

# ELM-MSN: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

This specialty program (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/fnp-certificate/>) prepares students to be nurse practitioners for patients across the human lifespan in the primary healthcare setting. Graduates are 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. This advanced clinical practice specialty includes direct patient assessment, diagnosis, management, and treatment; client advocacy; and client/family education, consultation, and program planning, implementation, evaluation, and research.

Contact the School of Nursing (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/>) for specific program availability and locations. Prelicensure coursework (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/school-nursing/entry-level-masters/elm-msn/>) must be completed prior to beginning advanced practice nursing coursework.

## Requirements

| Code   | Title  | Units        |
|--|--|--------------|
| <b>Academic Core Courses</b>                       |  | <b>10</b>    |
| GNRS 506   | Spiritual Concept Analysis in Health Care                        | 3            |
| GNRS and/or GSPH XXX Electives                     |  | 7            |
| <b>Academic and Advanced Practice Core Courses</b> |  | <b>12</b>    |
| GNRS 513   | Advanced Nursing Practice Role                                   | 2            |
| 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>Advanced Practice Specialty Courses</b>         |  | <b>18</b>    |
| GNRS 590A  | Primary Health Care of the Young Family                          | 6 (3/3)      |
| GNRS 591   | Primary Health Care of the Childbearing Family                   | 4 (2/2)      |
| GNRS 592A  | Primary Health Care of the Adult and Aging Family                | 6 (3/3)      |
| GNRS 592B  | Primary Health Care Clinical Practicum                           | 2 (0/2)      |
| <b>Specialization Option Course</b>                |  | <b>4</b>     |
| Select from the following:                         |  |              |
| GNRS 543   | Transitions Across the Care Continuum                            | 4 (2/2)      |
| - or -   |  |              |
| GNRS 593   | Psychosocial Primary Health Care of the Adult and Aging Family   | 4 (2/2)      |
| - or -   |  |              |
| GNRS 589   | Adolescent Health Care   | 4 (2/2)      |
| <b>Concluding Course(s)</b>                        |  | <b>1-3</b>   |
| GNRS 597   | Comprehensive Examination Directed Study                         | 1            |
| - or -   |  |              |
| GNRS 598<br>& GNRS 514                             | Thesis<br>and Research Proposal Writing                          | 3            |
| <b>Total Units</b>                                 |  | <b>45-47</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Units in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

## 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://tracking.cirrusinsight.com/74647a2d-e9a2-412f-9b55-9959c7aac4ec/apu-edu-graduateprofessionalcenter-admissions-requirements-program/>).**

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