

POST-MASTER'S FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Certificate Description

The online Post - Masters Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program at Youngstown State University is designed to prepare the Post-Masters prepared nurse with opportunities to build upon their current knowledge and obtain additional advanced practice knowledge and skill enabling them to provide direct primary care across the lifespan. The Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program is not a degree program. This certificate program is designed to enhance the professional development of the masters prepared nurse by providing education and training that prepares them for a family nurse practitioner's role.

The program is delivered in a fully online format (<https://online.ysu.edu/degrees/nursing/msn/family-nurse-practitioner/>).

Youngstown State University online nursing program must meet the standards of the state(s) in which we possess authority to provide education and may only admit students from states in which we have approval. Online nursing program students must complete the program in the state of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or Michigan.

Upon completion of the certificate, graduates are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center and/or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners FNP certification examinations. Following national certification, graduates are also qualified to be recognized as a Family Nurse Practitioner and is granted prescriptive authority through the State Board of Nursing.

Advanced Standing Program (21 hours)

Applicants who already have an MSN degree with nurse practitioner qualifications are automatically considered for advanced standing status. The advanced standing program permits students to complete all requirements of the Family Nurse Practitioner option in 21 hours. This unique program blends online coursework and clinical experiences, including a practicum consisting of 600 hours in a variety of primary care settings.

Admission Requirements

Official transcripts from all institutions previously attended

MSN degree with 3.0 undergraduate GPA

Valid, current unencumbered RN license in the state you will complete practicum hours

Minimum 1 year of recent practice as a registered nurse by admission start date

Complete graduate admissions application and pay \$45 non-refundable application fee

1. MSN degree from an accredited program
2. Regular admission requires a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and verification of work experience
3. Minimum 1 year of recent practice as a registered nurse by admission start date
4. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
5. Verification of a current, unencumbered RN license and expiration date in the state in which the student is licensed and practices and will be completing practicum hours

Clinical Hours and Experience

Applicants will complete a Supplemental Employment Verification form as part of the application process. This is used to verify *recent clinical hours and experience.

*Recent clinical experience is defined as clinical RN work experience within 3 years of first practicum course.

- Current BLS certification, immunizations, drug screen and criminal background checks are maintained while in the program annually

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Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Option Curriculum

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
Core Courses		
NURS 6902	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 6903	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 6904	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 6917	Differential Diagnosis	3
NURS 6918	Advanced Diagnostics and Technologies	3
NURS 7003	Role Development in Advanced Practice	3
Speciality Courses		
NURS 7045	Family Nurse Practitioner 1	3
NURS 7046	Family Nurse Practitioner 2	3
NURS 7047	Family Nurse Practitioner 3	3
NURS 7048	Family Nurse Practitioner 1 Practicum	3
NURS 7049	Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Practicum	3
NURS 7050	Family Nurse Practitioner 3 Practicum	3
NURS 7051	Family Nurse Practitioner 4 Practicum	1
Total Semester Hours		37

Students will complete 600 hours of supervised clinical practice as part of this certificate option for national certification eligibility.

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Courses include:

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
NURS 7045	Family Nurse Practitioner 1	3
NURS 7046	Family Nurse Practitioner 2	3
NURS 7047	Family Nurse Practitioner 3	3
NURS 7048	Family Nurse Practitioner 1 Practicum	3
NURS 7049	Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Practicum	3
NURS 7050	Family Nurse Practitioner 3 Practicum	3
NURS 7051	Family Nurse Practitioner 4 Practicum	1
Total Semester Hours		19

Centofanti School of Nursing MSN/Post-Master's Grade Requirements

Satisfactory academic progress at the graduate level is maintained by satisfying the following criteria:

- A degree-seeking graduate student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). *Any required course grade of D or F must be repeated and passed with a grade of C or better.
- A degree-seeking graduate student must successfully meet the requirements, including the time requirement, of all comprehensive examinations of the degree program.
- A degree-seeking graduate student must complete with a passing grade any thesis requirements (or the equivalent) of the degree program.
- A non-degree graduate student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- *Grades of D and F carry no graduate credit but will be used to determine the student's grade point average. A student has the privilege of repeating a course once, but the repetition is treated merely as another course, along with the first, in calculating the student's grade point average.
- *Any required course grade of D or F must be repeated and passed with a grade of C or better. Students may not advance in the program until they have taken the failed course, passed with a grade of C or better and maintain a GPA of 3.0.

For degree programs requiring up to 39 semester hours for completion, a student may count no more than six semester hours of coursework with a grade of C toward the minimum graduation hour requirements. For students in programs requiring 40 semester hours or more for completion, no more than nine semester hours of coursework with a grade of C may count toward the minimum graduation hour requirement.

*Grade Policy – Graduate Nursing Option-specific courses

In the seven (7) **FNP courses** (NURS 7045, NURS 7046, NURS 7047, NURS 7048, NURS 7049, NURS 7050, NURS 7051), the student **MUST** earn a grade of B or A. If a student earns a C or lower grade in any of these courses, the course **MUST** be repeated. The student can only repeat the course once. If a grade of B or A is not earned on the second attempt, the student will not be permitted to progress in the Graduate Nursing program.

- provide primary care to families and persons of all ages within the health care delivery system
- incorporate a variety of theories from nursing and related fields into the nurse practitioner role
- analyze social issues related to the health care delivery system and advanced nursing practice