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Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program

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What is an NP?

A nurse practitioner, often called an “NP” for short, is an advanced practice registered nurse who has completed graduate level education such as a master’s or a doctoral degree. All NPs in California are registered nurses licensed by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) who have completed additional education and training, and have an expanded scope of practice over the traditional registered nurse role. (*Adopted from canpweb.org*)

Program Overview

The purpose of this master’s program is to prepare Registered Nurses who hold a bachelor’s degree and aspire to become advanced practice nurses in the role of Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). Students are prepared to assess the health needs and health risks of all family members, apply family theories, and analyze legal, ethical, economic, leadership and professional issues pertinent to nurse practitioners.

Graduates of the FNP Program are:

- Qualified to be certified as a Nurse Practitioner (NP) by the State of California
- Qualified to earn NP Furnishing number from the State of California
- Prepared to take national FNP certification exams
- Prepared to enter a doctoral program in nursing or related field

The Family Nurse Practitioner program at CSUB is a 2-year full-time program, which leads to a Master of Science degree in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) specialty.

About Lectures:

- Face-to-Face class time will be on one day a week throughout the entire program
- Other coursework (not including clinical hours) may be completed online

About Clinicals:

- A minimum of 585 supervised clinical hours is required for completion of the program.
- The first clinical course begins in the second semester of the program.
- Typically, 1-2, eight- hour clinical day(s) per week will be required during the regular work week (**Monday–Friday, 8:00-5:30pm**).





MSN-FNP Program Information

MSN-FNP Program Schedule

(44 total units + 2 optional elective units)

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:

- Be a graduate of an accredited baccalaureate nursing program.
- Be in good standing at the last college/university attended
- Have an overall baccalaureate GPA of at least 3.0
- Hold a current registered nurse license from the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), unencumbered, unrestricted, with no disciplinary action pending or imposed
- Hold a current American Heart Association BLS certification
- Employed full time as an RN for at least two years

Preferred Qualifications

Strong preference will be given to applicants who

1. Have 3 years of full-time acute care nursing experience in the last 5 years
2. Reside in the CSUB Service Area
3. Have previous nursing experience serving underserved, and/or rural populations

Program Costs

Tuition is approximately \$4,428.00 per semester*

**Program cost estimate is subject to change. See the CSUB Catalog for further details/updates.*

Application Process

1. Submit an application to CSUB through Cal State Apply during the application submission period
2. Submit a completed nursing application through NursingCAS during the application submission period
3. Pay an MSN-FNP Program Evaluation Fee to the Department of Nursing (see the application for more details).

Year One

Fall Semester

Course Name	Units
Nursing 5200: Advanced Health Care Assessment	2
Nursing 5201: Advanced Assessment Lab	1
Nursing 6300: Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
Nursing 6310: Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nurses	3
Total Units	9

Spring Semester

Course Name	Units
Nursing 5220: Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	2
Nursing 6260: Advanced Nursing Research	2
Nursing 6320: Advanced Practice Nursing: Care for Individual & Families Across the Lifespan I (Theory)	3
Nursing 6321: Advanced Practice Nursing: Care for Individual & Families Across the Lifespan I (Clinical)	3
Total Units	10

Summer Semester

Course Name	Units
Nursing 6330: Advanced Practice Nursing: Care for Individual & Families Across the Lifespan II (Theory)	3
Nursing 6331: Advanced Practice Nursing: Care for Individual & Families Across the Lifespan II (Clinical)	2
Nursing 5240: Human Diversity & Health Care Policy	3
Total Units	8

Year Two

Fall Semester

Course Name	Units
Nursing 5250: Transformational Leadership & APRN Role Development	3
Nursing 6340: Advanced Practice Nursing: Care for Individual & Families Across the Lifespan III (Theory)	3
Nursing 6341: Advanced Practice Nursing: Care for Individual & Families Across the Lifespan III (Clinical)	4
Total Units	10

Spring Semester

Course Name	Units
Nursing 6290: Culminating Experience: Comprehensive Examination	3
Nursing 6351: Advanced Practice Nursing Practicum (Clinical)	4
Total Units	7
Nursing 5230: Educational Principles & Methodology Applied to Nursing (Elective)	2**
Total Units with Elective	9**

** Elective

