

Be the future of primary care **FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

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The St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University offers a master of science in nursing with a major in family nurse practitioner (MSN-FNP).

Nurse practitioners are in greater demand than ever before. As primary care providers, they make a difference in the quality of life of each patient. Texas and the U.S. have a shortage of primary care providers, while the number of graduating physicians who choose to enter primary care drops each year. Family nurse practitioner programs will add thousands of primary care providers to meet Texans' needs in the years to come.

Students who earn an M.S.N. degree become eligible for certification as a family nurse practitioner and licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse.

Graduates are qualified to sit for one or more of the following national certification examinations:

- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Certification Exam (FNP)
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Certification Exam (FNP)

Course Work

Course work takes place online, with a few face-to-face weekend meetings at the St. David's School of Nursing in Round Rock, Texas. During these weekend intensives, students hone their skills with faculty and get to know their fellow FNP students. Of the required 48 credit hours, 10 are in practicum courses, during which students learn one-on-one from a preceptor in their area.

Curriculum

- Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Health Assessment*
- Fundamentals of Appraisal and Translational Research I, II, III
- Behavioral Health Primary Care*
- Adult/Gerontology Primary Care*
- Reproductive, Sexual and Obstetrical Health*
- Pediatric and Adolescent Primary Care
- Healthcare Leadership for a Changing World
- Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Integrative Nursing
- Integrative Family Primary Care*
- Current Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing

**Indicates companion clinical component*

Outcomes

In addition to gaining the knowledge and skills to assess patient health, promote wellness and treat conditions in patients from diverse populations, graduates practice the theory and techniques of integrative healthcare. Students study how the interrelationship of body and mind impacts how we heal ourselves and others. They learn reflective practices (mindfulness, meditation techniques, nutrition as medicine), as well as evidence-based complementary therapies, such as how regular qi gong practice positively impacts cancer within the context of traditional treatments. Students also become familiar with Eastern medicine and cognitive/behavioral interventions. These skills empower students to serve at the vanguard of leadership management and organizational development and enact wellness-focused healthcare reform.

The M.S.N. graduate will:

- integrate nursing and related sciences into the delivery of advanced nursing care to diverse populations
- incorporate current and emerging genetic/genomic evidence as well as biopsychosocial paradigms in providing advanced nursing care to individuals, families and communities while accounting for patient values and clinical judgment
- design nursing care for a clinical or community-focused population based on biopsychosocial, public health, nursing and organizational sciences
- evaluate the nutritional, vitamin, supplemental, herbal interventions in individuals, groups and communities
- apply ethical analysis and clinical reasoning to assess, intervene and evaluate advanced nursing care delivery
- synthesize evidence for practice to determine appropriate application of interventions across diverse populations
- use quality processes and improvement science to evaluate care and ensure patient safety for individuals and communities
- integrate organizational science and informatics to make changes in the care environment to improve health outcomes
- analyze nursing history to expand thinking and provide a sense of professional heritage and identity

- synthesize integrative practices based on biopsychoneurological scientific underpinnings, cognitive neuroscience and psychoneuroimmunology

Admission Policy

Requirements for admission to the M.S.N. program:

- complete the admissions procedures listed on the Graduate College website. This includes completing an application through ApplyTexas.
- bachelor of science in nursing degree from a nationally accredited nursing program. Degree must be reflected on transcript at the time of application.
- a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 undergraduate semester hours of letter-grade work earned at a four-year college or university before receipt of a bachelor's (plus any previously completed graduate or professional work) is required.
- complete an undergraduate course in statistics with a grade of C or higher. Course must be completed at the time of application and reflected on submitted transcripts.
- completion of the online department application
- current, unencumbered RN licensure in Texas or other state in which the student will complete clinical courses. Print license from the state Board of Nursing website.
- three forms of reference from professionals competent to assess the applicant's academic capability and interest in pursuing a career as an FNP
- statement of purpose to persuade the admission committee that you are a highly qualified applicant and that they should select you for admission to the St. David's School of Nursing MSN-FNP program

Note: Due to variation in the laws of states and regulations of state boards of nursing, our ability to offer admission to non-Texas residents may be limited.

Apply to Texas State Graduate School online through the Apply Texas Application. Transcripts must be mailed directly to the Graduate College from the university or college attended or submitted in a sealed university envelope with the university registrar's signature on the back of the envelope. The family nurse practitioner program does **not** require a graduate record exam (GRE) score. Please submit required admission documents to the Graduate College.

Mailing Address

Texas State University
The Graduate College
601 University Drive
San Marcos, TX 78666-4684

For complete application steps or to electronically submit admission documents to the Graduate College, please go to the Graduate College website: www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/nurs.html. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

Contact

Visit www.nursing.txstate.edu/msn-admission for more information regarding this program. If you have additional questions about the program, contact:

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