

General Information

At the University of Arizona, you can earn a Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in nursing which includes preparation as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). **The MS program now maximizes the use of online delivery options for enhanced learning and increased course accessibility.** Upon completion of the degree, you will be eligible for certification as a nurse practitioner in Arizona and apply for national certification with American Nurses Credentialing Center.

As an FNP student, you will receive a broad foundation of educational preparation in advanced nursing practice with families across the life span, nursing theories and nursing research. Health assessment, primary prevention, health care maintenance, clinical decision making, and illness management are emphasized in the classroom and clinical practice. The course of study includes extensive clinical time.

Graduates of the FNP option are prepared as primary care providers for families at a beginning level of practice, users of research and beginning researchers. Graduates may also apply for admission to the doctoral level of the graduate program to pursue the PhD degree with a major in nursing.

General requirements for the MS degree are outlined in the *University of Arizona Graduate Catalog*. The FNP option requires a minimum of 43 credits and 810 clinical hours. A maximum of 6 credits of graduate work taken at another college may be considered for transfer and application to the MS degree at the University of Arizona. **Study may be pursued on a full or part time basis;** however, full-time enrollment is necessary for some segments of the FNP curriculum.

Curriculum Overview

All Masters Students take the following core courses:

- NURS 530** Methods in Nursing Research (3 credits)
- NURS 505** Health Policy, Finance & Human Promotion (3 credits)
- NURS 503** Health Diversity & Ethics (3 credits)
- NURS 504** Conceptual Models (3 credits)
- NURS 909** Master's Report **or** **NURS 910** Thesis (3 credits)

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All Nurse Practitioner Students, regardless of clinical focus, also enroll in the Advanced Practice Core:

- NURS 501** Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology (4 credits)
- NURS 572** Pharmacotherapeutics for Nurse Practitioners (3 credits)
- NURS 609A** Health Assessment (2 credits)

FNP students enroll in the following:

- NURS 620A** Primary Care of the Adult (3 credits)
- NURS 612** Pediatrics in Advanced Practice (3 credits)
- NURS 620B** Advanced Primary Care of the Adult (4 credits)
- NURS 689** Issues in Special Populations (3 credits)
- NURS 693** Internship - Nurse Practitioner (6 credits)

Students seeking full-time studies are admitted to nurse practitioner options in Fall semesters only. Application forms and all supporting documents must be received by the College of Nursing by **February 1** for admission the following **Fall** semester.

Sources for Additional Information

- **Graduate Record Examination:**
Information and application materials may be obtained from the Testing Office at (520) 621-7589
Internet: <http://www.gre.org>
- **Arizona Registered Nurse Licensure:**
Arizona State Board of Nursing
1651 E Morten, Suite 150
Phoenix, AZ 85020
Phone: (602) 331-8111
E-mail: arizona@NCSBN.org
- **FNP program option:**
The University of Arizona, College of Nursing
Office of Student Affairs, Room 112
P O Box 210203
Tucson, AZ 85721-0203
Phone: (520) 626-3808
Toll-free (800) 288-6158
Internet: <http://www.nursing.arizona.edu>
- **The University of Arizona Graduate College:**
Internet: <http://grad.admin.arizona.edu>