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 email or phone Julie Anderson at 708.534.4086 or janderson13@govst.edu The program accepts applications year-round through http://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Apply_Online/ 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
Accreditation
The graduate Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone: 404.975.5000
Fax: 404.975.5020
Website: www.acenursing.org
email: info@acenursing.org

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 with degrees from countries other than the United States must have their international transcripts evaluated by a NACES (http://www.naces.org/members.html) approved agency, unless the applicant is affiliated with one of Governors State University’s recruiting agencies - INDUS or College Study US. If applicant is affiliated with a GSU recruiting agency, an in-house evaluation will be performed by a Foreign Credential Evaluator in the Office of International Services. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing and evaluating. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admissions before an applicant can be admitted to the program.

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 clinical courses
- A student may repeat ONLY (1) nursing course in which a grade of “C” or below is received. A second “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 Optional
NURS 8900 Graduate Thesis/Project (3)

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

Governors State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at www.govst.edu/catalog.