Nursing Specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner

Degree Type
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Admission Requirements

For information regarding Conditional Acceptance, click here.

Procedure for Admission to Master of Science in Nursing Programs

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The criteria to determine admission to the Master of Science in Nursing degree program include:

- Completion of the application for admission
- A bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) from an accredited institution with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale; or a master's degree in nursing (MSN/MN) from an accredited institution.
- Submission of official transcripts from every college or university attended within 5 weeks of the class start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance).
- A valid and unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse in all US states or territory in which the student is licensed, including the state in which the student completes all assignments and clinical rotations, for entry and maintenance of admission to the program. (Note that military, federal, and foreign educated nurses must meet their state/territory requirement for nursing licensure).

For additional admissions information please see the admissions section here.

Program Overview

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a Specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner

Offered at Online Programs, Orlando, Savannah, Tampa, and West Palm Beach.

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The Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) degree prepares advanced practice nurses for current and evolving primary healthcare systems. This program focuses on advanced health sciences knowledge and skills to prepare advanced clinicians to deliver leading edge, community-based primary healthcare to individuals and families across the lifespan. The program places a strong emphasis on health promotion as well as the development of positive health behaviors for patients at different age groups and developmental stages.

The FNP degree prepares graduates to provide the full range of primary care services to individuals during the antepartum period, infancy, childhood and adolescence through the adulthood. FNP competencies include provision of preventive care to patients across the lifespan as well as the diagnosis and management of common acute and chronic health problems. In addition to direct patient care, students also participate in clinical translational efforts, education, and policy activities relevant to advanced practice nursing and diverse population healthcare issues.

National certification is available upon program completion through the national certifying bodies (ANCC; AANPCP). Graduates are awarded an MSN with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner degree. Completion of the program does not guarantee certification. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification exam and obtain professional licensure in the state where the graduate plans to seek employment.

The South University College of Nursing Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner degree program meets the Core Competencies for Family Nurse Practitioners outlined by the National Organization for Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) and the standards established through programmatic accreditation.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Synthesize current scientific research, theories, and concepts from nursing and other disciplines for application in advanced nursing roles.
- Collaborate directly with other healthcare professionals using evidence-based resources and technologies in various aspects of the advanced nursing leadership role.
- Model a professional leadership role to formulate comprehensive plans of action for ongoing contributions to healthcare system improvements.
- Formulate a plan for ongoing contributions to improvement of healthcare delivery and development of health policy in a cost-effective manner.
- Demonstrate ethical and legal standards of practice in the decision-making process to assist with the delivery of quality care associated with a specialty area of advanced nursing practice
- Formulate and document for various differential and presumptive diagnoses for patients, with meticulous detail, so coders and billers can apply the correct codes for appropriate reimbursement.
- Develop plans of care based on theories of development, assessment findings, and best-practices to provide holistic, patient-centered care across the lifespan.
- Collaborate with interprofessional associates to provide culturally competent, and sensitive patient-centered care for individuals and families across the lifespan.

Master of Science in Nursing (Specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner): 62 Credits

MSN Foundation Courses: 12 Credits

Course Code	Title	Quarter Credits
NSG5000	Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse: Transformational Leadership in Advanced Practice	4
NSG6002	Health Policy and Health Promotion in Advanced Nursing Practice	4
NSG6101	Nursing Research Methods	4

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Course Code	Title	Quarter Credits
NSG5003	Advanced Pathophysiology	4
NSG6005	Advanced Pharmacology	4
NSG6020	Advanced Health and Physical Assessment	6
NSG6021	Pre-Clinical Evaluation	0
NSG6205	Decision Making for the Advanced Practice Nurse I	4
NSG6206	Decision Making for the Advanced Practice Nurse II	4
NSG6420	Practicum I Family Health: Adults and Gerontology	6
NSG6430	Practicum II Family Health: Women's Health	6
NSG6435	Practicum III Family Health: Pediatrics	6
NSG6440	Practicum IV Family Health: Primary Care	6
NSG6998_F	Transition to the Professional Nurse Practitioner Role	4

Note(s):

**If the student receives a failing grade in NSG6021, the student must enroll in and successfully pass the following four (4) credit course: NSG6023 Nurse Practitioner Enhancement.*

**If the student is unsuccessful in NSG6998_F please refer to Program Progression Policy for Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Students*

	Total Credits	62