Do I need to complete a different application?

No, any individual with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree is eligible to apply for admission to the program through Graduate Admissions. Applying for admission does not guarantee acceptance.

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for admission:

First meet the University graduate admission requirements described in the Graduate Admission section of the catalog. See link for details: http://uwf.edu/coh/departments/school-of-nursing/graduate-programs/master-of-science-in-nursing/

There is a graduate application and process fee of $30.00.

Course information can be found at http://catalog.uwf.edu/graduate/

Applicants must have earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from an ACEN/NLNAC or CCNE accredited nursing program with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale OR a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of coursework on the BSN.

*International students may have additional requirements.

Space for the program is limited and will be selective and competitive.

Do I have to be a registered nurse to enter the specialty?

Yes, you must be a licensed registered nurse with a BSN from a nationally accredited program (CCNE or ACEN) to enter the Family Nurse Practitioner specialty.

Does my undergraduate degree have to be in nursing to be admitted to the FNP program?

Yes, you must have a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Do I have to have been employed in nursing to be admitted to the FNP program?

No, but it might strengthen your application in such a competitive market. Nursing experience maybe helpful for you to be successful in some of the course and clinical content.

How do I Apply?

http://uwf.edu/graduate/apply/admission-requirements/
Departmental Requirements

- An earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from an NLN- or CCNE-accredited nursing program with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale OR a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of coursework on the BSN
- GPA In the selection rubric, will GPA be calculated based on overall GPA; last 60 hrs. GPA? In our current tracks, the overall GPA is listed on the application data sheet that we get from graduate admissions but if the applicants GPA is less than 3.0; we do calculate the applicants last 60hrs GPA. It is also a requirement of the graduate school that any applicant with a GPA less than 3.0, must take the GRE/MAT and may receive conditional admissions.
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of "C" or better
- Possess a current unencumbered Registered Nurse license to practice nursing in a state or territory of the United States
- Submission of current curriculum vitae (CV) that includes work history, community involvement, future career goals

Approval by the School of Nursing Graduate Admissions Committee

Students who, for academic or disciplinary reasons, are not eligible to register in the college or university last attended will not be admitted for graduate study

Express Admission for the FNP program is not guaranteed, all admission reviews must be completed for consideration, and only upon acceptance into the program will Express Admission awards be given.

Upon admission, students must complete all documents for a background check (contact Nursing Department for details)

Is the UWF FNP program front loaded or integrated?

First, an explanation on the differences between the two. Integrated programs typically arrange their curricula so that students participate in didactic and clinical education concurrently while front loaded program students complete all didactic courses before beginning their clinical experience. UWF’s FNP program follows an integrated model.

Can I observe the role of the FNP before I apply to the program?

Yes. We highly encourage all applicants to become familiar with the role of the Family Nurse Practitioner through "shadowing." Spending time with a NP is one of the best ways to determine if the advanced practice nursing role will meet your professional goals. We encourage you to network in your community and ask practicing FNPs if you can shadow them for a day.

How many students get accepted into the FNP specialty each year?

We encourage you to apply to the specialty that meets your career interest rather than focus on the number of spaces available. We strongly recommended that you complete your application by the deadline provided on the UWF nursing webpage. The number of students offered admission can vary each year based on many factors. Typically, we admit about 25-50 students into this specialty each year.

Is there a waiting list for the program?
The FNP concentration does not maintain a waiting list of prospective applicants. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply in following years.

**Does UWF offer learning opportunities in simulation?**

Yes, we use simulation to enhance the learning experience.

**Can a student apply more than once if not admitted the first time?**

Absolutely! A qualified student can enroll in the beginning core courses and apply to the next class. Successful academic progress in these courses can improve your chances for admission in the next class but does not guarantee admission.

**Does the school of nursing accept transfer credit?**

Matriculated students can transfer up to nine semester credits of equivalent graduate level coursework from another accredited university to be applied toward the MSN. To request transfer credit, students must complete the [Transfer of Credit Request Form](#). Equivalent courses must be approved prior to transfer credit. Equivalent courses must be less than six years old at time of graduation to meet the time to degree requirement. All coursework (including transfer credit) must be completed within six years from the date the UWF degree is awarded. Only courses in which a student has obtained a grade of "B" or better, and which has not been applied to another degree, will be accepted. Following acceptance into the program, you need to provide the School of Nursing with copies of course syllabi, including a course description as well as other documentation so that they can be compared with the course offered by UWF.

**Can I work full-time and go to school full-time?**

Yes. This program is designed so the student may continue to work either part of full time. However, the curriculum is very demanding. The time commitment involved is a very individualized issue. Here is an example of how to calculate your weekly workload based on credit hour.

