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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER School of Nursing



Program Description

The M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner program is designed for the registered BSN nurse to complete a degree conveniently and efficiently while continuing a career. The program focuses on developing graduates who are prepared to provide primary care to individuals across life spans and in a variety of healthcare settings. The Family Nurse Practitioner program has full approval from the Georgia Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Unique Features

Columbus State University is ranked among the top regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report with special recognition of its online programs in the College of Education and Health Professions. Columbus State University's online family nurse practitioner program was ranked in the top 25 nationally in online programs among accredited online

schools across the nation, taking into consideration academic strength factors along with annual tuition rates. The program can be completed in as little as 2 years if you attend full time. 100% Online Asynchronous courses means no commuting to campus and clinical hours completed in your own area (765 clinical hrs are required).

Program of Study

1. Core Required Hours: 15

NURS 6105 Research for Evidence Based Practice

NURS 6107 Advanced Pathophysiology

NURS 6127 Scientific Underpinnings of the APN Role

NURS 6128 Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses

NURS 6225 Health Assessment for Advanced Practice Nurses

2. Specialty Courses Required Hours: 23

NURS 6129 Health Care Delivery Models, Economics and Policy

NURS 6226 Diagnostic & Clinical Reasoning for Advanced Practice Nurses

NURS 6227 Health Promotion of Women and Children

NURS 6228 Health Promotion of Elderly

NURS 6229 Health Promotion of Adults

3. Nurse Practitioner Practicum Required Hours: 3

NURS 6425 Nurse Practitioner Practicum

Total Hours Required: 44



Admission Requirements

Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited university and a nationally accredited nursing program (NLNAC or CCNE)

Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (regular admission) or 2.75 (provisional admission)

Current unencumbered RN license in the state where clinical course requirements will be met

Three (3) professional letters of reference

Acceptance into the Graduate School at Columbus State University.

*FNP Application Deadline
February 15*

Students who do not meet GPA and/or GRE minimal admission requirements may be admitted on a provisional basis. They must maintain a 3.0 GPA in their coursework once admitted into the program.