College of Nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner (Advanced Certificate)

One to Two Year Full Time Program

DOWNSTATE
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program prepares registered nurses with the advanced theoretical knowledge, clinical judgment, and practice skills that undergird the care of families across the age continuum.

The advance certificate program of study is 35 credits and designed to be completed in three to six semesters depending on previous coursework. A primary emphasis of this advanced practice role is a holistic approach to management of family health through interdisciplinary collaboration.

Practice is primarily in ambulatory care settings. FNPs are among those who, according to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), contribute significantly to providing health care to underserved populations residing in both urban and rural settings.

Upon successful completion of the master of science degree, graduates are eligible to take the national certifying examination offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) to apply for the Nurse Practitioner Certificate in New York State.

Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our program.
- Sign up to attend a Pre-Advisement/ Application Assistance Session.
- Check the application deadline; early applications are encouraged.
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program.
- For additional information, please visit our website.

Steps to apply

1. **Download and Read the Application Instructions.**
2. **Check the Deadline on our Website.**
3. **Prepare Your Documentation.**
   You may be required to upload documents related to your application.
4. **Submit Your Application.**
   All sections of your application must be filled out in order to submit.
5. **Check Your Status.**
   Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status.

See reverse for requirements >

Scan the QR code to visit the school's website or:

www.tinyurl.com/downstate-FNP-AC

Admission Requirements

- **Master of Science or doctoral degree** from colleges or universities accredited by one of the following: The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE), The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), United States Department of Education (USDE).
- A current, unencumbered New York State R.N. License.
- You must submit two (2) letters or recommendation. One letter must be written by: A current/former supervisor within the past 3 years, who can comment on your clinical abilities and/or your potential success in graduate nursing education; the second letter can be written by an additional supervisor or a current/former college university clinical nursing professor within the last 3 years.
- A current, unencumbered New York State Advanced Practice Clinical Nurse License (APRN).
- A current American Heart Association (AHA) card/certificate for *BLS for Healthcare Provider or ACLS*.
- One year clinical experience post baccalaureate degree is preferred.
- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is preferred.
- General Chemistry w/lab (3–4 credits) with a minimum a grade of "C."

NOTE: All transcripts are evaluated for previous academic performance. All admissions requirements must be completed at the time of applying and candidates who meet admissions requirements may be called for an interview.

Advanced standing is available to applicants who already hold a **Master of Science degree** in an advanced practice nursing role and wish to earn an advanced certificate as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Individual program plans will be developed to maximize students' educational and work experience toward fulfilling program requirements. Up to 24 of the 36 credits required for the certificate may be transferred or challenged by examination. An administrative fee is required for the challenge examination.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.
Refer to the website for the most current information: **www.tinyurl.com/downstate-FNP-AC**