

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (RN TO MSN) IN FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

## Program Requirements

The RN to MSN program requires the completion of five "bridge" courses (15 credits) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in order to progress to MSN-level course work.

### RN to MSN

#### Bridge Courses

Code	Title	Hours
PHIL 301 or PHIL 201	Ethics Philosophy of Human Nature	3
NURS 320	Stats for Health Professions	3
NURS 406	Nursing Research	3
NURS 463	Community Health	3
NURS 464	Community Health Practicum	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Graduate (MSN) Courses

Achievement of a grade of B or better is expected in graduate studies. Students who successfully complete the "bridge" courses with a minimum grade of "C" and achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 progress directly to the Nursing Leadership in Healthcare MSN-level courses.

### Required Core Courses for All MSN NP Tracks

All of the core courses are offered online and must be completed for each of the specialty NP tracks. These courses provide the theoretical foundation for role development and expose the students to concepts and issues that undergird all areas of advanced nursing practice. Courses include content in health policy analysis and development, information management, evidence-based practice, and leadership. Students in the Nursing Leadership in Healthcare track will complete a slightly different set of core courses as some of the content is built into their specialty courses, see below.

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 561	Information Technology and Data Management	3
NURS 562	Theory and Foundation of Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 563	Evidence-Based Practice for Quality and Safety	3
NURS 564	Contemporary Healthcare Environment	3
NURS 565	Clinical Prevention for Diverse Populations	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Track

47 Credits (Including Core)

This track prepares students to provide a holistic approach to primary care for individuals and families of all ages and to manage a wide variety of acute and chronic health problems. Family Nurse Practitioners work in independent as well as collaborative practice settings, such as private practices, urgent care centers, health maintenance organizations, clinics,

health departments, student health centers, and clinics for the homeless or uninsured. The FNP core courses are offered online. Students are required to participate in one on-campus immersion during each of the four practicum courses as well as two on-campus immersions when taking the Advanced Health Assessment course (for a total of six on-campus immersions). These immersions are two to three days in length. Students residing in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana have at least one site visit from a clinical faculty during each practicum course. Students living outside of this four-state region are required to arrange for an additional on-campus day in conjunction with the immersion experience during each practicum course in order to complete the faculty site visit requirement. Students may only be admitted if they reside in one of these ten western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Family Nurse Practitioner Core</b>		
NURS 523	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 524	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 600	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 601	Advanced Health Assessment Practicum I	1
NURS 651P	Gender Based	3
NURS 652P	Infant, Child, Adolescence	3
NURS 653P	Adult/Gerontology I	3
NURS 654P	Adult/Gerontology II	3
<b>Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum (600 Hours)</b>		
Select ten credits of the following:		10
NURS 661P	Primary Care: Gender-Based Practicum	
NURS 662P	Infant, Child, Adolescence Practicum	
NURS 663P	Adult/Gerontology Practicum I	
NURS 664P	Adult/Gerontology Practicum II	
NURS 683P	Primary Care Practicum Extension (if needed)	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>