

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK

The Byers School of Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Track allows students to expand their scope of practice to include care of individuals across the lifespan. The program includes didactic and clinical experiences that focus on the primary care needs of individuals, families, and communities. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the national Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam.

Family Nurse Practitioner Program Outcomes:

- Demonstrate personal, collegial, and collaborative approaches that enhance the family nurse practitioner's effectiveness in working in an interprofessional manner.
- Synthesize theoretical, scientific, and contemporary clinical knowledge for the assessment and management of both health and illness states, health promotion, health protection, disease prevention, and treatment of all patients including those with multiple chronic conditions.
- Ensure quality of care through consultations and collaboration with other professionals.
- Analyze situations to improve health outcomes for patients, communities, and systems by overseeing and directing the delivery of clinical services within an interprofessional system of health care.
- Translate knowledge and psychomotor skills to enhance patients' ability for self-care through advocating, modeling and teaching.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the implementation, preservation and evolution of the family nurse practitioner role as well as build interprofessional relationships to provide optimal care to the patient.
- Provide culturally competent care with respect to cultural and spiritual beliefs and make health care resources available to patients from diverse cultures.

Family Nurse Practitioner Track Guidelines

Admission Policy

Participants enrolled in the Family Nurse Practitioner program must comply with the Byers School of Nursing, Graduate admissions requirements.

Program Delivery

The Family Nurse Practitioner program is offered using a distance learning methodology* and requires students to be on campus for one intensive.

Academic Advising

Upon admission to the Family Nurse Practitioner program, the student is assigned to a graduate faculty member who will work with the student to develop a curriculum plan. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisors prior to registration each semester to confirm their program plan.

Registration Procedures

Before or during the first half of the first semester, students are encouraged to meet with their faculty advisors to map out a curriculum plan. For the remainder of the program students are responsible for registering for their own classes.

- Graduate students may register online by accessing the Cavalier Center. Before registering for courses, students should consult with

their academic advisor to ensure timely progress towards degree completion. Each student is assigned a registration time-ticket, which can be viewed on their student profile homepage on the Cav Center.

**Online refers to the definition from the Higher Learning Commission:*

Distance-delivered courses are those in which all or the vast majority (typically 75% or more) of the instruction and interaction occurs via electronic communication, correspondence, or equivalent mechanisms, with the faculty and students physically separated from each other.

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Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Course (12 Credit Hours)		
NURS 600	Theoretical Devel of Nurs Sci	3
NURS 601	Research Meth/Evid Based Pract	3
NURS 603	Advance Professional Nurs Role	3
NURS 706	Hlth Care Policy, Organ/Financ	3
Practice Application Courses (21 Credit Hours)		
NURS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 612	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 614	Adv Health Assessment	3
NURS 640	Clini Assessment & Management	3
NURS 642	Clinical Pharmacology	3
NURS 671	Intensive I	0
NURS 672	Intensive II	0
NURS 705	App of Epidemiol to Hlth Serv	3
NURS 718	Hlthcr Tech & Data Mgmt	3
Expert Knowledge (14 Credit Hours)		
NURS 644A	FNP I Sem:Care of Adults&Elder	3
NURS 644B	FNP I Practicum (250 Clinical Hours)	2
NURS 646A	FNP II Sem:CareOfChild&Women	3
NURS 646B	FNP II: Practicum (200 Clinical Hours)	3
NURS 648A	FNP III Sem:Capstone/Prim.Care	2
NURS 648B	FNP III: Practicum (300 Clinical Hours)	2
Total Clinical Hours: 750		
Total Hours		47