



School of Nursing

RN-MSN FNP Fact Sheet

Nurse practitioners are prepared through advanced education and clinical training at the master's and post-master's levels. They are licensed to practice autonomously and in collaboration with other health care professionals to assess, diagnose, treat, and manage the health needs of patients of all ages. NPs also serve as health care researchers, interdisciplinary consultants and patient advocates.

Program Description

Registered nurses with bachelor's degrees in nursing can enter the master's program by demonstrating they have met the nursing content comparable to that in the SF State baccalaureate program. RNs without a nursing bachelor's degree may need nursing coursework such as community health and an undergraduate nursing research course. Family Nurse Practitioner students complete diagnostic reasoning and physical assessment courses during the first year of the program and engage in clinical practice during the second year, culminating with a thesis or field study. Most classes meet evenings; however, students are required to have sufficient flexibility in their schedules to complete the clinical practicums during regular business hours, Monday – Friday. The Family Nurse Practitioner concentration requires 52 units including 600 clinical hours and is designed to prepare students for primary care practice. Upon completion of the program students become eligible for California NP certification and national board certification processes.

Program Format

Hybrid

Admission Requirements

Prospective students applying for admission to the RN-MSN program must satisfy the following minimum requirements.

- A baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution with a GPA 3.0 or above in the last 60 units
- A valid California RN license.
- A Personal Statement
- Three professional references

Applications for admission are generally accepted annually from October to February for the following fall semester. Complete information about the application process is available on the School of Nursing web site www.nursing.sfsu.edu.

Application Period

- Cal State Apply Application
October 1 - Jan 15
- NursingCAS Application
October 15 - Jan 15

Program Roadmap

1st Semester FALL	Recommended Course	Units
Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Life Span	NURS 711	3
Pharmacological Principles Across the Life Span	NURS 715	3
Advanced Pathophysiology and Diagnostic Reasoning I	NURS 716	3
Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Advanced Practice Nursing	NURS 720	3
	Semester Total	12
2nd Semester SPRING	Recommended Course	Units
Diagnosis and Management in Primary Care	NURS 708	4
Advanced Pathophysiology and Diagnostic Reasoning II	NURS 717	3
Research and Evidence-based Practice in Nursing	NURS 794	3
Family Nursing Practitioner Practicum I	NURS 810*	4
	Semester Total	14
3rd Semester FALL	Recommended Course	Units
Health Care Policy and Nursing Leadership	NURS 706	3
Program Planning and Financial Management in Nursing Practice	NURS 721	3
Professional Issues and Nurse Practitioner Skills	NURS 804	3
Family Nursing Practitioner Practicum II	NURS 811	4
	Semester Total	13
4th Semester SPRING	Recommended Course	Units
Education, Informatics, and e Technology in Advanced Nursing Practice	NURS 703	3
Ethics in Advanced Nursing Practice	NURS 732	3
Applied Research in Nursing or Independent Study	NURS 895 / NUR 898	3
Family Nursing Practitioner Practicum III	NURS 812	4
	Semester Total	13

The roadmap is designed as a guide for student/faculty advising throughout the academic program. Mandatory advising is required each semester for all MSN students.