NURSING, MSN

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General Information
Clayton State University Master of Science (MSN) in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is designed to prepare professional registered nurses for APN roles as culturally competent primary providers of clients, families and communities. Course and clinical work emphasizes the care of adult, pediatric and geriatric patients and their families. Post BSN students enrolled in the program will be required to take 47 credit hours with 585 hours of clinical experiences. Students possessing an MSN may receive up to 9 hours of credit but will still need 585 clinical hours.

The program is a committed champion to the training of a diverse workforce that reflects the population of Georgia. Combining rigorous coursework with hands on clinical experience, students learn to collaboratively manage acute and chronic conditions as well as provide excellent community-based primary care to diverse, underserved, and vulnerable populations.

The curriculum has been developed to meet current national standards. Graduates of the FNP program are eligible to sit for national certification by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

The degree offers graduates the opportunities to:

1. Implement advanced practice roles as leaders and educators within the nursing profession and the health care system utilizing human caring as the foundation for nursing practice;
2. Develop and nurture collaborative and interdependent relationships by communicating with other health care professionals;
3. Analyze personal and organizational decision-making utilizing an understanding of how ethics and values influence health care delivery;
4. Utilize nursing research for the promotion of high quality nursing education, health care, and evidence based practice;
5. Demonstrate critical thinking in the application of nursing and multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to foster optimal client health outcomes;
6. Demonstrate cultural competence that reflects sensitivity to human diversity in a dynamic academic and health care environment;
7. Develop comprehensive, holistic plans of care that address health promotion and disease prevention needs of diverse populations;
8. Demonstrate competence in leadership roles and a commitment to ongoing professional development for the provision of quality, cost-effective health care, and the advancement of nursing practice.

Additional Admission Requirements
In addition to the general requirements of the School of Graduate Studies, the School of Nursing requires that all applicants must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a current unrestricted RN Georgia license.

Advising
In order to keep students on track for completing the degree, the Graduate Program Director will assign each student who enters the program an advisor. The student is encouraged to consult with his or her advisor before registering for courses each semester.

Requirements

Program Requirements

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1 Students should consult the MSN degree program website for information on suggested progression of coursework.
2 Required for Post BSN students; Post MSN may qualify for exemption of up to nine hours.

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 courses may repeat this course one time only on a space available basis. Two grades of “C”, “D”, “F”, “WF”, or “U” in any MSN courses will result in program dismissal. Reference MSN Student Handbook for details.

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