

Master of Science in Nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

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.

Application deadlines: Fall term — May 1, Spring term — October 1.

For more information, go to the Department of Nursing Website, www.govst.edu/chhs/dn, or e-mail the Department of Nursing at 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.

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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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Suite 850

Atlanta, GA 30326

Telephone: 404.975.5000

Fax: 404.975.5020

Website: www.nlnac.org

Governors State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Department of Nursing Special Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:

- have a baccalaureate degree with a major in Nursing from an accredited nursing program in a regionally-accredited college or university;
- have completed the following undergraduate courses or their equivalent: Nursing Research, Nursing Health Assessment, and Statistics;
- have a current and valid license as a registered professional nurse;
- have submitted the required biographical sketch/personal statement form http://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Apply/Supplemental/NURS/Masters_NURS_Application_Biographical_Sketch.pdf; and
- have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in all undergraduate courses and a GPA of 3.0 or higher with a grade of "C" or better in all upper-division nursing courses. Applicants who do not meet the GPA requirements or who have graduated from non-graded baccalaureate programs may be conditionally admitted. A GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for the first nine hours of work completed. If a 3.0 GPA is not maintained, the student may petition the Chair of the Department of Nursing for continued enrollment.

Applicants with degrees from countries other than the United States must have their credentials evaluated through the GSU Office of Admission to determine eligibility for admission. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admission, as well as sent through NursingCAS before an applicant can be admitted to the program.

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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.

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All applications are completed through NursingCAS. If you have any questions about the NursingCAS process, please contact NursingCAS at 617.612.2880, or nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org.

Other Requirements

Once accepted into the program, information regarding health and other program specific requirements will be sent to the student. These requirements must be met prior to enrollment.

Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a master's degree. In addition, students must:

- Pass during the last semester of the program, a comprehensive examination and/or presentation over the major area of study as determined by faculty. This examination/presentation will be evaluated by graduate faculty. It may be repeated only once;
- A student may repeat only one nursing course in which a grade of "D" or less is received before being academically removed from the program.

Required Courses: Advanced Practice Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration (42 Hours)

NURS 6145	Theoretical Perspectives for Advanced Nursing (3)
NURS 6150	Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology (3)
NURS 7180	Advanced Health Assessment (4)*
NURS 7181	Pharmacotherapy in Nursing (3)
NURS 7182	Health Care Policy and Nursing (3)
NURS 8102	Clinical Issues in Adult Health (3)
NURS 8103	Research in Adult Health (3)
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)*
Thesis Option	(3 Hours)
NURS 8900	Graduate Thesis/Project (1-8)

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

Total Hours Required – 42; With Thesis – 45 hours
Total Clinical Practicum Hours Required – Minimum 500