

Master of Science in Nursing Post-Graduate APRN Certificate

West Virginia Wesleyan College offers a **Post-Graduate APRN Certificate** in **Family Nurse Practitioner**. Post-Graduate Certificates provide nurses who have already earned a Master of Science (MSN) (or doctoral degree) in nursing, an opportunity to acquire specialized skills that may not have been offered in their graduate degree programs. The post-graduate APRN certificate ranges from 29 - 35 credit hours. Students completing the post-graduate APRN certificates will be eligible to sit for the national certifying examination as a Family Nurse Practitioner (ANCC or AANP).

Family Nurse Practitioner focuses on preparing advanced practice nurses uniquely qualified to provide primary health care to patients; they diagnose and manage acute and chronic conditions and emphasize health promotion and disease prevention.

Candidates for Admission

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

Each applicant will:

- Be a graduate of an accredited MSN 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 Post-Graduate 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, one of which must be from a professional supervisor or faculty
- 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 applicants to our online/hybrid programs from the following states:
 - Alabama
 - Louisiana
 - New York
 - Tennessee
 - Washington
 - California

Application materials should be submitted online or to: Graduate Admission Office, West Virginia Wesleyan College 59 College Avenue,

Faculty

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Family Nurse Practitioner Program of Study – 30 Credit Hours + Prerequisites

Prerequisite Courses	NURS 551 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hrs NURS 552 Pharmacology and Drug Therapy for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hrs
Advanced Practice Nursing Foundation Courses	NURS 525 Advanced Health Assessment – 4 hrs NURS 563 Applied Data Analysis and Interpretation for Advanced Practice Nurses – 3 hrs
Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Coursework	NURS 520 Integrated Behavioral Health Care 1 hr NURS 544 Primary Care of Families I (D) – 3 hrs NURS 544L Primary Care of Families I Practicum (P) – 4 hrs NURS 554 Primary Care of Families II (D) – 3 hrs NURS 554L Primary Care of Families II Practicum (P) – 4 hrs NURS 557 Primary Care of Families III (D) – 3 hrs NURS 557L Primary Care of Families III Practicum (P) – 4 hrs NURS 569 Advanced Practice Role Seminar – 1 hrs

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 Post-Graduate APRN Certificate program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).