

Information for Prospective Post-Master (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Specialization Students

We are pleased to tell you about the educational opportunities for Advanced Nursing Practice post-master's education at West Texas A&M University. Because the terms "advanced practice" and "family nurse practitioner" are frequently interchanged in conversation, the following description explains their use in this material:

ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE:

Nurse Practitioner

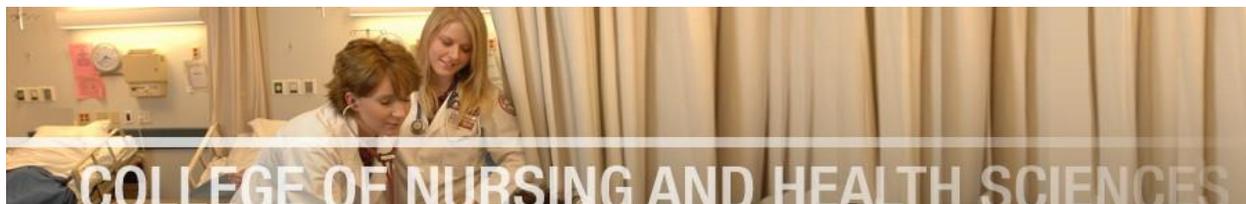
***Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) (*post-master's preparation available at WTAMU)**

The primary aim of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) role specialization option at WTAMU is to prepare advanced RNs to practice primary care in underserved areas and to improve access to primary healthcare for all. The post-master's program is designed as a certificate course of study that enables a practicing RN, who holds a Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree, to prepare for credentialing as an FNP.

Upon completion of the prescribed course of study, the student's transcript indicates that he/she has completed the educational preparation as regulated by the Texas Board of Nursing. The student will be eligible to take a national FNP certification exam.

Contact Information:

- MSN Admissions Counselor - Janeth Stewart
- The Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program - Dr. Angela Phillips
- West Texas A&M University Department of Nursing at Nursing@wtamu.edu or 806.651.2654.
- For additional admission information, visit the MSN webpage at <http://wtamu.edu/academics/nursing-graduate-program.aspx>
- WTAMU Box 60969 • Canyon, Texas 79016 • 806.651.2630



Post-MSN Program Admission Requirements

*Please contact the Department of Nursing before applying to the post-master program.
Admission to the post-master program is based on available space.*

To be eligible for consideration in the post-MSN program, two applications must be received:

1. **Application** to the Graduate School (available online through the Graduate School's webpage); <http://wtamu.edu/academics/graduate-school.aspx> (\$40 application fee can be paid on-line).
2. **Application** to the Nursing Department (accessible on-line on the Nursing Graduate webpage); https://www.wtamu.edu/webres/File/Academics/College%20of%20Nursing%20and%20Health%20Sciences/Department%20of%20Nursing/MSN_Application_2_17_Form.pdf (\$50 application fee paid by check, submitted to the nursing department)

WTAMU Nursing Department

ATTN: MSN Program

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MSN Program Eligibility Requirements

Process for Admission to the Graduate Program in Nursing

Applicants will:

1. Submit both applications to the Graduate School and the Graduate Nursing Program.
The application process includes:
 - a. Applicant will have unencumbered nursing license (RN) in the U.S and understand that all clinical experiences will be completed in Texas.
 - b. Provide the Graduate School with an official copy of all transcripts.
 - i. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA for the last 60 hours of college credit of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Failure in any nursing coursework will be taken into consideration. A Nursing GPA will also be calculated and taken into consideration. (If you do not have the appropriate GPA, please contact the Nursing Dept. for additional consideration.)
 - ii. Applicants will **submit a resume** or CV with career experience and provide appropriate immunizations and CPR documentation.
 - iii. Applicants will provide the Department of Nursing with two clinical (non-academic clinical supervisor) **references** and contact information. References must be received in a timely manner so that responses from references can be included in the application by the Graduate Admission Committee.

- iv. Applicants will write a **goal statement** for graduate study in nursing as part of the application paperwork. This goal statement will be evaluated based on:
 1. Clear focus related to a goal statement
 2. Supportive detail regarding the goal statement
 3. Organization of goal statement (clear introduction, body, and conclusion)
 4. Clarity, grammar, and punctuation
 5. Goal statement is typed with a word count of between 500-750 words

Applicants will be notified by email and mail of acceptance or denial of admission into the nursing program. It is the applicant's responsibility to advise the nursing department in writing of any address changes.

The MSN application may be viewed as incomplete and may not be considered by the Graduate Nursing Admission's Committee if all the documents are not received by the Department of Nursing and the Graduate School by the scheduled Committee meeting.

International Students: please contact the [International Office](#) for additional admission information.

A post-master FNP student is classified as "non-degree seeking" (#5702) on registration forms, which means the student does not have access to financial aid while considered a non-degree seeking student.

Thank you very much for your interest in WTAMU's Post-MSN FNP Certificate program. We look forward to partnering with you to continue your nursing education.

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

Course Requirements for Post-Master’s FNP Role and Semesters Offered

Course	Fall	Spring	Summer I
<i>NURS 6320 Pathophysiology (O)</i>	X	X	
<i>NURS 6384 Pharmacotherapeutics (O)</i>		X	X
<i>NURS 6315 Advanced Assessment for Nurse Practitioners (O, P)</i>	X		X
NURS 6316 Issues: Nurse Practitioner Role Development (O)	X	X	
NURS 6611 Family Nurse Practitioner I: Primary Healthcare I (H, P) (130 cl hrs.)			X
NURS 6712 Family Nurse Practitioner II Primary Healthcare II (H, P) (180 cl hrs.)	X		
NURS 6713 Family Nurse Practitioner III: Primary Healthcare III (H, P) (180 cl hrs.)		X	
NURS 6490 Nurse Practitioner Capstone Practicum (P) (180 cl hrs.)	X	X	
(H)=Hybrid; (O)=On-line; (P)=Practicum All courses listed above may not be more than six years old when the student takes the licensure exam.			

There are a total of 36 credit hours (including transfer credits), with a minimum of 675 clock hours of clinical practical experience.

Courses in *italics* are prerequisites to Family Nurse Practitioner I, II, and III (NURS 6611, 6712, and 6713). NURS 6316 needs to be taken in the last semester of study.

A student who has one or more of the pre-requisite courses on his/her MSN transcript(s) may receive credit toward the FNP requirements, if those courses have been taken within **five years** of enrollment in the post-master’s course of study and if they correspond to the WTAMU course descriptions with approval.