

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

This specialty program (<https://www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/msn-np/>) prepares students to be nurse practitioners for patients across the human lifespan in a primary healthcare setting. This advanced clinical practice specialty includes direct patient assessment, diagnosis, management, and treatment; client advocacy; and client/family education. Graduates are eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing (<https://www.rn.ca.gov/>) for certification as a nurse practitioner and may apply for national FNP certification through examination.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Academic Core Courses		10
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
Academic and Advanced Practice Core Courses		12
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		18
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		
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)
Concluding Courses		
GNRS 597	Comprehensive Examination Directed Study	1
- or -		
GNRS 598 & GNRS 514	Thesis and Research Proposal Writing	3
Total Units		45-47

¹ 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.