

ELM-MSN: School Nurse Services Credential (SNSC) and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

This combined specialty program prepares nurses to be effective practitioners of school health and provide primary care for people of all ages in a variety of other settings. Students develop theoretical and practical expertise in nursing and education applied to basic health services in public schools (K-12). This prepares nurses 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, client/family education, consultation, program planning, implementation, evaluation, and research.

Graduates are eligible to apply to the state of California for the School Nurse Services Credential, and to apply for certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner. They are also qualified for and may seek national FNP certification by examination through specialty organizations. For details about academic core, advanced practice core, and concluding courses, see the MSN program requirements (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/school-nursing/master-science-nursing-advanced-practice/>). Students must also take a state-of-California-approved audiometry course to meet the SNSC requirements.

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
Academic Core Courses		10
GNRS 506	Spiritual Concept Analysis in Health Care	3
GNRS and/or GSPH XXX Electives		7
Advanced Practice Core Courses		14
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
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 ¹	4 (3/1)
Advanced Practice Specialty Courses		31
EDUC 537	Curriculum Development, Revision, and Evaluation Process	3
GNRS 550A	Theory and Practice in School Nursing	6 (3/3)
GNRS 589	Adolescent Health Care	4 (2/2)
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)
Specialization Option Courses: No Requirement		
Concluding Course(s)		1-3
Select from the following:		
GNRS 597	Comprehensive Examination Directed Study	1
- or -		
GNRS 598 & GNRS 514	Thesis and Research Proposal Writing	3
Total Units ²		56-58

¹ Numbers in parentheses are classroom/clinical units.

² Students must also take a California-approved audiometry course to meet SNSC requirements.

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.