Family Nurse Practitioner (Graduate Certificate)

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Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Family Nurse Practitioner (certificate)

This certificate program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, is designed for nurses board certified in a different advanced practice registered nurse specialty who seek additional certification as a family nurse practitioner or for nurses with a doctoral degree in nursing who seek to become a family nurse practitioner.

This program is offered in a hybrid iCourse and in-person format that requires students to travel to campus for up to a week for orientation at the beginning of the program and two or three times per semester.

Focused clinical experiences are arranged with appropriate preceptors and administrators for students residing in Arizona. In-state students who live in Maricopa County are assigned clinical experiences in that geographic area. In-state students who live outside of Maricopa County may be assigned clinical placements in other areas of Arizona, based on the college's ability to secure clinical agreements with those sites. In the event that clinical sites are unavailable in the student's geographical area, or if the faculty determines the student needs additional faculty supervision for clinical progress in their program, the student is required to complete the clinical experience in the Phoenix area.

Students residing outside of Arizona are responsible for identifying one or more clinical sites in their area of residence. These sites must be approved by Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation before starting any clinical experience.

Experiences with disadvantaged and multicultural populations are encouraged as are experiences in rural areas when sites are available for these experiences.

As a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements member since May 5, 2015, Arizona State University is authorized to offer distance education to persons located in individual states in accordance with the council's established policies and standards; program exceptions are noted on the ASU Authorizations website (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/authorizations/). A program exception means that the listed programs are not available to students located within the state.
The Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation prepares graduates for excellence upon entering the workplace. Since certification and licensure requirements vary by profession and from state-to-state, it is recommended that students visit Professional Licensure (https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/licensure/) to determine the requirements of individual state licensures or national certifications.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

22 credit hours

**Required Core (22 credit hours)**

DNP 633 Family Health Promotion (3)  
DNP 634 Family Health Promotion Practicum (3)  
DNP 635 Management of Common Family Problems in Children, Adults and Families (3)  
DNP 636 Management of Common Health Problems in Children, Adults and Families Practicum (5)  
DNP 637 Management of Complex and Chronic Health Problems in Children, Adults and Families (3)  
DNP 638 Management of Complex and Chronic Health Problems in Children, Adults and Families Practicum (5)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a current unencumbered RN license in the state in which the student plans to do clinical practicums
4. three professional letters of recommendation
5. resume
6. goal statement
7. admission essay
8. health and safety requirements: passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen
9. proof of English language proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency per the Graduate College requirement and must meet all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission be considered for admission to this certificate program.

All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

All applicants have an interview with program faculty prior to admission to the program.

It is preferred that applicants have at least one year of clinical experience working in the student's specialty population.

Admission examinations are not required.


**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of the family nurse practitioner certificate program have the knowledge and training to provide health care for patients across the lifespan in a wide variety of settings. The broad base of comprehension and clinical expertise enable graduates to effectively participate and lead within clinical, community, and academic arenas.

Career examples include:
• business owner
• community advocate
• nurse practitioner
• professor

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