

Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner

West Virginia Wesleyan College offers an advanced practice nursing concentration: **Family Nurse Practitioner**.

This program of study focuses on preparing advanced practice nurses uniquely qualified to provide primary health care to patients. Family Nurse Practitioners diagnose and manage acute and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. They practice autonomously and in collaboration with other health care professionals to manage patients' healthcare needs. They are prepared through academic graduate programs with both didactic and clinical experiences. Coursework will be offered using online and hybrid learning methods. Some brief on-campus residencies are required. Practicum experiences will be arranged in students' home communities. Following completion of the curricula, students may sit for the National Certification Examination as Family Nurse Practitioners (AANP or ANCC).

Candidates for Admission

Program Policies: All applicants will be considered individually by the Graduate Admission Committee. Once admitted, students must maintain an unencumbered WV RN license and a 3.0 GPA for all graduate work. Students must complete the program in five years. Applicants will not be accepted for January admission. Students will be admitted as a cohort group for Fall; admission is competitive to the program.

Each applicant will:

- Be a graduate of an accredited BSN program
- Possess an unencumbered RN license
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all previous college work
- Complete the application for graduate admission to the MSN program, available at www.wvwc.edu/admissions/graduate-students
- Provide a personal statement of goals & objectives
- Provide official transcripts for all collegiate coursework
- Submit a current resume or curriculum vitae
- Submit three professional recommendations for Graduate Admission forms, available at www.wvwc.edu/admissions/graduate-students, which must be from a professional supervisors or faculty members
- Submit validation of an unencumbered RN license
- Demonstrate proficiency in English if a non-native English speaker by submitting scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- As a result of changes in higher education, we are unable to accept students to our online/hybrid programs from the following states:
 - Alabama
 - California
 - Louisiana
 - New York
 - Tennessee
 - Washington

Faculty

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Program of Study – 48 Credit Hours

Master of Science in Nursing Core Courses: Total 12 hours	NURS 555 Theoretical Foundations for Nursing Science – 3 hours NURS 563 Applied Data Analysis and Interpretation for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours NURS 565 Advanced Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice – 3 hours NURS 570 Advanced Leadership and Health Policy in Complex Health Systems – 3 hours
Advanced Practice Nursing Foundation Courses: Total 13 hours	NURS 523 Human Diversity and Health Promotion for Advanced Practice Nursing – 3 hours NURS 525 Advanced Health Assessment – 4 hours NURS 551 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours NURS 552 Pharmacology and Drug Therapy for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours
Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Coursework: 23 hours	NURS 520 Integrated Behavioral Health Care – 1 hour NURS 544 Primary Care of Families I (D) – 3 hours NURS 544L Primary Care of Families I Practicum (P) – 4 hours NURS 554 Primary Care of Families II (D) – 3 hours NURS 554L Primary Care of Families II Practicum (P) – 4 hours NURS 557 Primary Care of Families III (D) – 3 hours NURS 557L Primary Care of Families III Practicum (P) – 4 hours NURS 569 Advanced Practice Role Seminar – 1 hour

Suggested Plan of Progression

Year One

Fall Semester: Total 6 hours	NURS 523 Human Diversity and Health Promotion for Advanced Practice Nursing – 3 hours NURS 551 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours
Spring Semester : Total 6 hours	NURS 552 Pharmacology and Drug Therapy for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours NURS 565 Advanced Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice – 3 hours
May/Summer Term: Total 6 hours	NURS 563 Applied Data Analysis and Interpretation for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hours NURS 570 Advanced Leadership and Health Policy in Complex Health Systems – 3 hours

Year Two

Fall Semester: Total 7 hours	NURS 525 Advanced Health Assessment – 4 hours NURS 555 Theoretical Foundations for Nursing Science – 3 hours
Spring Semester: Total 8 hours	NURS 554 Primary Care of Families I (D) – 3 hours NURS 554L Primary Care of Families I Practicum (P) – 4 hours NURS 569 Advanced Practice Role Seminar – 1 hour
May/Summer Term: Total 7 hours	NURS 557 Primary Care of Families II (D) – 3 hours NURS 557L Primary Care of Families II Practicum (P) – 4 hours

Year Three

Fall Semester: Total 8 hours	NURS 520 Integrated Behavioral Health Care – 1 hour NURS 544 Primary Care of Families III (D) – 3 hours NURS 544L Primary Care of Families III Practicum (P) – 4 hours
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Accreditation: West Virginia Wesleyan College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, 30 North LaSalle Street - Suite 2400 Chicago, Illinois 60602 (800) 621-7440. The MSN Programs at West Virginia Wesleyan College are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

