

# Master of Science in Nursing

## Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

### 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 sequence will prepare you to help orchestrate a healthy life for individuals of all ages. Working in close collaboration with a licensed physician, you'll provide direct primary care to patients across the lifespan and in a variety of primary care settings.

### Built for You — the Working Adult

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner concentration is designed to meet the needs of the working nurse. The degree can be accomplished part-time.

### The Certificate Option

The Department of Nursing also offers a certificate to prepare 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.

### How to Apply

If you'd like to learn more about the **Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner** concentration, and how to apply, call **Nursing Advisor Linda McCann** at **708.534.4035**, or e-mail **lmccann@govst.edu**.

The program accepts applications year-round. However, students admitted into the program must begin their course of study in the Fall or Spring semesters.

## SUCCESS BY DEGREES



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## fact

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

## 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, Statistics, and Health Assessment;
- have a current and valid license as a registered professional nurse;
- submit a one-page biographical sketch and a statement of personal goals for pursuing a graduate degree in nursing; 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 will 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 must petition the Nursing program for continued enrollment.

Applicants whose credentials are from countries other than the United States must have their credentials evaluated through the Office of Admission. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admission before applicants can be admitted to the program.

## 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 within the first trimester of enrollment.

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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](http://www.govst.edu/catalog).

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## Degree Requirements

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

- pass, during the last trimester of the program, a comprehensive examination over the major area of study. This examination will be administered by faculty and it may be repeated only once; and
- a student may repeat only one nursing course in which a grade of "F" is received.

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

- NURS 745 Theoretical Perspectives for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)
- NURS 750 Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology (3)
- NURS 780 Advanced Health Assessment (4)
- NURS 781 Pharmacotherapy in Nursing (3)
- NURS 782 Health Care Policy and Nursing (3)
- NURS 802 Clinical Issues in Adult Health (3)
- NURS 803 Research in Adult Health (3)
- NURS 809 Young Family in Health and Illness (5)
- NURS 810 Aging Family in Health and Illness (5)
- NURS 822 Seminar/Practicum in Family Nurse Practitioner Role (5)
- NURS 847 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship and Project (5)

Thesis Option (3 Hours)

NURS 890 Graduate Thesis/Project (1-8)

Students who have focused research interests or who intend to pursue doctoral study may wish to conduct formal thesis/project research. Students may begin in the sixth trimester by registering for NURS 890 (one hour). A minimum of three hours is required. More information about this option is available from the academic advisor.

**Total Hours Required – 42; With Thesis – 45 hours**