

NURSING, MSN

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General Information

Clayton State University Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program with the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certificate concentration is designed to prepare professional registered nurses for advanced practice nurse (APN) roles as culturally competent primary care providers of clients, families and communities. Course and clinical work emphasize the care of adult, pediatric and geriatric patients and their families. Post BSN students enrolled in the program will be required to complete 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 experiences, 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 Certification Board (AANPCB).

The degree offers graduates the opportunities to:

- a. Implement advanced practice roles as primary providers within the nursing profession and the health care system utilizing human caring as the foundation for nursing practice;
- b. Develop and nurture collaborative and interdependent relationships by communicating with other health care professionals;
- c. Analyze personal and organizational decision-making utilizing an understanding of how ethics and values influence health care delivery;
- d. Utilize nursing research for the promotion of high-quality nursing education, health care, and evidence-based practice;
- e. Demonstrate critical thinking in the application of nursing and multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to foster optimal client health outcomes;
- f. Demonstrate cultural competence that reflects sensitivity to human diversity in a dynamic academic and health care environment;
- g. Develop comprehensive, holistic plans of care that address health promotion and disease prevention needs of diverse populations;
- h. Demonstrate competence in primary care roles and a commitment to ongoing professional development for the provision of quality, cost-effective health care to clients, families and communities and to foster the advancement of nursing practice.
- i. Utilize information technology to integrate innovations in patient care delivery within organizational systems and across all health-illness transitions.
- j. Integrate knowledge in health assessment, pharmacology and pathophysiology into the role of the advanced practice nurse.

Additional Admission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the School of Graduate Studies, the School of Nursing requires that all applicants must provide:

- **Licensure and Certification.** Proof of current unrestricted Georgia RN license or eligibility for Georgia RN licensure is required for admission.
- **Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.** A BSN degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- **Two letters of recommendation.** Two letters of recommendation that comment on the applicant's potential for success in a graduate academic program.
- **Statement of purpose.** A Statement of Purpose no more than two (2) typewritten pages, single-spaced. The statement should describe the applicant's pertinent personal and professional experience and education, as well as his or her interests and goals in pursuing the Master of Science in Nursing degree.
- **Clinical Experience.** 1-2 years of clinical nursing experience is preferred.

**At this time, Clayton State University cannot accept inquiries from outside the state of Georgia for the MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Program.*

*** An interview on campus may be required. Email Michelle Nelson, Master of Science in Nursing Graduate Program Director to notify her that you have submitted your completed application - michellenelson@clayton.edu.*

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 Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- a. 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.
- b. Develop and nurture collaborative and interdependent relationships by communicating with other health care professionals.
- c. Analyze personal and organizational decision making utilizing an understanding of how ethics and values influence health care delivery.
- d. Utilize nursing research for the promotion of high-quality nursing education, health care, and evidence-based practice.
- e. Demonstrate critical thinking in the application of nursing and multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to foster optimal client health outcomes.
- f. Demonstrate cultural competence that reflects sensitivity to human diversity in a dynamic academic and health care environment.
- g. Develop comprehensive, holistic plans of care that address health promotion and disease prevention need of diverse populations.
- h. 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.

- i. Utilize information technology to integrate innovations in patient care delivery, education, and leadership within organizational systems and across all health-illness transitions.
- j. Integrates knowledge in health assessment, pharmacology and pathophysiology into the role of the advanced practice nurse.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Nursing Core Requirements ¹		23
NURS 5503	Adv Patho Across the Lifespan ²	3
NURS 5504	Health Care Policy ²	3
NURS 5505	Theory& Research for Grad Nurs	4
NURS 6612	Diagnostic & Clinical Reasonin	3
NURS 6620	Adv Health Assessment for FNPs	3
NURS 6640	Adv Pharmacology for FNPs	3
NURS 6660	Pop Hlth and Emerging Dlsease	2
NURS 6671	Adv Practice Nurs Roles in Soc	2
Nursing Clinical Requirements		24
NURS 6630	Hlth Prom of Adults and Fami	6
NURS 6650	Hlth Prom of Children and Fami	6
NURS 6681	Hlth Prom of Elderly and Famil	6
NURS 6690	Nurse Practitioner Practicum	6
Total Credit Hours		47

¹ Students should consult the MSN degree program website for information on suggested progression of coursework.

² Required for Post BSN students; Post MSN students 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 course may repeat this course one time only on a space available basis. Two unsuccessful attempts in any MSN course or two grades of "C", "D", "F", "WF", or "U" in any MSN course will result in program dismissal.

Reference MSN Student Handbook for details.

Faculty

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