

Post-Master's Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner

About This Program

The nurse practitioner certificate enables individuals with a Master's Degree in Nursing to take a national certification exam in their area of specialization and to be recognized by the Board of Nursing as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Required courses will be determined by a gap analysis completed by the program director.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, students will demonstrate competence in an advanced nursing role.
2. Upon completion, students will participate in scholarly endeavors to advance nursing knowledge.
3. Upon completion, students will provide leadership in professional nursing and interdisciplinary health care.

Admissions

Applicants for a Post-Master's Certificate as an Family Nurse Practitioner must hold a Master's Degree in Nursing (MS) from an accredited university [at the time the MS was conferred] and this degree must meet the general [requirements for graduate admissions](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/>) as well as the requirements detailed below.

All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered Registered Nursing License as designated by the Board of Nursing (BON) for clinical courses. It is imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by the BON must immediately notify their department chair. The complete policy regarding encumbered RN license is available on the [Department of Graduate Nursing website](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/academics/grad-nursing/) (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/academics/grad-nursing/>) under **Clinical Requirements**.

Applicants for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree must meet the general [requirements for graduate admissions](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/>) as well as the requirements detailed below.

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Curriculum

Nurse Practitioner Core

Based on a gap analysis students may be required to complete one or more of the following:

NURS 5315	ADVANCED PATHOPHYSIOLOGY
NURS 5220	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC REASONING
NURS 5120	ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ASSESSMENT LAB
NURS 5130	PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT LAB
NURS 5334	ADVANCED PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS
NURS 5350	ROLE OF THE NURSE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE

Certificate Foundations

NURS 5432	FAMILY I	4
NURS 5433	FAMILY II	4
NURS 5434	FAMILY III	4
NURS 5337	FAMILY CLINICAL PRACTICE 1	3
NURS 5338	FAMILY CLINICAL PRACTICE 2	3
NURS 5660	FAMILY NP ADVANCED PRACTICUM	6

Total Hours

24

Advising Criteria

Graduate nursing students will be assigned a degree plan once admitted to the program. They are encouraged to make phone, in-person, or virtual appointments as needed to discuss their academic progression.

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Graduate Nursing Advising Information (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/student-resources/advising-grad-nursing/>)