

## Family Nurse Practitioner (MS)

Two Year Full Time Program  
Three Year Alternate Pathway



**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 45-credit master of science degree program of study accepts students for the Fall term only. The program is designed to be completed in two years (six semesters) of full time study or three years (nine semesters) as an alternate pathway.**

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 an Information Session.
- Assess the best time to apply; 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/downstate-FNP)

## Admission Requirements

The following admissions requirements must be met at the time applying:

- **Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing** 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.
- One (1) year clinical experience post baccalaureate degree is preferred.
- 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 minimum undergraduate cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- General Chemistry in-person w/lab (3–4 credits) with a minimum a grade of “C.”
- A current American Heart Association (AHA) card/certificate for *BLS for Healthcare Provider* or *ACLS*.

**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.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

Refer to the website for the most current information: [www.tinyurl.com/downstate-FNP](http://www.tinyurl.com/downstate-FNP)