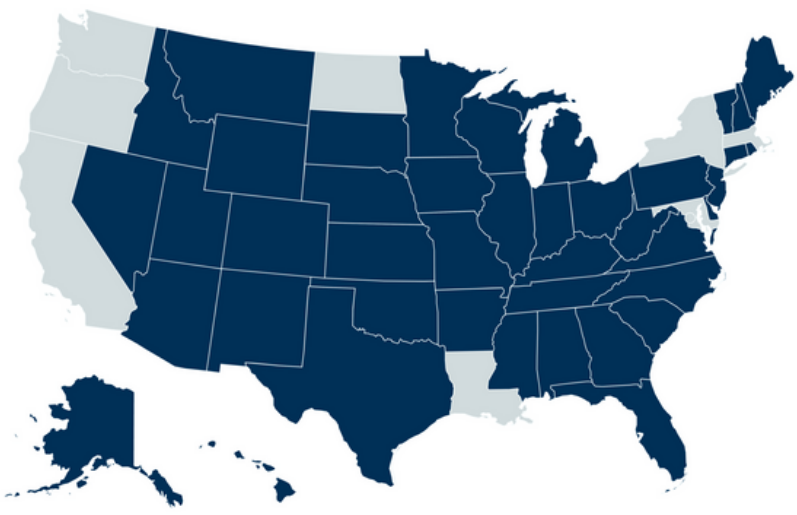
MASTER OF SCIENCE
NURSING-FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

WHERE ARE WE?



- Must have permanent residency in an approved state
- Must have a permanent, active, and unencumbered RN license from an approved state
- Must complete internships in approved state of residence

***Note: Due to the clinical requirements of this degree program the FNP is currently NOT available to students who have a permanent residence in the following states: California, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington**

LENGTH OF PROGRAM AND START DATES

2.5 years (Standard Path and Pace)
4 Areas of Learning: MSN Core, Nurse Practitioner Core, Specialty Courses, Clinical Internships
30-35 hours of study time/commitment per week

Start dates and deadlines are staggered and subject to change. Ask your WGU Enrollment Counselor about upcoming start dates.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for consideration for admission to the WGU MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner program, candidates must satisfy the following requirements (click on the links to learn more):

- Apply for Admission
- Create your WGU Student Account
- Bachelor's Degree Verification
  - Send an official transcript verifying receipt of your bachelor's degree in nursing from a recognized, accredited institution
- Healthcare GPA Requirement
  - Send official transcripts from any colleges you have attended verifying completion of the following courses: (Must have a 3.0-on a 4.0 scale-cumulative GPA with a minimum grade of a C- in the following 5 courses OR hold a BSNU degree from WGU)
    - Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab (equivalent to 4 semester hours)
    - Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab (equivalent to 4 semester hours)
    - Statistics (equivalent to 3 semester hours)
    - Human Growth and Development across the Lifespan (equivalent to 3 semester hours)
    - Pharmacology (equivalent to 2 semester hours)
- RN License Verification
  - Possess a current, active, and unencumbered RN License from an approved state. Complete this requirement in your Enrollment Portal
- Submit a professional resume or CV outlining your academic, professional and service history
- Submit an Application Essay detailing your experience in nursing and explaining why you want to become an FNP. This document helps us understand your unique situation and personal goals
- Provide 3 Letters of Recommendation:
  - A supervisor or manager who directly supervised you in a clinical setting
  - A professor, faculty member, or academic advisor who can provide meaningful input regarding your academic record
  - A Board Certified practicing healthcare provider (APRN, NP, DO, MD, PA) who has served as a mentor or whom you have shadowed, preferably in the specialty to which you are applying to
  - Access the Letter of Recommendation request form through your Enrollment Portal
- Professional Licensure Disclosure (complete this requirement in the Enrollment Portal)
- Submit a Criminal Background Check (students may complete this step once offered acceptance)

FNP SKILLS WORKSHOP

The FNP Skills Workshop occurs during the term prior to the clinical Internship. The purpose of the workshop is to allow you to practice and demonstrate competence in procedural and clinical skills. The ambulatory skills taught and evaluated include: *suturing, casting, splinting, skin biopsies, foreign body removal, joint injections, and other ambulatory care skills.*
Upon completion, you will be ready to maximize the time with your clinical preceptors in perfecting your ambulatory skills in the clinical internship courses.

CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS

The WGU FNP program culminates with three clinical internship courses that together consist of 650 precepted direct patient care clinical hours.
You will work with preceptors in clinics in your local community, as available, to train in the provision of primary care. To do so, you will need to be in clinical sites that allow you access to patients across the lifespan, with sufficient experiences in treating the wide variety of conditions and full spectrum of complexity found in primary care.

Acceptable clinical internship placements include family practice, pediatric primary care, and internal medicine primary care.

CLINICAL HOURS

Students must complete 650 direct patient care clinical hours. The Standard pace of the program is to spend 3-4 days a week, until you total 650 hours

If you choose to complete the clinical hours on a part-time basis, then you will spend 1-2 days a week, until you total 650 hours. This will extend the program to 3 years (6 terms)