## FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

The Master of Science Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice roles focused on providing comprehensive, patient-centered and culturally competent care to individuals and families across the lifespan while emphasizing best practice guidelines, health promotion, and disease prevention. This program combines in-depth coursework in advanced health assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology with discipline-specific content and hands-on clinical experiences, equipping students with the skills needed to diagnose, treat, and manage acute and chronic conditions. Graduates are well-prepared to sit for national FNP certification exams and excel in diverse healthcare settings.

## **Program Requirements:**

- 1. NYS Nursing License
- 2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing from an accredited nursing program
- 3. Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher
- 4. Current, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse (RN)
- Mandated child abuse and infection control education certificates of completion
- 6. Current CPR card, which must include a psychomotor (hands on) skill component
- 7. Proficiency in the English language
- 8. Proof of vaccinations in addition to physical within the past year
- \*Advanced Certificate Applicants: Students interested in and eligible for the MS-FNP Advanced Certificate program will have obtained a Master of Science degree as an advanced practice nurse from an accredited school of nursing in the US or Canada.

One year of professional nursing practice prior to commencing the FNP program is preferred.

There are instances when a candidate does not meet GPA requirements for admission and has compelling evidence to demonstrate potential for success in this program. Candidates believing they may fall into this category are required to submit a written self-reflection with their application for admission consideration, in addition to two letters of recommendation from a MD, DO, PA, or NP. These letters should convey their perception of a candidate's ability to be successful in the MS-FNP program.

A gap analysis will be completed for a nationally board-certified advanced practice nurse seeking credit or a waiver for coursework towards completion of post-graduate education in another advanced practice area. Coursework must have been taken within 10 years of beginning the program.

Code	Title	Credits
NRS 500	ANP Role: Leading Chng/Impoving Quality	2
NRS 560	Fam HIth 1: Primary Care of Older Adult	3
NRS 600	Fam HIth 2: APRN Management of Adults	4
NRS 605	FNP Practicum I	3
NRS 610	Nursing Procedures for Advanced Practice	2
NRS 615	FNP Practicum II	4

NRS 616	FNP Practicum III	3
NRS 620	Family Health IV: Pediatric Health	3
NRS 625	FNP Practicum IV	3
MPH 663	Mgmt/Policy in Health Care	3