**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

**DNP: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)**

**A post-BSN opportunity**

Do you want to be a clinical nurse leader who promotes, maintains, and restores health to communities, families, and individuals across the life span?

If so, GW’s DNP FNP option enables you to learn and practice in your own community while pursuing a rigorous curriculum focused on high quality and person-centered primary care, integration of research and nursing practice, and solving real-world problems.

Our nation’s health care environment is rapidly evolving and the demand for FNP nurse leaders continues to increase as more people than ever seek access to primary health care.

DNP FNPs act both independently and in partnership with other health care professionals.

DNP FNPs design models of health care delivery, evaluate clinical outcomes, and identify and manage the health care needs of diverse populations.

DNP FNPs provide patient care in a variety of settings, including homes, hospitals, offices, industry, schools, community agencies, public and private clinics, and private practices.

DNP FNPs are practice scholars bringing evidence-based knowledge into clinical practice, improving health care outcomes, and strengthening nursing management and education.

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**WHY GW IS A SMART CHOICE**

As you pursue a DNP FNP degree online at GW, you will find that as a national recognized leader in online nursing education GW offers:

+ **FLEXIBILITY** - access courses anytime and work around a busy or unpredictable schedule

+ **CONVENIENCE** - use any internet-connected computer and complete clinical experiences in your community

+ **VALUE** - top-ranked school with comparatively low tuition

+ **SHARED MISSION** - promoting, maintaining, and restoring health to communities, families, and individuals across the life span

+ **COMMUNITY** - diverse colleagues nationwide with whom to share experiences and exchange ideas, and a lifelong connection to GW’s alumni network

+ **ACADEMIC RIGOR** - interdisciplinary approach designed for today’s complex health care environment

+ **POLICY EXPERTISE** - GW is evolving as the school of nursing for health policy

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**STRENGTHEN YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAPACITY AND WIDEN YOUR CAREER OPTIONS**

The DNP FNP degree expands your scope of practice to become a leader in your role as an advanced practice nurse and prepares you to:

- Shape the future of primary health care for patients across the life span

- Conduct comprehensive health assessments, diagnose and manage acute illnesses (with appropriate referrals), and manage chronic conditions

- Practice in a variety of settings, including homes, hospitals, offices, industry, schools, community agencies, public/private clinics, prompt/urgent care facilities, and private practices

- Identify and address primary health care needs of diverse populations

- Design models of health care delivery and evaluate clinical outcomes

- Be a leader in your field
FORMAT

Designed for working nurses, coursework is online and as challenging as an on campus pathway. Like on campus options, there is a regular semester schedule and students have textbooks, work on group projects, and complete final exams or projects.

Classes are asynchronous to offer flexibility. Interactive formats give you easy access to course materials, faculty, and classmates. Some courses have synchronous seminars to provide live time with faculty members and other students.

You will complete a clinical residency in your own community.

You will have five to six on campus experiences for face-to-face interactions with your classmates and faculty, to hone your skills during course seminars, and for networking.

A clinical research project in the final year caps your studies.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The rigorous curriculum incorporates the values within the SON vision and mission, and consistent with the ANCC Magnet goals, educates you to be a nurse leader prepared to:

- Provide high quality patient care
- Further evidence-based practice
- Ensure collaboration among health care providers
- Develop quality improvement initiatives
- Engage in policy discussions and decision-making
- Collect and analyze clinical data
- Translate research into practice
- Strategically manage resources
- Utilize technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Foster lifelong learning

Layered on this is curriculum to provide you expertise to care for individuals across the life span, families, and communities.

Courses include:

- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Family Nurse Practitioner I, II, and III
- Population Health
- Genetics
- Nursing Leadership
- Health Care Quality
- Knowledge Management
- Health Services Research and Policy
- Research into Practice
- And more...

FACULTY

Drawn from diverse health care professions, the faculty gives you access to many worldviews and health care perspectives.

Our faculty believes optimal learning occurs when education is student-centered and adult learners are recognized for their professional knowledge, life experience, and self-reflection.

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STRONG EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

You will have a strong support network:

- Positive support from the faculty through academic advising and other direct interactions
- On campus orientation to develop relationships and facilitate communication
- Access to all campus services, with staff and faculty assistance in navigating university systems
- A student writing resource website
- National network of colleagues for idea exchange and support

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

You enter the DNP: Family Nurse Practitioner pathway in the fall semester as a full- or part-time student.

For more information about the admissions requirements and process, please visit nursing.gwu.edu/how-apply or contact us at sonadmit@gwu.edu or 571-553-0138.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required.

This is a post-BSN degree opportunity.

TUITION, FINANCIAL AID AND VALUE

2015-2016

TUITION

$1,030/Credit*

Total Credits Needed for Graduation..................................................81

*This graduate tuition rate is fixed for students admitted in Fall 2015 or Spring 2016, and guaranteed for one year past the standard degree completion.

OTHER COSTS

Students are responsible for other costs, including but not limited to: CPR certification, books, certified background check, health insurance, immunizations, and lab fees. For the current listing of all associated costs, please visit our website at nursing.gwu.edu/tuition-and-fees.

FINANCIAL AID

GW Colonial Central provides a "one-stop shop" for tuition, student loans, and financing your education. Some employers provide tuition support and some scholarship opportunities are available. Visit colonialcentral.gwu.edu.

Students are eligible to apply for financial aid through GW's Financial Aid Office (financialaid.gwu.edu). Questions? Contact finaid@gwu.edu or call 202-994-6620.

Also, nursing specific scholarships and other funding sources are identified in the Admissions & Aid section of the school’s website at nursing.gwu.edu.

VALUE

George Washington University is a nonprofit private university. Receive a valuable education from a school of nursing ranked in the top 11% of nursing schools by US News & World Report and whose MSN program is ranked #9.

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