

FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL ACROSS THE LIFESPAN NURSE PRACTITIONER GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Person-in-Charge	Sheri Matter
Program Code	FNP
Campus(es)	World Campus

The purpose of the Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner (FNP) certificate is to prepare individuals with a Master's degree or higher in Nursing seeking additional certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner. The curriculum includes the didactic and clinical courses required for application of the NP role and required for certification.

Effective Semester: Fall 2022

Expiration Semester: Fall 2027

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Applicants are required to have a Master's degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited institution. In addition, undergraduate chemistry and statistics are required. Students need to submit two recommendations and official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
NURS 870F	Family Nurse Practitioner Role with Healthy Family/Individual	3
NURS 871F	Family Nurse Practitioner Role with Individuals and Families with Complex and/or Chronic Health Prob	3

NURS 872F	Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Doctoral Practicum I	2
NURS 873F	Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Doctoral Practicum II	3
NURS 874F	Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Integrative Doctoral Practicum	5
NURS 875	Nurse Practitioner Role with Children and Families	2
NURS 876F	Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner Doctoral Practicum in Child Health	1
NURS 877F	Clinical Practice Synthesis for Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner	3

Additional Course Work May Be Required ¹

Advanced Practice Core

NURS 802	Advanced Health Assessment of Adult Populations
NURS 802A	Advanced Health Assessment of Pediatric Populations
NURS 803	Pathophysiology for the Advanced Practice Nurse
NURS 804	Pharmacologic Therapy for the Advanced Practice Nurse

DNP CORE

NURS 510	Theoretical and Scientific Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice (DNP Core)
NURS 830	Evidence-Based Practice I: Inquiry and Research Methods

Total Credits **22**

¹ Any or all of these courses may be waived based on the certificate program chair's evaluation of transcripts and prior courses completed.

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Learning Outcomes

- Design and evaluate new models of care based on integration of theoretical and empirical knowledge from nursing and related disciplines.
- Translate evidence to guide practice and improve outcomes of care.
- Analyze data which predicts and explains variations in practice.
- Provide inter-professional leadership within an increasingly complex health care delivery system.
- Prepare leaders to use information systems and technology to support and improve patient care and health care systems.
- Prepare leaders to direct and deliver high quality, cost-effective care for diverse populations.
- Shape health policy and systems of health care in the local, regional, state, national, and international forums.
- Perform independently at the most advanced level of ethical specialty nursing practice.

Professional Licensure/Certification

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Many U.S. states and territories require professional licensure/certification to be employed. If you plan to pursue employment in a licensed profession after completing this program, please visit the Professional Licensure/Certification Disclosures by State (<https://www.psu.edu/state-licensure-disclosures/>) interactive map.

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