Program Coordinator: A. Roaché

The Post-Masters Certificate program for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) will serve students seeking post-master’s preparation in the FNP role. Applicants must have completed a MSN from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program. This program, in addition to the student’s previous MSN education, will prepare for the advanced practice role specializing in primary care utilizing advanced theoretical knowledge and practice skills needed in complex care settings.

Applicants to the post-master’s certificate program will be accepted on a space-available basis. A gap analysis (National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, 2008) will be performed to evaluate each prospective student’s academic history. An individualized plan of study will be developed based on the student’s transcript evidence of completed coursework for the MSN and the gap analysis.

Applicants who have not completed course equivalents to King University’s MSN Core will be required to do so. See MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration for a list of MSN core courses.

Students in the Post-Master Certificate for FNP program are not eligible for Title IV Aid. This means that no Federal Aid, such as Federal Pell Grants or Direct Stafford Loans, can be received for this certificate program.

Total semester hours will typically range from 18-36, and students will typically be required to attain 600 hours of clinical practice. Students will gain experience in primary care across the lifespan, within settings specializing in Pediatrics, Women’s Health, and Care of Adult and Geriatric populations. Clinical experiences are accomplished under the guidance of a faculty member and an approved community-based preceptor. Upon successful completion of the program, post-master’s certificate students will be eligible to take a national certification exam and may apply for an advanced practice nurse license in their legal state of practice.

Student Learning Outcome
This outcome addresses what students should know or be able to do upon completion of the academic program:

1. The APN graduate will pass the national certification examination for licensing as an advanced practice nurse in the relevant population focus.

Certificate Program Requirements
NURS 5002
Advanced Pathophysiology ................................................................. 3 s.h.
NURS 5004  
Advanced Physical Assessment and Health Promotion ............................ 3 s.h.
NURS 5006  
Advanced Pharmacology ........................................................................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5018  
FNP I Care of Women and Families .......................................................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5019  
FNP II Care of Adult and Geriatric Populations ........................................ 6 s.h.
NURS 5023  
FNP III Care of Pediatric Population .......................................................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5024  
FNP IV Seminar and Intensive Practicum ................................................... 6 s.h.
NURS 5026  
Practice Management and Advanced Role Development .......................... 3 s.h.
NURS 5990  
Comprehensive Assessment ................................................................. 0 s.h.

Total .............................................................................................................. 30 s.h.