family Nurse Practitioner-certified (FNP-C) credential. Most courses are 8 weeks long, so you can balance life and work on the path to your degree.
Job opportunities await

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for nurse practitioners is projected to be 36 percent from 2016 to 2026. An MSN/FNP degree can help put you on a path to a rewarding career in this field by preparing you to be a:

- Family nurse practitioner
- Nurse practitioner
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your résumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It's all about connections. And we help you make them.

Program accreditation

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Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 48 credits to complete this program. These may be earned through a combination of required and elective courses and up to 6 transfer credits. View additional requirement for licensure. You can complete this program in about two years.

Pre-verification requirements

Prior to admission into the MSN/FNP program, students need to submit:

- All undergraduate transcripts, showing a GPA of 3.0 or higher (provisional status at 2.5) and minimum grade of C or better on undergraduate science coursework
- A valid, unencumbered, unrestricted RN license in the state where you live (and where you also will be completing clinical requirements)
- A minimum of 2 years of clinical-based RN experience in the last 10 years to meet admission criteria and a minimum of 3 years of work experience (any) in the last 10 years to meet admission criteria

Clinical hours

Students will be required to complete preceptor clinical hours over five courses:

- 45 preceptor clinical hours each for NRP/555, NRP/556, NRP/563, NRP/543
- 420 preceptor clinical hours for NRP/590

Residency

About one year into your program, and as part of NRP/571: Advanced Health Assessment II and Clinical Procedures, you will participate in an intensive five-day residency.

- Online students – last five days of your course (Thursday – Monday) in Phoenix, AZ*
- Local Students – will occur between week seven and week eight

*Students are responsible for travel expenses and supplies.

Transfer credits

Earn your degree faster by transferring eligible college credits. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Core courses

- NRP531: Advanced Health Assessment I
- NRP563: Management Of Women's Health Issues
- NRP556: Adult And Geriatric Management II
- NRP543: Management Of Pediatric And Adolescent Populations
- NRP508: Health Policy And Role Of The Advanced Practice Nurse
- NRP507: Advanced Pharmacology
- NRP513: Clinical Applications Of Theory And Research
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- NRP555: Adult And Geriatric Management I
- NRP590: Final Preceptorship
- NRP571: Advanced Health Assessment II And Clinical Procedures
- NRP511: Advanced Pathophysiology