

# FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK

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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 a national Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam.

### The Family Nurse Practitioner Track objectives are to:

1. Demonstrate personal, collegial, and collaborative approaches that enhance the family nurse practitioner's effectiveness in working in an interprofessional manner.
2. 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.
3. Ensure quality of care through consultations and collaboration with other professionals.
4. 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.
5. Translate knowledge and psychomotor skills to enhance patients' ability for self-care through advocating, modeling, and teaching.
6. 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.
7. 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 Track is offered using a distance learning methodology\* and requires students to be on campus for two intensives.

### Registration Procedures

New students are given instructions on how to register with their acceptance letter. 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. The process is as follows:

- Graduate students may register on-line via the Walsh University Cavalier Center ([www.walsh.edu](http://www.walsh.edu) (<http://www.walsh.edu>)). To register on-line, the student must obtain an alternate PIN from their

assigned academic advisor and resolve any holds that may prevent registration.

- Obtain a form from the website ([www.walsh.edu](http://www.walsh.edu) (<http://www.walsh.edu>)). Click on "Academics" and scroll down to the "Office of the Registrar" link. Scroll down to the link "forms" and then on "Graduate Registration Form". Download a copy and fax (330) 490-7372, mail or present the completed form to the Registrar's Office (located in Farrell Hall).

\*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. Family Nurse Practitioner

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundation Course (11 Credit Hours)</b>		
NURS 600	Theoretical Devel of Nurs Sci	3
NURS 601	Research Meth/Evid Based Pract	3
NURS 603	Prof Role Dev/Ethical Issues	3
NURS 606	Hlth Care Policy,Organ/ Financ	2
<b>Practice Application Courses (23 Credit Hours)</b>		
NURS 605	Epi Methods for Hlth Promotion	2
NURS 610	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 612	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 614	Adv Health Assessment	3
NURS 618	Health Informatics	2
NURS 640	Clini Assessment & Management	3
NURS 642	Clinical Pharmacology	3
NURS 644	Dynamics of Fam Nursing Practi	2
NURS 671	Intensive I	0
NURS 672	Intensive II	0
<b>Expert Knowledge (29 Credit Hours)</b>		
NURS 641	FNP I :Care of Adult/Gero Cl (100 clinical hours)	6
NURS 643	FNP II: Care of Child/Adoles (100 clinical hours)	6
NURS 645	FNP III: Care of Women (100 clinical hours)	6
NURS 647	FNP IV:Clients Mult Chron Cond (150 clinical hours)	6
NURS 649	FNP V: Care of Fam Pri Care (200 clinical hours)	5
<b>Total Clinical Hours: 650</b>		
Total Hours		61