DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

DNP: Family Specialty Nurse Practitioner (FSNP)

Are you a nurse practitioner interested in expanding your practice to work with communities, families, and individuals across the life span?

If so, GW’s DNP: Family Specialty for Nurse Practitioners enables you to learn and practice in your own community while pursuing a rigorous curriculum focused on high-quality and person-centered primary care, health care policy, integrating research into practice, and nursing leadership.

Our nation’s health care environment is rapidly evolving and there is a demand for family nurse practitioners (FNPs) informed about health policy, evidence-based practice, health care quality, and leadership to drive changes in health care.

Act both independently and in partnership with other health care professionals.

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

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

Be a practice scholar bringing evidence-based knowledge into clinical practice and health policy, improving health care outcomes, and strengthening nursing management and education.

WHY GW IS A SMART CHOICE

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

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

+ CONVENIENCE – use any internet-connected computer and complete clinical practicums 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

STRENGTHEN YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAPACITY AND Widen YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

As a DNP-prepared FNP, you will expand your scope of practice to become a nurse leader who can:

• 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
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 practicum in your own community.

You will have five to six on campus experiences for face-to-face interactions with your classmates and faculty members, 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 with expertise to care for individuals across the life span, families, and communities. Courses include:

- Primary and Advanced Primary Care of the Family
- Population Health
- Health Care Quality
- Organizational and Interdisciplinary Concepts
- Knowledge Management
- Health Services Research and Policy
- And more…

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

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.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

You enter the DNP: Family Specialty for Nurse Practitioners in the fall semester as a part-time student. The program takes four years to complete at approximately two courses per semester.

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.

TUITION, FINANCIAL AID AND VALUE

2015-2016

TUITION

$1,030/Credit*

Total Credits Needed for Graduation.................................47

*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.

The George Washington University does not unlawfully discriminate against any person on any basis prohibited by federal law, the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, or other applicable law, including without limitation, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. This policy covers all programs, services, policies, and procedures of the university, including admission to education programs and employment.