

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, CERTIFICATE

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Family Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master's Certificate

Registered nurses who hold a master's degree in nursing are eligible for admission. The core courses and experiences in the generic MSN program will be evaluated to determine equivalency to the required post master's certificate. Upon completion of the required courses, students have a choice to take the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exam from the American Nurses Credentialing Center or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board.

Additional Admission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the School of Graduate Studies, the School of Nursing requires that all applicants must provide:

- **Licensure and Certification.** Proof of current unrestricted Georgia RN license or eligibility for Georgia RN licensure is required for admission.
- **Master of Science in Nursing Degree.** An MSN degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- **Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.** A BSN degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- **Two letters of recommendation.** Two letters of recommendation that comment on the applicant's potential for success in a graduate academic program.
- **Statement of purpose.** A Statement of Purpose no more than two (2) typewritten pages, single-spaced. The statement should describe the applicant's pertinent personal and professional experience and education, as well as his or her interests and goals in pursuing the Master of Science in Nursing degree.
- **Clinical Experience.** 1-2 years of clinical nursing experience is preferred.

At this time, Clayton State University students in the MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Program **must complete all clinical hours in the state of Georgia.*

*** An interview on campus may be required. Email Michelle Nelson, Master of Science in Nursing Graduate Program Director to notify her that you have submitted your completed application - michellenelson@clayton.edu.*

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Nurse Practitioner Core Courses		14
NURS 5503	Adv Patho Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 5504	Health Care Policy	3
NURS 6620	Adv Health Assessment for FNP's	3
NURS 6640	Adv Pharmacology for FNP's	3
NURS 6671	Adv Practice Nurs Roles in Soc	2

Nurse Practitioner Clinical Courses		27
NURS 6612	Diagnostic & Clinical Reasonin	3
NURS 6630	Hlth Prom of Adults and Fami	6
NURS 6650	Hlth Prom of Children and Fami	6
NURS 6681	Hlth Prom of Elderly and Famil	6
NURS 6691	Nurse Practitioner Practicum	6
Total Credit Hours		41

Total Clinical/Lab Hours: 585

MSN Academic Standards

Nursing students must maintain a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 ("B") to maintain good standing in the program. Students who receive a "C", "D", "F", "WF", or "U" in any MSN course may repeat this course one time only on a space available basis. Two unsuccessful attempts in any MSN course or two grades of "C", "D", "F", "WF", or "U" in any MSN course will result in program dismissal.

Reference the MSN Student Handbook for details.