

Master of Science in Nursing, M.S.N.

Advance your nursing career with our Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner program. Gain advanced clinical skills, specialized knowledge and leadership training essential for high-level practice and management roles. Our comprehensive curriculum and hands-on training will prepare you to excel in a dynamic and evolving health care environment. Enhance your expertise and drive the future of nursing.





Pursuing a Master of Nursing (M.S.N.) offers a wealth of opportunities for personal and professional development.

- ▶ **Advanced Clinical Skills:** Enhanced and specialized training in various areas for managing complex medical conditions.
- ▶ **Comprehensive Care:** Greater ability to provide holistic care.
- ▶ **Specialization:** Focus on specific fields of interest.
- ▶ **Leadership:** Pathway to management and leadership positions.
- ▶ **Impact on Health Care:** Play a critical role in improving patient outcomes and shaping healthcare policies and practices.
- ▶ **Career Opportunities:** Access to roles like Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and nurse administrator.
- ▶ **Better Salary Potential:** Access to higher-paying positions.
- ▶ **Research and Education:** Opportunities in research and academic roles.
- ▶ **Doctoral Pathway:** Foundation for further advanced studies.
- ▶ **Job Satisfaction:** Make a significant difference in patients' lives.




M.S.N. Program Highlights

Length of Program: Two years

Unit Count of Program: 51

- ▶ **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** emphasis focused on primary care across the lifespan with practicums that prepare you for this specialty
- ▶ Curriculum meets American Association of Colleges of Nursing (A.A.C.N.) standards (aacnursing.org)
- ▶ Integration of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties' Nurse Practitioner competencies (www.nonpf.org)
- ▶ Preparation for national FNP certification exams through either the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (A.A.N.P.C.B.)(www.aanpcert.org) or A.N.C.C.
- ▶ Study under experienced and highly rated university faculty with real-life clinical nursing experience
- ▶ Progress through coursework in a cohort format
- ▶ On-Site – Face-to-face classes meet one day per week
 - Offered at FPU's North Fresno Campus
- ▶ The master's degree program in nursing at Fresno Pacific University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).



A Master of Science in Nursing curriculum provides a broad education with a focus on assessment, prevention and instruction, applicable in today's evolving health care field. The added Family Nurse Practitioner emphasis allows focus on primary care across the lifespan with practicums that prepare students for this specialty.

Required Courses (51 units)

Course Prefix	Required Courses	Units
NURS 700	Professional Foundation and Advanced Nursing Role Development	3
NURS 705	Christian Values for Social Justice, Health Care Economics and Advocacy	3
NURS 710	Nursing Curriculum, Planning, Implementation and Evaluation	3
NURS 710A	Microteaching Practicum 1	1
NURS 715	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 720	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 725	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 730	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NURS 735	Primary Prevention Practicum	3
NURS 735A	Primary Prevention Practicum	3
NURS 740A	Thesis/Project Development	1
NURS 740B	Thesis/Project Development <i>Must be taken for a total of 2 units</i>	.5
NURS 745	Secondary Clinical Prevention: Individual, Family and Community Health	3
NURS 745A	Secondary Prevention Practicum: Individual, Family and Community Health	3
NURS 750	Tertiary Prevention: Older Adults	3
NURS 750A	Tertiary Prevention Practicum	3
NURS 755	Systems Leadership, Business and Budget Planning	3
NURS 760	Role Synthesis and Evaluation for Advanced Practice	2
NURS 790	Clinical Immersion Experience	3

The M.S.N. degree also requires the completion of a scholarly project relevant to nursing and the student's chosen practice area.

The courses listed above provide a sample overview of our program. Please meet with your academic advisor or visit fpu.edu/catalog to finalize your course registration and sequence.

Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program, please submit the following items:

- Completed Application for Admission** and \$45 non-refundable application fee.
fpu.edu/applygrad
 - Application Deadline for Spring is November 15
 - Application Deadline for Fall is June 1
- Official college/university transcript(s)** verifying receipt of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from an accredited nursing program.
 - If you are currently finishing up your degree, please submit current transcript.
 - Transcripts must verify satisfactory completion of college-level statistics, chemistry (with lab) and upper-division writing courses.
 - A final transcript will need to be submitted before you may enroll in classes.
 - Transcripts can be sent electronically by your institution to trans.evaluator@fresno.edu or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:

**Fresno Pacific University
Office of the Registrar
1717 S. Chestnut Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702**
- If your cumulative GPA** for your bachelor's degree is below a 3.0 (4.0 scale), a letter of explanation is required.
- Reference Form** – Two references are required for the M.S.N. program. These references should be from someone in the medical field that can attest to your professional and academic qualities and qualifications, noting your ability to complete graduate-level work.
 - Form can be found at fpu.edu/graduate-reference
- Statement of Intent** – Provide a written statement explaining your interest in the program, long-term goals and your experience in the field.
- Resume** – Submit a personal resume detailing your work experience.
- Program Interview** – After submitting your application materials including transcripts, a representative will contact you to schedule an interview.
- Proof of licensure** as a professional Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of California
- Pre-requisites for the M.S.N. program** to be submitted before the end of the first semester: certified background check, evidence of a current physical exam and immunizations records and evidence of current malpractice insurance. Please connect with the M.S.N. program assistant about your options if you don't have one of the pre-requisite items.

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