

## Outcome/Objectives

### Graduate Program Objectives

The Master's Program in Nursing prepares nurses to:

1. Integrate theory, research, and experiential knowledge and evidence-based practice into advanced nursing practice.
2. Demonstrate competence in advanced nursing practice consistent with applicable professional standards.
3. Practice in the development of nursing science through evidence-based practice, research and theory.
4. Integrate relationships between social, cultural, political and economic issues and health care delivery.

### Specialization Objectives

The Family Nurse Practitioner specialization outcomes build upon the graduate nursing program objectives by expecting that the student will:

1. Manage client health/illness status.
2. Implement a therapeutic nurse-client relationship.
3. Teach and coach health maintenance.
4. Function as an advanced practice nurse.
5. Manage and negotiate within complex health care delivery systems.
6. Monitor and ensure quality of health care practice.
7. Practice with cultural competence.

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## Specialization Information

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Clinical Specialization prepares the student for advanced practice in family primary care nursing.

The course of study is five semesters including one summer session. The 59-credit curriculum includes 697.5 practicum hours. Completed applications should be submitted by January 15th for fall admission. An interview by the FNP Admissions Committee is a part of the admission process. Enrollment is limited.

The program utilizes a clinical preceptorship model to provide the FNP student the opportunity to obtain extended clinical experiences in a primary care setting. The preceptorship bridges theory and actual practice and allows the student to learn new skills and develop the nurse practitioner role.

Primary preceptors must be master's prepared nurse practitioners or physicians; they must meet the licensing and/or certification requirements for the state in which they are practicing.

Students are on campus or at a distance the first two semesters. The first practicum takes place during the six-week summer session and consists of 180 practicum hours at the preceptor site.

The fourth and fifth semesters include a 13-week, 225-hour practicum at the preceptor site. While at their preceptor site, students keep in contact with instructors via e-mail, Blackboard, teleconferencing, and site visits. Student on-campus time includes one week in semesters one and three for psychomotor skill acquisition, testing, and comprehensive didactic education.

The program requires access to a computer for all courses. Minimum computer requirements may be found at: [www.nursing.und.edu/computer.cfm](http://www.nursing.und.edu/computer.cfm)



## Admission Requirements

Application for admission to the University of North Dakota is made to the Graduate School. The online application is found at <http://graduateschool.und.edu> Specialization admission requirements include:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLN or CCNE accredited nursing program **OR** Entry to this specialization is also available through the RN to MS track-see website [www.conted.und.edu/ddp/rn/](http://www.conted.und.edu/ddp/rn/). Graduates from non-accredited or foreign schools are evaluated individually
- Undergraduate or graduate statistics course;
- Minimum GPA of at least 3.00 for the last two years of baccalaureate study
- Current RN licensure and resume
- One year experience as registered nurse preferred - broad, community-based experience across the life-span desirable.
- Successful interview

Send completed application to the UND Graduate School by January 15 for fall admission. Priority is given to those who apply by January 15. Students may be admitted as a General Nursing admission option prior to formal admission to any graduate nursing specialization. Subject to the approval of the College of Nursing and Dean of the Graduate School, a maximum of 24 semester credits of selected courses may be taken under this option and subsequently may become part of the student's program of study.

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### Specialization website:

[www.nursing.und.edu/grad/fnp/](http://www.nursing.und.edu/grad/fnp/)

## Curriculum

Full-time student\*

### Semester I (Fall) - 12 credits

N510 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology I (3)  
N500 Theories & Concepts in Nursing (3)  
N556 Epidemiology (3)  
N585 Advanced Health Assessment (3)

### Semester II (Spring) - 15 credits

N511 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology (3)  
N526 Ethical, Legal, & Health Policy Issues (3)  
N502 Evidence for Practice (3)  
N532 Family Nursing (3)  
N523 Health Promotion (3)

### Semester III (Summer) - 5/7 credits

N597 Advanced Clinical Practicum I (4)  
N563 Education in Advanced Practice (1)  
N998 Thesis (if Choosing Thesis Option) (2)

### Semester IV (Fall) - 14 credits

N534 Illness Management I (3)  
N553 Role Development of the NP (2)  
N535 Drug Therapy I (2)  
N597 Advanced Clinical Practicum II (5)  
N997 Independent Study \*\*(2) or Thesis (2)

### Semester V (Spring) - 13 credits

N536 Illness Management II (4)  
N539 Drug Therapy II (2)  
N554 Managed Advanced Nurse Practice (2)  
N597 Advanced Clinical Practicum III (5)

### Total Credits: 59

\*Students may also enroll part-time.

\*\*Non-Thesis Only

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