

Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

The **Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** option prepares registered nurses for growth in advanced nursing leadership practice. This three year, part-time distance education offering admits in fall semester and is designed to seamlessly move the RN into MSN course work. Students who move on to the MSN phase will complete 700 clinical hours. The requirements for the BSN are met after the fourth semester. On campus components of the program include orientation prior to the start of the first term and clinical skill evaluations during the spring semesters of the second and third year.

CREDIT PROGRESSION FOR RN TO BSN/MSN: Family Nurse Practitioner				
Sources of Credits	Details	Credits	Goes to BSN Degree	Goes to MSN Degree
Undergraduate credits carried into program	Minimum of 69 from ADN	69	69	
	Plus 15 additional general education credits	15	15	
NURS 4121: Nurse Advancement Portfolio Review	Receive advanced standing for additional credits after professional portfolio review	15	15	
First 21 Credits (not including portfolio)	21 credits applied to BSN degree; 15 credits also apply toward MSN degree	21	21	15
At end of 4th Semester: Complete BSN			120	
Complete 2nd and 3rd Years	Remainder of MSN Courses	33		33
At end of 3rd Year: Complete MSN				48

Earn Your Degree in Three Years

YEAR ONE, FALL SEMESTER: 6 CREDITS

NURS 6203: Nursing Leadership
NURS 6205: Health Policy, Quality and Political Processes

YEAR ONE, SPRING SEMESTER: 6 CREDITS

NURS 6202: Concepts in Population Health
NURS 6207: Evidence Based Practice for Health Care Researchers

YEAR ONE, SUMMER SEMESTER: 6 CREDITS

NURS 4117: NPCR 6: Epidemiology and Community Health Nursing
NURS 4119: Patient Safety and Health Care
NURS 4121: Portfolio Review

YEAR TWO, FALL SEMESTER: 6 CREDITS²

NURS 6233: Genetics for Health Care Providers
NURS 6220: Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology

YEAR TWO, SPRING SEMESTER: 7 CREDITS

NURS 6222: Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning*
NURS 6234: Advanced Pharmacology

YEAR TWO, SUMMER SEMESTER: 7 CREDITS

NURS 6208: Biostatistics for Health Care Researchers
NURS 6230: FNP 1: Lifespan Primary Care/ Diagnosis/Management

YEAR THREE, FALL SEMESTER: 8 CREDITS

NURS 6231: FNP 2: Lifespan Primary Care/ Diagnosis/Management*

YEAR THREE, SPRING SEMESTER: 8 CREDITS

NURS 6232: FNP 3: Professional Issues/ Diagnosis/Management*

¹ Students are eligible to receive advanced standing for an additional 15 credits after a portfolio review in this course.

² BSN is completed at the end of the fourth semester with one three-credit course. For students electing not to continue on to complete the MSN, only one course is required and either one listed is acceptable.

* Course with on campus component.

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COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
NURS 4117	Nursing Practice/Clinical Reasoning (NPCR) 6: Epidemiology and Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 4119	Patient Safety and Health Care Quality	3
NURS 4121	Nursing Advancement Professional Portfolio ¹	0-15
NURS 6202	Concepts in Population Health	3
NURS 6203	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 6205	Health Policy, Quality and Political Processes	3
NURS 6207	Evidence Based Practice for Health Care Researchers	3
NURS 6208	Biostatistics for Health Care Researchers	3
NURS 6220	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
NURS 6222	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning*	4
NURS 6230	Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) 1: Lifespan Primary Care/Diagnosis/Management	4
NURS 6231	Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) 2: Lifespan Primary Care/Diagnosis/Management*	8
NURS 6232	Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) 3: Professional Issues/Diagnosis/Management*	8
NURS 6233	Genetics for Health Care Providers	3
NURS 6234	Advanced Pharmacology for Nursing	3

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