

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Contribute to the science of nursing by identifying disparities, formulating research questions, integrating scientific findings to create evidence based solutions to nursing problems in one's specialty area of practice.
2. Advance the profession by demonstrating best practices in leadership and articulate standards that incorporate systems-based thinking that benefits quality and safety of patient outcomes.
3. Integrate specialty knowledge and skills unique to one's area of advanced nursing practice to deliver safe, high-quality care to diverse populations thereby facilitating human flourishing.
4. Model excellence as a nursing leader who effects needed change in one's specialty area of practice and helps shape a preferred future for nursing and healthcare.
5. Utilize technology to ethically enhance, integrate and coordinate care.
6. Integrate knowledge of socio-cultural-political contexts and determinants of health to improve the health of diverse populations as well as advocate for healthcare policies which improve the health of the public within one's specialty area.
7. Within one's advanced practice role, participate in inter-professional communication, collaboration, and evaluation to manage and coordinate ethically sound patient and population-centered care.

## Admission Requirements for the M.S.N. Program

Admissions Requirements for the MSN program at UMW are that the applicant must:

- Have an unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student intends to complete clinical placement;
- Have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from a program nationally accredited in nursing, and regionally accredited college or university;
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale in undergraduate study;
- Provide one satisfactory academic recommendation;
- Provide one satisfactory professional recommendation from a nurse leader who has worked with the student;
- Provide a resume or curriculum vitae;
- Complete an interdisciplinary interview, if requested;
- Complete an application;
- Show documentation of Clear Child Abuse Record and Clear Criminal Background Check;
- Show documentation of completion of all required vaccinations, or titer immunity, and a physical exam which documents free of contagious diseases; and

- Have a current American Heart Association CPR Adult, Child, Infant and AED Certification.

(These criteria will help to ensure that the selected candidates possess the credentials needed to enter the clinical facilities and provide care to patients and clients.)

Following an initial vetting of applications by University Admissions, an admissions committee that includes the Director of the Program, and full-time faculty within the BSN and MSN programs, will evaluate these documents.

All courses within the program are required. Students electing to apply transfer credits toward their degree must consult with the Director of Nursing for approval. Transfer coursework can be applied to courses in the required tracks, but transfer courses will not be used to substitute for core coursework.

## Program Requirements for the M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner Degree

Code	Title	Credits
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NURS 520	Professional Transitions and Healthcare Advocacy	3
NURS 530	Nurse as Scholar: Evidenced-Based Practice	3
NURS 550	Population Health in a Global Society	3
NURS 560	Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 580	Pharmacotherapeutics Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 590	Advanced Concepts of Health Assessment	3
NURS 650	Practicum I	2
NURS 750	Practicum II	3
NURS 790	MSN Capstone	1
<b>Family Nurse Practitioner Track</b>		
NURS 540	Information and Healthcare Technologies	3
NURS 605	Health Promotion and Maintenance in Advanced Practice Family Nursing	2
NURS 615	Family Assessment, Theory, and Practice	1
NURS 630	Advanced-Practice Family Nursing: Primary Care Approaches for Women	3
NURS 640	Advanced-Practice Family Nursing: Management of Acute Illnesses	3
NURS 740	Advanced-Practice Family Nursing: Primary Care Approaches for Children	3
NURS 760	Advanced-Practice Family Nursing: Management of Chronic Illness	3
NURS 770	Advanced-Practice Family Nursing: Practicum III	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>46</b>

## Nursing Faculty

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### Lecturers

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