School of Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing

Advanced Practice Nursing
Family Nurse Practitioner

The purposes of the master’s degree in nursing are to prepare advanced practice nurses...

- To provide advanced nursing care specific to the health needs of adults, families, or individuals across the lifespan
- To advance and extend nursing knowledge and skill through systematic investigation and experimentation
- To acquire a foundation for doctoral study

The Family Nurse Practitioner is an advanced practice nurse who provides primary health care services to all members of the family. As emphasis is placed on health promotion and preventive care across the lifespan, the FNP provides basic health care such as physical exams, diagnosis and treatment of common acute illness, management of chronic health conditions, and ongoing patient education. The FNP is prepared to manage a wide range of acute and chronic health problems in a variety of settings including outpatient clinics, ambulatory care settings, community health agencies, and private practice settings as co-owners and operators with other nurse practitioners, physicians and other health care providers.

The curriculum prepares the student to write the Family Nurse Practitioner ANCC certification exam.

Admission Procedure

- All applicants must submit the MSU application for graduate admission, and request official transcripts be sent from each and all previous colleges attended to:
  Graduate Admission and Registrar’s Office
  Murray State University
  113 Sparks Hall
  Murray, KY 42071-3312

There is an application fee that must accompany the MSU application.

- All applicants must submit the School of Nursing’s application for admission for advanced practice nursing to:
  Graduate Coordinator, Division of Graduate Nursing
  Murray State University
  120 Mason Hall
  Murray, KY 42071-3302

- Selected applicants will be notified of a required formal interview with the Graduate Selection Committee.

- All materials (including recommendations) must be received by March 1. Applications submitted after the appropriate date will be considered on a space-available basis.
- Each student will be admitted without regard to race, creed, ethnic origin, age, gender, disability or marital status.
- To check the status of applications, contact: Dr. Dina Byers at dina.byers@murraystate.edu.

Admission Requirements

- Admission to Murray State and the School of Nursing.
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited school or the equivalent.
- Meet all prerequisites
- Kentucky licensure and/or licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the state of anticipated preceptorship.
- Proof of liability insurance for advanced practice nursing, current immunizations, hepatitis vaccine or signed waiver, and TB testing are required before enrollment in clinical nursing courses. Please send copies of these to the Graduate Coordinator, School of Nursing.
- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- For international applicants: RN licensure in Kentucky and/or licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the state of anticipated preceptorship, TOEFL score 550.
- Three favorable recommendations on forms downloaded from the website. Recommendations must be mailed from the reference directly to the Graduate Coordinator and not via the applicant. Recommendations may determine invitation for interview.
- Successful interview.
- Current BLS certification; current BLS, ACLS, and PALS certification for NA option only.
- One year RN experience required; one year RN experience in intensive care prior to application deadline required for NA option.
- Students who admission to Murray State University’s Master of Science in Nursing Program must be in good standing at previously and/or currently enrolled programs.
- The Graduate committee will review all completed application packages and offer interviews to the most qualified applicants.
The MSN program is accredited through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

**Family Nurse Practitioner Curriculum Outline**

**Prerequisites:** anatomy, physiology, chemistry, nursing assessment, nursing research, statistics (one course with both descriptive and inferential statistics), minimum one year RN experience

*Students must have personal access to complete online computer services and the software required for courses.*

**Advanced Nursing Core (online)**

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**Clinical Core Courses (online)**

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**Total Credit Hours** 44

Note: All degree requirements must be completed within two calendar years. Clinical hours = 765 and are based on a one credit hour to three credit hour ratio. Full-time option only.

Download all application materials from our website:
http://www.murraystate.edu/Academics/CollegesDepartments/nursing/MSN.aspx

or contact the graduate coordinator

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