

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/nursing/master-of-science-in-nursing-msn/family-nurse-practitioner-fnp/>

A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who holds a master's or doctoral degree in a specific population focus. These include family, adult-gerontology (primary or acute care), neonatal, pediatrics (primary or acute care), women's health, or psychiatric-mental health populations. Texas Woman's University offers programs for family, adult-gerontology (primary and acute care), pediatric (primary care), women's health, and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner tracks.

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) provides care for patients of all ages and within many settings. The FNP role focuses on health promotion and health maintenance of patients while also managing both common acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Advance a culture of excellence through lifelong learning in the care setting.
2. Navigate and integrate care services across the healthcare system.
3. Design innovative nursing practices.
4. Translate evidence into nursing practice.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

45 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
Required Courses		
BIOL 5333	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5663	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 5643	Advanced Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

NURS 5073	Evidence-Based Practice for the Promotion of Quality Outcomes	3
NURS 5093	Theoretical Foundations and the Advanced Nursing Role	3
NURS 5133	Health Policy and Health Care Delivery for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

Total SCHs **18**

Code	Title	SCHs
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)		
NURS 5602	Foundational Concepts for the Family Nurse Practitioner	2
NURS 5603	Principles of Care Management, Diagnostics, and Common Procedural Interventions in Primary Care	3
NURS 5303	Primary Care Management of Common Acute Illnesses across the Lifespan	3
NURS 5493	Primary Care Disease and Restorative Health Practicum I	3
NURS 5893	Chronic Disease and Restorative Health Management across the Lifespan	3
NURS 5665	Chronic Disease and Restorative Health Practicum II	5
NURS 5703	Synthesis and Transition to Professional Practice for the Family Nurse Practitioner	3
NURS 5705	Primary Care Disease Management across the Lifespan Practicum III	5

Total SCHs **27**

Special Requirements

All tracks are approved for Distance Education. The FNP track offers an online and on-campus option.

1. A grade of B or higher must be achieved in all required courses. A student who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, or F) in two required courses at the graduate level or who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, or F) twice in the same graduate-level required course will be removed from the nursing program. A student who does not maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher will be dismissed from the nursing program. For the purpose of removal from the nursing program, a grade of less than B is counted as a grade of less than B even if the course has been successfully repeated.
2. Students admitted to the master's program provisionally, based on low GPA, must complete the first 12 semester credit hours of graduate courses with grades of B or better in each course; at least 9 semester credit hours must be in nursing courses. A provisionally admitted student will be dismissed from the program if a grade of C or lower is made in any course during the probationary period.
3. Graduate students have six years to complete the MSN program.

Time Limit

Semester credit hours older than six years, including transfer courses, cannot apply toward the master's degree or post-master's certificate completion.

Final Examination

Oral examination of the completed professional or clinical project (subject to change).