This Masters of Science in Nursing program with the concentration of Family Nurse Practitioner is a five-semester course of study that builds on and expands baccalaureate nursing knowledge with preparation for advanced practice roles specializing in primary care. The focus is advanced theoretical knowledge and practice skills needed to function in increasingly complex care settings. Emphasis is placed on evidence-based practice, outcomes management, clinical research, and advanced clinical decision making.

Graduates are prepared to assume the role of advanced practice nurse in primary care across the human lifespan. At completion of the FNP course of study, graduates are eligible to take the national certifying examination and may apply for an advanced practice nurse license as appropriate in their legal state of practice.

**Concentration Objectives**

1. Provide health maintenance and health promotion services to individuals and families across the lifespan.
2. Diagnose and treat a variety of common health problems (actual and potential) commonly encountered in primary care settings.
3. Utilize advanced practice nursing knowledge and clinical skills to help patients to achieve and/or maintain optimal health or to manage chronic conditions.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking and analysis in the provision of safe, patient-centered, effective, and evidence-based primary care services.
5. Provide knowledgeable and sensitive services to multicultural and diverse patient groups across the lifespan.
6. Provide holistic care and serve as a patient advocate in accordance with the Christian belief in the dignity and worth of the individual and family.

**Clinical Requirements**

A minimum of 600 clinical practicum hours are required for the advanced practice role as a family nurse practitioner. Students will gain experience in primary care across the lifespan within settings specializing in Pediatrics, Women’s Health, and Care of Geriatric and Adult Populations.

These clinical experiences are accomplished under the guidance of a faculty member and a community-based faculty approved preceptor.

The graduate nursing curriculum consists of courses in three areas of study:

1. The advanced practice nursing core (required of all students)
2. The advanced practice specialty core
3. The nursing clinical and/or functional specialization
MSN Core Requirements
NURS 5000
   Theoretical Basis of Nursing Practice ........................................3 s.h.
NURS 5001
   Research Designs in Nursing ....................................................3 s.h.
NURS 5010
   Social, Cultural, and Political Perspectives
   on Healthcare and Delivery Systems ........................................3 s.h.
NURS 5014
   Health Informatics ........................................................................3 s.h.
NURS 5022
   Research Seminar ........................................................................3 s.h.

NOTE: Core courses are offered in an online delivery format for the blended option.

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration 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 Geriatric and Adult 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.....................................................................................................45 s.h.