

The MSN Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track option is a 55 credit hour program with over 500 clinical practicum hours. The program prepares Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to work as primary care practitioners. Emphasis is placed on primary care throughout the lifespan. The MSN/FNP program option is delivered in hybrid format. Classes are conducted either online or face-to-face on Wednesdays. The MSN/FNP plan of study can be completed in two calendar years if started in the Spring (January) term. The MSN/FNP curriculum takes slightly longer than two calendar years if started in the Fall (August) or Summer I (May-June).

Admission

1. Apply to FMU by completing the graduate application. The application and forms are online at: www.fmunursing.com.
2. Submit application and all requested materials to nursinggraduate@fmarion.edu.
 - Official transcript(s) from all undergraduate and graduate work from accredited institutions.
 - Three confidential, professional references. One must be from a current employer.
 - Curriculum vita.
 - A 300-500 word essay about your career goals.

Acceptance

Upon acceptance into the Family Nurse Practitioner Program, learners must provide documentation of the following via FMU's online-based documentation system, CastleBranch.

- Satisfactory criminal background check and drug screen;
- Health history (Annual TB skin test and influenza vaccination utilizing CDC guidelines for immunizations);
- American Heart Association (AHA) CPR Certification at the healthcare provider level;
- Malpractice 3 million/1 million insurance;
- Unencumbered nursing license.

Plan of Study for Spring (January) Admission		
YEAR 1	Course	Credits
Spring	APRN 501 Advanced Practice Role: Theory and Knowledge Development (3)	3
	APRN 502 Biostatistics (3)	3
	APRN 504 Health Policy and Leadership (3)(or Fall Semester)	3
	APRN 601 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)	3 = 9
Summer Session I	APRN 503 Advanced Research and Evidence-based Practice (3)	3
Summer Session II	APRN 603 Advanced Physical Assessment and Health Promotion (4:3-3) (45 hours of practicum)	4
Fall	APRN 504 Health Policy (3) (If not taken in Spring Semester)	3
	APRN 602 Advanced Pharmacology (3)	3
	APRN 507 Patient Education and Advocacy (3)	3
	APRN 701 Primary Care of Adults (5:2-9) (135 hours of practicum)	5 = 11
YEAR 2	Course	Credits
Spring	APRN 505 Population Health and Epidemiology (3)	3
	APRN 506 Health Systems and Risk Management (3)	3
	APRN 703 Primary Care of Women (2:1-3) (45 hours of practicum)	2 = 8
	APRN 702 Primary Care of Infants, Children and Adolescents (4:2-6) (90 hours of practicum)	4
Summer Session I	APRN 704 Primary Care of Geriatric Patients (2:1-3) (45 hours of practicum)	2
Fall	APRN 705 Internship I (4:1-9) (135 hours of practicum)	3
	APRN 706 Internship II (4:1-9) (135 hours of practicum)	4
Summer Session II	APRN 506 Health Systems and Risk Management (3)	3
	APRN 707 Clinical Decision-making and Ethics (3)	4 = 11
Program Total		55

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