

# MSN and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and School Nurse Services Credential (SNSC)

This combined specialty program (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/msn-snsc-fnp/>) prepares nurses to be effective practitioners of school health and provide primary care for people of all ages in a variety of settings. Through the program, students develop theoretical and practical expertise in nursing and education applied to basic health services in the public schools (K-12). This enables them to establish, maintain, and coordinate a comprehensive school health program. The advanced practice family nurse practitioner specialty includes direct client assessment, diagnosis, management and treatment, client advocacy, and client/family education. Graduates are eligible to apply to the state of California for the School Nurse Services Credential; they are also eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing for certification as a nurse practitioner, and may apply for national FNP certification through examination.

Students must also take a California-approved audiometry course to meet SNSC requirements.

## Requirements

| Code                                                      | Title                                                            | Units          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Academic Core Courses</b>                              |                                                                  | <b>10</b>      |
| GNRS 504                                                  | Bioethics and Healthcare Policy                                  | 3              |
| GNRS 506                                                  | Spiritual Concept Analysis in Health Care                        | 3              |
| GNRS 508A                                                 | Research and Theory in Advanced Practice Nursing                 | 4              |
| <b>Advanced Practice Core Courses</b>                     |                                                                  | <b>10</b>      |
| GNRS 610                                                  | Advanced Pathophysiology                                         | 3              |
| GNRS 611                                                  | Advanced Pharmacology                                            | 3              |
| GNRS 612                                                  | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning <sup>1</sup> | 4 (3/1)        |
| <b>FNP Specialty Courses</b>                              |                                                                  | <b>24</b>      |
|                                                           |                                                                  | <b>(12/12)</b> |
| GNRS 600                                                  | Nurse Practitioner Clinical Experience <sup>2</sup>              | 12             |
| GNRS 601                                                  | Primary Healthcare I: Adult and Aging                            | 3              |
| GNRS 602                                                  | Primary Healthcare II: Population-based Health Interventions     | 3              |
| GNRS 603                                                  | Primary Healthcare III: Restorative and Palliative Interventions | 3              |
| GNRS 590D                                                 | Primary Health Care of the Young Family                          | 3              |
| <b>APRN Intensives</b>                                    |                                                                  | <b>4</b>       |
| GNRS 615                                                  | APRN Intensive I                                                 | 1              |
| GNRS 616                                                  | APRN Intensive II                                                | 1              |
| GNRS 617                                                  | APRN Intensive III                                               | 1              |
| GNRS 618                                                  | APRN Intensive IV                                                | 1              |
| <b>SNSC Specialization Courses</b>                        |                                                                  | <b>11</b>      |
| GNRS 510                                                  | Family Theory in Health Care                                     | 2              |
| EDUC 537                                                  | Curriculum Development, Revision, and Evaluation Process         | 3              |
| GNRS 550A                                                 | Theory and Practice in School Nursing                            | 6 (3/3)        |
| <b>Concluding Course</b>                                  |                                                                  | <b>1</b>       |
| GNRS 597                                                  | Comprehensive Examination Directed Study                         | 1              |
| <b>Total Units for the MSN: FNP and SNSC <sup>3</sup></b> |                                                                  | <b>60</b>      |

<sup>1</sup> Numbers in parentheses are classroom/clinical hours.

<sup>2</sup> Students may enroll in 2-6 clinical units per semester with faculty approval.

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## Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.