

## Achieve Your Professional Dreams and Goals

GSU nursing programs prepare nurse leaders who address the challenges of local, regional, national and global healthcare reform. Our nursing programs focus on providing quality, holistic care, creating healing environments and building caring communities. The GSU Nursing faculty includes Advanced Practice Nurses, seasoned educator and doctorally-prepared researchers who provide students with an exceptional educational experience.

## Health Care Across the Life Span

A healthy life – that’s probably at the top of nearly everyone’s wish list. Our advanced practice Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration will prepare you to help orchestrate a healthy life for individuals of all ages. You will provide primary care to patients across the lifespan and in a variety of primary care settings.

## Built for You – the Working Nurse

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner concentration is offered in a manner that considers the needs of the working nurse.

## The Certificate Option

The Department of Nursing also offers a certificate to prepare Advanced Practice Nurses, who have already attained an MSN degree, to meet the requirements for licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner. The program is designed for nurses who have attained a master’s or doctoral degree in a clinical specialty and who aspire to work as a Family Nurse Practitioner in an advanced practice setting.

## Learn More!

Take the next step in your career.

For more information, go to the Department of Nursing website, [www.govst.edu/chhs/dn/msn](http://www.govst.edu/chhs/dn/msn), or email the Department of Nursing at [NursingAdvisor@govst.edu](mailto:NursingAdvisor@govst.edu). The program accepts applications year-round through NursingCAS, <http://nursingcas.org/>. Students admitted into the program must begin their course of study in the Fall or Spring semesters.

### Application deadline:

- Fall term – May 1
- Spring term – October 1

## FACT

Under healthcare reform, an estimated 31 million new individuals across the nation will need access to primary care. The U.S. Department of Labor projects the employment of nurse practitioners to grow 31 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. (Source: *Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor*)



# MSN in Nursing — Family Nurse Practitioner

# College of Health & Human Services

## Accreditation

The graduate Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing:

### Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

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## Department of Nursing Special Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:

- Have a BSN degree from an accredited nursing program in a regionally accredited college or university
- Complete each of the following courses within the past 7 years with a grade of C or better: Nursing Research (3), Nursing Health Assessment (3), and Statistics (3)
- Undergraduate Cumulative GPA of 3.0 **AND** a Nursing GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have a Valid RN License
- Applicants who do not meet the GPA requirements or who have graduated from non-graded baccalaureate programs may be conditionally admitted. A GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for the first nine hours of work completed. If a 3.0 GPA is not maintained, the student may petition the Chair of the Department of Nursing for continued enrollment.

Applicants who earned degrees outside of the United States must obtain a foreign transcript evaluation. This evaluation is to be submitted to NursingCAS along with all other admissions materials. If you have any questions regarding the NursingCAS process, please contact them at [nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org](mailto:nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org) or 617.612.2880.

## Other Requirements

Once admitted to the MSN program, various additional forms will be requested prior to enrollment.

## Degree Requirements

Students must:

- Meet all GSU requirements for a master's degree;
- Maintain a **3.0 GPA** for all required courses;
- Pass, during the final semester of the program, a comprehensive exam and/or give a presentation over the major area of study;
- Students must follow the Student Study Plan (SSP); the student's Academic Advisor or the Department Chair must clear any deviations.

## Program Requirements

- A student must earn a grade of B or better in all required courses
- A student may repeat **ONLY (2)** two nursing courses in which a grade of "C" or below is received. A third "C" or below will result in dismissal from the program.

### Required Courses: Advanced Practice Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration (44 Hours)

NURS 6145 Theoretical Perspectives for Advanced Nursing (3)

NURS 6150 Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology (3)

NURS 7180 Advanced Health Assessment (4)

NURS 7181 Pharmacotherapy in Nursing (3)

NURS 7182 Health Care Policy & Nursing (3)

NURS 8102 Clinical Issues for Advanced Nursing Practice (3)

NURS 8103 Advanced Nursing Research (3)

NURS 8222 Seminar in Family Nurse Practitioner Role (3)

NURS 8221 Clinical Practicum in Family Nurse Practitioner Role (2)

NURS 8112 Adult Family Health and Illness (3)

NURS 8111 Clinical Practicum in Adult Family Health and Illness (3)

NURS 8120 Young Family Health and Illness (3)

NURS 8119 Clinical Practicum in Young Family Health and Illness (3)

NURS 8950 Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Project (1)

NURS 8949 Clinical Practicum for Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Project (4)

Thesis Option (3 Hours)

NURS 8900 Graduate Thesis/Project

\* Clinical courses require students to research potential sites for clinical hours upon acceptance to the MSN program.

### Total Hours Required (44 Hours)

### Total Hours Required with Thesis (47 Hours)

### Total Clinical Hours Required (540 Hours, to be completed in a primary/ambulatory healthcare setting)

