

Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Graduate Nursing Education at PLU:

The shift in health care system priorities has led to new and exciting opportunities and career pathways for nurses with master's degrees. Nurses with graduate degrees are uniquely prepared to provide direct and indirect care to diverse groups of people, in a variety of settings, within the current, complex health care systems environment.

The MSN program at PLU is designed with the working nurse in mind, with classes normally on one or two weekday evenings and during the day each Friday. The program may be completed in 4 to 5 full-time semesters over two academic years. Part-time study is an option for students in the BSN to MSN route; Entry-Level MSN students must maintain full-time status throughout their entire program of study.

The PLU School of Nursing is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing ([AACN](#)) and is approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission. The MSN program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([CCNE](#)).

The Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration:

The Family Nurse Practitioner concentration is focused on client-centered clinical practice. This primary care concentration will prepare you to:

- respond to the needs of today's and tomorrow's health care consumers
- manage direct care based on advanced assessment and diagnostic reasoning
- incorporate health promotion and disease prevention into health care delivery
- realize your potential for professional growth, responsibility and autonomy.

Successful completion of the MSN degree in the Family Nurse Practitioner concentration qualifies graduates to sit for the National Nurse Practitioner certifying examination ([ANCC](#) or [AANP](#)) in Family Practice, which qualifies them to apply for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) licensure and Prescriptive Authority in Washington State.

Full-Time Program Plan (2 Years)				
1st Year				
Fall Semester	NURS 523	Roles of Advanced Practice Nurses		3 credits
	NURS 525	Theoretical Foundations		3 credits
	NURS 526	Nursing Leadership & Management		3 credits
January-Term	NURS 524	Health Promotion		2 credits
Spring Semester	NURS 527	Evaluation and Outcomes Research		3 credits
	NURS 582	Advanced Health Assessment		4 credits
Summer Term	NURS 580	Advanced Pathophysiology		3 credits
2nd Year				
Fall Semester	NURS 583	Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics		2 credits
	NURS 584	Family Nurse Practitioner I		6 credits
Spring Semester	NURS 585	Family Nurse Practitioner II		6 credits
	Capstone:	NURS 596 Scholarly Inquiry (2) Or NURS 599 Thesis (4)		2-4 credits
Total Credits for Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration:				37 to 39 Semester Credits

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Part-Time Program Plan (3 Years)

1st Year

Fall Semester	NURS 525	Theoretical Foundations	3 credits
Spring Semester	NURS 527	Evaluation and Outcomes Research	3 credits

2nd Year

Fall Semester	NURS 523 NURS 526	Roles of Advanced Practice Nurses Nursing Leadership & Management	3 credits 3 credits
January-Term	NURS 524	Health Promotion	2 credits
Spring Semester	NURS 582	Advanced Health Assessment	4 credits
Summer Term	NURS 580	Advanced Pathophysiology	3 credits

3rd Year

Fall Semester	NURS 583 NURS 584	Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics Family Nurse Practitioner I	2 credits 6 credits
Spring Semester	NURS 585 Capstone:	Family Nurse Practitioner II NURS 596 Scholarly Inquiry (2) Or NURS 599 Thesis (4)	6 credits 2-4 credits

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