



**Master of Science (MS) in Nursing
Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration**

Program Description

Consistent with the mission of the University of Illinois to assure quality education for health care professionals in Illinois, the Family Nurse Practitioner program prepares nurses to deliver primary care services to children and adults across the lifespan. Grounded in a public health nursing base, the program emphasizes health promotion, health maintenance, and the prevention of disabling conditions through early diagnosis and intervention. The program includes courses in physiology, pharmacology, health promotion, and management of acute, episodic, and stable chronic diseases typically encountered in primary care. Clinical experiences are offered in a variety of outpatient facilities, family practice clinics and offices, nurse-managed clinics, schools, and industry. Family Nurse Practitioners are the largest nurse practitioner specialty, comprising over 40% of all nurse practitioners in the United States.

Students who complete the Family Nurse Practitioner program are qualified to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner certification examinations from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANP) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Degree Requirements

Course #	Course Title	SH
Core Courses		
NURS 525	Intermediate Statistics or	3
BSTT 400	Biostatistics	4
NURS 526	Nursing Inquiry I	2
NURS 527	Nursing Inquiry II	2
NURS 528	Health, Environment and Systems	2
NURS 529	Issues of Advanced Practice in Nursing	1
NURS 531	Pharmacotherapeutics in Advanced Practice in Nursing	3
NURS 532	Comprehensive Health Assessment for Advanced Practice	2
NURS 535	Biological Basis of Disease	4
NURS 550	Evidence-Based Practice or	3
NURS 597	Master's Project or	3
NURS 598	Master's Thesis	5
Concentration Specialty Courses		
NUSP 515	Health Management in Primary Care I	3
NUSP 516	Health Management in Primary Care II	3
NUSP 517	Health Management in Primary Care III	3
NUSP 518	Population-Focused Interventions in Primary Care	2
NUPR 521	Clinical Practice in Primary Care I	3
NUPR 522	Clinical Practice in Primary Care II	2

NUPR 523	Advanced Clinical Practice in Primary Care I	4
NUPR 524	Advanced Clinical Practice in Primary Care II	5
NUPR 528	Practicum in Population-Focused Interventions in Primary Care	1
EPID 400	Principles of Epidemiology	3
Total Degree Hours		51-54

Clinical credit hrs:	15	Clinical clock hrs:	675
Didactic credit hrs:	35	Didactic clock hrs:	525
Lab credit hrs:	1	Lab clock hrs:	30