

Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner



Approx. program length:

30 months

Credits:

48

Cost per credit:

\$540

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online & campus

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Take charge as a family nurse practitioner. In as little as 30 months and an intensive, five-day in-person residency, you can earn a Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner. Whether online or on-campus, you will be qualified to take a more hands-on role in diagnosing and treating patients.

You'll learn how to:

- Assume leadership roles in advanced nursing practice and educational settings
- Effectively diagnose, treat and educate on patient disease states
- Perform comprehensive or symptom-focused physical exams
- Order, perform and interpret diagnostic and screening tests
- Offer preventive care

Projected job growth:

26%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner?

A MSN/FNP can prepare you to be a:

- Family nurse practitioner
- Nurse practitioner
- Advanced practice registered nurse

Our MSN/FNP program meets the educational requirements in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Utah for graduates who want to pursue advanced practice nursing licensure and certification at the master's level. The program is currently available online to residence of these states and also on-campus in Phoenix and Southern California. Check for additional information about [professional licensure in your state of residence](#).

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for nurse practitioners is projected to be much faster than average between 2018 and 2028.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Programmatic accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Master of Science in Nursing programs at University of Phoenix are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)* and this program is aligned with leading industry organizations, such as:

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN®)
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN)
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)

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Total credits required:

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Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 48 credits to complete this Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University's Prior Learning Assessment.

11 Core Courses

Here's where you'll pick up the majority of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in this field.

- NRP/513: CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF THEORY AND RESEARCH
- NRP/508: HEALTH POLICY AND ROLE OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE
- NRP/511: ADVANCED PATHOPHYSIOLOGY
- NRP/507: ADVANCED PHARMACOLOGY
- NRP/531: ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT I
- NRP/571: ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT II AND CLINICAL PROCEDURES
- NRP/555: ADULT AND GERIATRIC MANAGEMENT I
- NRP/556: ADULT AND GERIATRIC MANAGEMENT II
- NRP/563: MANAGEMENT OF WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES
- NRP/543: MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT POPULATIONS
- NRP/590: FINAL PRECEPTORSHIP

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule your courses for the Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner.

What you'll learn

When you earn your Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner, you'll be equipped with concrete skills that will help you provide patient care in the advanced practice role.

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Demonstrating accurate clinical decisions based on information obtained through health history, physical examination, and diagnostic tests and screening procedures
- Utilizing theory and evidence to provide health protection, health promotion and disease prevention interventions to improve or maintain optimum health for all family members
- Treating common acute and chronic physical and mental illnesses, and common injuries, in people of all ages to minimize the development of complications, and promote function and quality of living
- Applying ethical principles in delivering care to patients across the lifespan
- Practicing lawfully based on state Nurse Practice Acts and/or regulatory guidelines

Program Purpose Statement

The Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner is a post-licensure education program designed for nurses with current RN licensure who wish to obtain a master's degree and prepare for advanced practice as a family nurse practitioner (FNP). The program educationally prepares nurses for advanced practice, including how to function in leadership roles in practice and educational settings, and emphasizes comprehensive, preventative care in addition to treatment. As part of this program, students are required to complete a five-day residency on campus that requires the student to fulfill competency checkoffs of both clinical and procedural skills under the direction of faculty. Graduates are eligible to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Family Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified (FNP-BC) credential or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Family Nurse Practitioner-Certified (FNP-C) credential.