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university of south carolina

Master of Science in Nursing – Health Nursing

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Overview

The College of Nursing offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. This program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The required courses provide a conceptual base for advance nursing practice, professional role differentiation, and research skill development. The PCNP courses provide the scientific and conceptual basis for community health specialization. The PCNP curriculum prepares nurses to provide health care services in primary care settings, particularly in rural and underserved populations. The area of emphasis within the Primary Care curriculum currently being offered is Family. Most of the courses are available online; however, students will be required to come to Columbia for clinical check-off with faculty.

Objectives- Students completing this plan of study will have:

Knowledge and skills required for advanced nursing practice.

Ability to synthesize theory and research to guide practice and structure inquiry.

Leadership skills for nursing practice, education and administration.

Admission Requirements

Regulations governing admission to graduate study in nursing include those established by both the Graduate School and the College of Nursing. Specific requirements for admission are:

1. A Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program.
2. Transcripts of all previous college studies.
3. General GRE verbal and quantitative scores or Miller Analogies scores.
4. Registered nurse licensure in South Carolina or eligibility for South Carolina Licensure.
5. Completed application to The Graduate School with the College of Nursing supplement.
6. Two written references from master's or doctorally prepared individuals.
7. Curriculum vitae/resume.

Application Process

Applications are to be completed and submitted online to the Graduate School at www.gradschool.sc.edu. Completed applications may be received throughout the year for annual fall admission (**deadline is May 1st**). Curriculum designed for fall start only.

Degree Requirements

1. Completion of an approved program of study.
2. Completion of an applied research course, NURS 791 (3), or a thesis, NURS 799 (6).
3. At the time of graduation, the student's cumulative grade point average must be at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). Additionally, the student's average on all grades recorded on the Program of Study must be 3.00 and the student's GPA for courses numbered 700 or above, recorded on the Program of Study, must be at least 3.00.
4. Program must be completed within six years.
5. Pass the MSN Comprehensive Assessment.

For complete information see Graduate Bulletin: <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu>



FNP curriculum (sample full time plan)

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
First Fall Semester		
NURS 700	Theoretical and Conceptual Foundation for Nursing	3
NURS 707	Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
BIOS 700	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
First Spring Semester		
NURS 702	Pharmacologic Management in Advance Practice Nursing	3
NURS 708	Conceptual Basis for Family and Community Health Nursing	3
EPID 700	Basic Concepts and Method of Epidemiology	3
First Summer Semester		
NURS 704*	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 718	Diagnostic Interpretation and Therapeutic Modalities	3
Second Fall Semester		
NURS 706*	Primary Care Nursing of Children	3
NURS 720	Public Health Residency	3
NURS 790	Research Methods for Nursing	3
Second Spring Semester		
NURS 705*	Acute Problems of Adults and Women's Health in Primary Care	3
NURS 722*	Chronic Health Problems in Primary Care	3
NURS 791	Seminar in Clinical Nursing Research (Non-Thesis)	3
<u>or</u>		
NURS 799	Thesis Preparation	6
Third Fall Semester		
NURS 793	Advanced Practice Practicum	3
		Total 45-48

*Course includes clinical practice

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