



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

The mission of Florida Southern College School of Nursing and Health Sciences is to prepare health professionals to provide quality care for diverse populations.

About FSC

Florida Southern College is known throughout the nation as a leader in engaged learning. FSC is consistently ranked as a top college in the prestigious U.S. News and World Report and was voted #1 most beautiful campus two years in a row by the Princeton Review. Situated in the corridor between Orlando and Tampa, students enjoy our location with easy access to surrounding areas.

MSN Program Overview

At Florida Southern, our MSN program builds on the foundations of your BSN and allows students to focus on a specific area of advanced nursing. Our MSN program currently features four distinct curriculum tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, and Nursing Administrative Leadership.

Family Nurse Practitioner Track Delivery

Family Nurse Practitioner students typically meet on campus one day per week for in-person classroom instruction. The curriculum is designed to be completed in six semesters. Actual time to degree completion may vary for individual students.

Academic Advisor

The moment you enroll, you'll be assigned an advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches your priorities.

Program Strengths

- Contemporary curriculum strategically designed using professional nursing standards to meet the learning needs of advanced practice nurses
- Abundant opportunities for engagement and scholarly discourse to advance personal and professional development
- Extensive network of practice partners that provide MSN students with outstanding clinical learning experiences
- Faculty and staff deeply committed to student success, academic excellence, and providing every student with positive and engaging learning experiences
- Faculty with the academic and clinical experience needed to optimize student learning outcomes

Financial Aid

Tuition deferment is available to students receiving employer reimbursement. FSC participates in all major federal aid programs including military funding.

Contact Information

Office of Adult and Graduate Admission

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The master's degree program in nursing at Florida Southern College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>)



THIS PROGRAM IS VERY CHALLENGING BUT TOTALLY WORTH IT. THE HANDS-ON CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE WAS VERY BENEFICIAL. IT WAS REALLY HELPFUL HAVING MY PROFESSOR THERE TO SUPERVISE ME PERFORMING ASSESSMENTS TO GUIDE ME IN PRACTICE. THIS DEGREE HAS OPENED MANY MORE DOORS. I RECEIVED FOUR JOB OFFERS IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING GRADUATION. – Erica Chapman MSN '19

Prerequisite Courses

Students must have successfully completed the following courses at the undergraduate level earning a grade of “C” or better to qualify for admissions consideration:

- Basic Health Assessment
- Evidence-Based Practice or Nursing Research
- Elementary Statistics or Biostatistics

Family Nurse Practitioner Track Requirements

A. Core Curriculum 22 hours

- NUR 5120** Leadership, Role Development and Advocacy for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 Hours)
- NUR 5150** Advanced Pharmacology (3 hours)
- NUR 5200** Advanced Pathophysiology (3 hours)
- NUR 5220** Advanced Health Assessment (4 hours)
- NUR 5250** Evidence Translation and Quality Improvement for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 hours)
- NUR 5400** Health Promotion and Clinical Prevention for Advanced Nursing Practice (2 Hours)
- NUR 5450** Informatics and Health Care Technologies (2 Hours)
- NUR 6430** Care of the Older Adult (2 Hours)

B. Program Requirements by Track 25 hours

- NUR 6110** Advanced Practice Nurse I (6 Hours)
- NUR 6160** Advanced Practice Nurse II (6 Hours)
- NUR 6500** Transition to Advanced Nursing Practice (1 Hour)
- NUR 6640** Primary Health Care of Women (1 Hour)
- NUR 6645** Pediatric: Family Health (5 Hours)
- NUR 6655** Advanced Practice Nurse III: FNP Role (6 Hours)

C. Total Credits 47 hours Clinical Practice Hours Minimum 660 Hours

Admission Requirements

- Completed online application
- Official transcripts of all academic work
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from an accredited CNEA, ACEN or CCNE program at a regionally accredited college or university
- Professional essay (maximum of two single spaced pages)
 1. Why are you interested in pursuing a graduate degree as a family nurse practitioner, adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, nurse educator, or nurse leader?
 2. Highlight your professional experiences in nursing and the relevance to your success in your specific graduate program (i.e., family nurse practitioner, adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, nurse educator, or nurse leader).
 3. Discuss your academic strengths and weaknesses. How will these enhance or challenge your success as a graduate student?
- Current résumé
- Three professional references (one from each category):
 1. Current or previous nursing supervisor
 2. Nursing program faculty member, nursing program advisor, nursing program director, or clinical preceptor
 3. MSN or DNP prepared nurse who holds the degree and credentials you plan to pursue (i.e., primary care nurse practitioner, nurse educator, or nurse leader).
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- Required undergraduate prerequisite courses (see above)
- Proof of current active licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Florida
- Personal interview required for eligible candidates

*Completion of a criminal background check, proof of immunization, and a ten-panel drug screen prior to beginning the program (if admitted)

Application materials can be submitted electronically to evening@flsouthern.edu or mailed directly to:

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