

COLLEGE OF NURSING

The College of Nursing is committed to the formation of professional nurses who assume leadership for providing quality health care, integrate evidence and ethics for sound decision making, and collaborate inter-professionally for advocacy of patients, families and communities in a contemporary health care environment.

The M.S. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is designed to prepare individuals with advanced education, clinical experience, and professional development in order to serve as caring and compassionate clinicians in the primary care setting. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for FNP national board certification offered by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Mission

The mission of Niagara University's College of Nursing is to deliver quality nursing education that prepares individuals to provide socially just care through innovative instruction, research, practice, and service.

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)
5. 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

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.

Family Nurse Practitioner, M.S.

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Year One		
NRS 550	Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology	3
NRS 510 & 510L	Hlth Assmnt & Diag Reasoning and Hlth Assess & Diagn Lab	5
Spring Year One		
NRS 500	ANP Role: Leading Chng/Impoving Quality	2
NRS 560	Fam Hlth 1: Primary Care of Older Adult	3
NRS 530	Pharm Concepts for APRN	3
Summer Year One		
NRS 600	Fam Hlth 2: APRN Management of Adults	4

NRS 605	FNP Practicum I	3
Fall Year Two		
NRS 503	Theor Foundations for Adv Nursing Pract	3
NRS 610	Nursing Procedures for Advanced Practice	2
NRS 615	FNP Practicum II	4
Spring Year Two		
NRS 620	Family Health IV: Pediatric Health	3
NRS 520	Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Pract	3
NRS 616	FNP Practicum III	3
Summer Year Two		
MPH 663	Mgmt/Policy in Health Care	3
NRS 625	FNP Practicum IV	3
NRS 580	Population Health for the APRN	2