MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Programs

The Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program prepares nurses for an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) role in primary healthcare. As an APRN, nurse practitioners assess patients, order and interpret diagnostic tests, make diagnoses, and initiate and manage treatment plans including prescribing medications. Along with providing skilled clinical services, nurse practitioners bring a comprehensive perspective to healthcare including health promotion, disease prevention, and health education while guiding patients to making smarter health and lifestyle choices.

Students may choose from four different tracks which range from 46 to 52 units: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), dual Pediatric/Family Nurse Practitioner (PNP/FNP), dual Adult-Gerontology/Family Nurse Practitioner (AGNP/FNP) or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). The FNP track prepares graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage acute and chronic health care needs of individuals at all ages. The PNP track offers emphasis on managing acute and chronic health care problems from birth through 21 years of age with a foundation on variations in growth, development, and behavior in these age groups. The AGNP track focuses on provision of both acute and chronic primary care health care needs for adolescents 13 years of age and older, and adults of all ages with special emphasis on managing the care of the frail elderly. The PMHNP track includes a lifespan perspective focusing on acute and chronic mental health conditions that prepares graduates with skills in individual, family, and group psychotherapy.

Entrance Semesters
Fall

Application Deadlines
March 1

Standardized Admission Test

Required Licenses
Current California Registered Nurse license

Additional Requirements
BSN degree from an approved, accredited school

One year of clinical experience preferred
Basic computer literacy
Basic statistics course
Basic nutrition course
GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
Completion of the University Application for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program
One official transcript from each college or university attended
Three professional recommendations
Resume/CV
Interview (only qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview based on initial review of their application)

Evidence of specified immunizations and screening tests, a report of recent physical examination, and BLS certification if admitted into the program
International applicants must meet additional requirements for admission http://www.sandiego.edu/admissions/graduate/international/

A. Family Nurse Practitioner
(Total units: 46)

This curriculum prepares family nurse practitioners for advanced practice roles in the provision of primary care to individuals and families across the age span in a variety of ambulatory care settings. Graduates are eligible for state NP certification and national certification as family nurse practitioners.

MSN Core
DNPC 611 Methods of Translational Science/ Evidence Based Clinical Practice 3
DNPC 648 Health Policy Analysis 3

APN Core
APNC 520 Advanced Pathophysiology 3
APNC 521 APRN Physical Assessment and Diagnosis 4
APNC 523 Pharmacology in Health Management 3

Emphasis
NPTC 602 Primary Care I 4
NPTC 604 Primary Care IIA 6
NPTC 605 Primary Care IIB 6
NPTC 608 Primary Care IIIA 7
NPTC 609 Primary Care IIIB 7

B. Dual Certification Pediatric Nurse Practitioner/Family Nurse Practitioner
(Total units: 52)

This curriculum prepares pediatric and family nurse practitioners for advanced practice roles in the provision of primary care to individuals and families across the age span in a variety of ambulatory care settings. Graduates are eligible for state NP certification and national certification as pediatric and family nurse practitioners.

MSN Core
DNPC 611 Methods of Translational Science/ Evidence Based Clinical Practice 3
DNPC 648 Health Policy Analysis 3

APN Core
APNC 520 Advanced Pathophysiology 3
APNC 521 APRN Physical Assessment and Diagnosis 4
APNC 523 Pharmacology in Health Management 3

Emphasis
NPTC 602 Primary Care I 4
NPTC 604 Primary Care IIA 6
NPTC 605 Primary Care IIB 6
NPTC 608 Primary Care IIIA 7
NPTC 609 Primary Care IIIB 7
C. Dual Certification Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner/Family Nurse Practitioner

(Total units: 52)

This curriculum prepares adult and family nurse practitioners for advanced practice roles in the provision of primary care to individuals and families across the age span in a variety of ambulatory care settings. Graduates are eligible for state NP certification and national certification as adult-gerontology and family nurse practitioners.

**MSN Core**
- DNPC 611 Methods of Translational Science/ Evidence Based Clinical Practice 3
- DNPC 648 Health Policy Analysis 3

**APN Core**
- APNC 520 Advanced Pathophysiology 3
- APNC 521 APRN Physical Assessment and Diagnosis 4
- APNC 523 Pharmacology in Health Management 3

**Emphasis**
- NPTC 602 Primary Care I 4
- NPTC 604 Primary Care IIA 6
- NPTC 605 Primary Care IIB 6
- NPTC 608 Primary Care IIIA 7
- NPTC 609 Primary Care IIIB 7
- NPTC 535 Primary Adult-Gerontology Health Care: Management of Older Adults with Long-Term Health Problems 6

D. Family/Lifespan Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

(Total units: 46)

This curriculum prepares psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners for advanced practice roles in the provision of primary care to individuals, families and groups across the age span in a variety of ambulatory care settings. Graduates are eligible for state NP certification and national certification as psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners.

**MSN Core**
- DNPC 611 Methods of Translational Science/ Evidence Based Clinical Practice 3
- DNPC 648 Health Policy Analysis 3

**APN Core**
- APNC 520 Advanced Pathophysiology 3
- APNC 521 APRN Physical Assessment and Diagnosis 4
- APNC 523 Pharmacology in Health Management 3

**Emphasis**
- NPTC 627 PMHC I: Biopsychosocial Foundations of Behavior & Psychopathology 4
- NPTC 651 PMHC II: Psychiatric Assessment & Diagnoses 4
- NPTC 624 PMHC III: Psychopharmacology 5
- NPTC 653 PMHC IVA: Individual Psychotherapy I 7
- NPTC 655 PMHC IVB: Individual Psychotherapy I 5
- NPTC 657 PMHC V: Psychotherapy with Group and Family Systems 5