

Master of Science in Nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Achieve Your Professional Dreams and Goals

GSU nursing programs prepare nurse leaders who address the challenges of local, regional, national, and global healthcare reform. Our nursing programs focus on providing quality, holistic care, creating healing environments, and building caring communities. The GSU nursing faculty includes Advanced Practice Nurses, seasoned educators, and doctorally-prepared researchers who provide students with an exceptional educational experience.

Health Care Across the Life Span

A healthy life – that’s probably at the top of nearly everyone’s wish list.

Our advanced practice Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration will prepare you to help orchestrate a healthy life for individuals of all ages. You will provide primary care to patients across the lifespan and in a variety of primary care settings.

Built for You – the Working Nurse

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner concentration is offered in a manner that considers the needs of the working nurse.

The Certificate Option

The Department of Nursing also offers a certificate to prepare Advanced Practice Nurses, who have already attained a MSN degree, to meet the requirements for licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner. The program is designed for nurses who have attained a master’s or doctoral degree in a clinical specialty and who aspire to work as a Family Nurse Practitioner in an advanced practice setting.

Learn More!

Take the next step in your career. For more information visit www.govst.edu/chhs/dn, or NursingAdvisor@govst.edu.

The program accepts applications year-round through NursingCAS,

<http://nursingcas.org/>. Students admitted into the program must begin their course of study in the Fall or Spring semesters. Application deadlines: Fall term — May 1, Spring term — October 1.

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Under healthcare reform, an estimated **31 million** new individuals across the nation will need access to primary care. The U.S. Department of Labor projects the subsequent need for an additional **34,837 nurse practitioners** by the year 2018, particularly in medically underserved areas.

Source: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 2011-2012 edition, U.S. Department of Labor



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Accreditation

The graduate Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission:

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)

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Admission Requirements

1. A master's or doctoral degree in nursing with current Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) Licensure and/or National Board Certification for state APN licensure.

OR

A master's or doctoral degree in nursing with a clinical focus and a minimum of 500 hours of documented clinical preparation that would qualify the applicant to apply for National Board Certification and APN state licensure. Transcripts and adequate, appropriate clinical activity hours are reviewed on an individual basis.

2. Transcripts must show evidence of advanced pharmacology, pathophysiology, and physical assessment courses at the master's or doctoral level within the last seven years.
3. Licensure as a registered professional nurse in the state in which clinical practice will occur.

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Requirements for the Certificate

The curriculum leading to the Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate consists of four graduate courses:

NURS 8109 Young Family in Health and Illness (5)*

NURS 8110 Aging Family in Health and Illness (5)*

NURS 8220 Seminar/Practicum in Family Nurse Practitioner Role (5)*

NURS 8947 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship and Project (5)*

*Students need to research potential sites for clinical hours as soon as they are accepted into the program.

A student may repeat only one nursing course in which a grade of "D" or less is received before being academically removed from the certificate program.

Total Hours Required – 20 Credit Hours

Total Clinical Practicum Hours Required – Minimum 500

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This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at www.govst.edu/catalog.