



## **POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Xavier University educates baccalaureate and masters prepared registered nurses in the nurse practitioner role with the population focus of family / individual across the lifespan. The family nurse practitioner (FNP) will apply family centered primary care including preventive care, diagnosis and treatment, as well as health maintenance and management of chronic illness to individuals across the lifespan in predominantly ambulatory primary care settings. The FNP track follows an integration of the MSN and nurse practitioner core courses and practicum experiences specific to the preparation of a family nurse practitioner. The course of study will culminate with an immersion practicum in the role of the FNP.

### **FNP PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

1. Applies advanced practice skills, abilities and knowledge to provide holistic family centered primary health care to populations across the lifespan in a variety of ambulatory care settings as an advanced practice nurse specializing in family nursing.
2. Provides culturally competent, population-based preventive, management, and maintenance care for acute and chronic conditions for the family unit however the family chooses to define itself.
3. Demonstrates knowledge, skills, and abilities to sit for the FNP Certification Examination in order to apply for a state certificate of authority in advanced practice and authority to prescribe as an FNP-BC (board certified).

### **FNP CURRICULUM**

18-27 semester hours (NP Core 0-9 hours determined by previous coursework + FNP Core)

#### **Nurse Practitioner Core (9 semester hours)**

NURS 658	Advanced Clinical Pharmacology (3)
NURS 680	Advanced Pathophysiology for RNs (3)
NURS 756	Advanced Health Assessment for RNs (3)

#### **FNP Core (18 semester hours)**

NURS 770	Primary Care FNP Role (3)
NURS 771	Childbearing Family Care Practicum (1)*
NURS 772	Childbearing Family Care (3)
NURS 773	Pediatric and Adolescent Family Care Practicum (1)*
NURS 774	Pediatric and Adolescent Family Care (3)
NURS 775	Adult and Geriatric Family Care Practicum (1)*
NURS 776	Adult and Geriatric Family Care (3)
NURS 777	FNP in Practice Practicum (2)*
NURS 778	FNP Integration Seminar (1)

( )\* indicates the number of didactic credit hours to practicum credit hour. Each practicum credit hour is 8 clinical contact hours: 1:8. The total number of practicum hours required for the FNP is 600.

### **COURSE SCHEDULING**

Scheduling is designed to meet the needs of the working nurse. Courses are generally offered one evening per week and are scheduled such that it is usually possible to take two courses in the same evening. Individuals who have the ability for full-time study can do so by attending more than one evening per week. For a course schedule, go to [www.xavier.edu/registrar](http://www.xavier.edu/registrar) SEARCH CLASSES.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY**

### **Candidates must have:**

- MSN degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a CCNE or ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited nursing program:
- Unencumbered RN license in the U.S. and licensure in the state of practicum experiences
- One year of experience as a registered nurse within the last five years
- A statistics course with a minimum grade of 'C'

### **Additional requirements:**

- Graduate nursing application (online)
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Narrative statement (1-3pages): career goals, future plans for employment and expectations of graduate study
- Resume or curriculum vitae outlining nursing experience
- Three professional recommendations: One from a current direct supervisor and two from master's or doctoral prepared health care professionals (electronic form in online application will be emailed to recommenders)

International applicants must be registered nurses in the United States and must submit additional documents for admission as required by Xavier University.

**NOTE:** Prior to participation in practicums, a criminal background check and health documentation are required.

Admission is competitive and is on a rolling basis. FNP admission may be restricted to fall semester.

**APPLY at <https://admit.xavier.edu/apply>** (early application is strongly encouraged)

## **COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID**

- Tuition and fees: [www.xavier.edu/bursar/Tuition-and-Fees.cfm](http://www.xavier.edu/bursar/Tuition-and-Fees.cfm)
- Limited scholarship monies may be available through the School of Nursing
- Utilize employer tuition reimbursement if available

## **ACCREDITATION**

Xavier University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission North Central Association. The MSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) and endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC).

## **OTHER GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS**

MSN including RN to MSN and MSN Second Degree (MIDAS Program)  
Post-Master's Clinical Nurse Leader  
Doctor of Nursing Practice in Population Health Leadership

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** [www.xavier.edu/nursing-grad](http://www.xavier.edu/nursing-grad)

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