**Example Calculation:**

Adult Health I Seminar 3 credits

Adult Health I Practicum 3 credits (180 practicum hours)

Plan for 3 hrs. of prep time for each hour of class credit (3 x 3 = 9 hrs).

12 hours in the clinical setting each week (180 hrs. practicum/15 weeks/term) + 3 hrs of prep time

9+12+3 = 24 hours/week minimum prep time for the above two courses.

Remember that if you are taking additional courses, you will need to figure that in. If you are a slow reader, you may want to figure in more study time. Take your individual work/school/family obligations into consideration. Faculty strongly advise the student to consider the amount of time needed to complete the academic requirements and the amount of time he/she is working. Students who plan to attend the FNP program full-time and work full-time may need to use flex-time or accrued compensatory time to continue to work full-time. Some student may be able to work on weekends.
Keep in mind that FNP preceptors typically practice Monday-Friday. Practicum hours will have to take place at a time that is convenient to the preceptor.

**How many hours is full-time status and part-time status?**
Full-time enrollment for a graduate student is 6 credit hours per semester or more. Part-time status is 3 credit hours or less. For the purpose of government loans, graduate students need only be enrolled in 6 credit hours.

**Can I take this specialty part-time?**
No, you are required to follow a prescribed plan of study. Please talk with your advisor before scheduling courses.

**Will There Be Any On-Campus Portion of the Program?**
Yes, there will be an intensive on-campus orientation prior to the clinical courses during the second year. There will be more information as that time approaches.

**What is the FNP Intensive?**
The FNP intensive is a four day on campus experience that includes orientation to specialty classes, health assessment, skills practice and assessments, simulated patient encounters, documentation assessments. Students admitted to the program will receive email notification of the specific dates and times. Generally, the intensive will take place the week before fall classes begin but this can vary. UWF School of Nursing reserves the right through its established procedures to change this schedule as course requirements dictate and simulation lab schedules allow.

**What housing options are there for students participating in the FNP on campus summer intensive?**
Our Admissions Coordinator has a listing of hotels nearby the UWF campus and students usually “buddy” to share low cost hotel rooms. Some students stay with local classmates. You may contact Leslie Wyrosdick, Admissions Coordinator Phone: (850) 474-3197 E-mail: msnnursing@uwf.edu

**What are the clinical requirements for this specialty?**
There are 630 clinical hours required.

**Will UWF School of Nursing facilitate practicum site placements?**
Due to State Board of Nursing or State Higher Education requirements, practicum placements may not be available in every location. We make every reasonable effort to accommodate a student’s placement requests. Please refer to UWF State Authorization Status. Students requesting a new affiliation will need to follow the affiliation agreement processing guide to Affiliation Agreement Processing Guide. Students may also contact the affiliation agreement coordinator: Phone: (850) 474-3197 E-mail: msnnursing@uwf.edu

**Is travel required as part of my clinical placements?**
Travel is often a requirement of the specialty, as we strive to give the student a vast array of clinical experiences to enrich the student experience.
Will completion of the FNP program prepare me to be licensed to practice as an FNP?

Graduation from this MSN FNP specialty prepares you to take the national certification exam, offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Visit ANCC and/or AANP for specific information. Passage of the exam is required in most states to obtain a license as an advanced practice nurse.

What is the UWF student pass rate on the FNP certification exams?

We will also provide opportunities for students to sit for national examination review course to prep for the exam. We will post examination rates as they become available.

What are the costs associated with the program?

Costs of attendance

https://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/cost-of-attendance/

Costs of Attendance Summer

https://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/cost-of-attendance--summer/

True Cost Calculator

https://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/true-cost-calculator/

Actual costs may vary. This is not intended to represent an all-inclusive list:

Textbooks $2,000

Personal Computer Access

Internet Access

Clinical Supplies (lab coat, stethoscope, nerve stimulator)

Malpractice Insurance (per academic year)

Certification Preparation/Review

National Certification Examination required after graduation and depending on certifying body and membership. American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) $395 or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) $315

Licensure with the Board of Nursing. See State Board of Nursing Website for details.

BLS Recertification Courses $35+ depending on place of recertification

Typhon: The cost is $80.00 for the duration of the program with access to files for three years after graduation

Personal Health Insurance:

CastleBranch (immunizations and background check):
Suturing workshop (FNP intensive):

Total Estimated Other Expenses: approx. $400.00

What types of financial aid are available?

Financial aid is available for graduate students. Awards include aid from Federal Stafford loans and potential employers. Accepted applicants should contact UWF Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship (850 474-2400) or finaid@uwf.edu when notified of acceptance. Begin the process early by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

What is the accreditation status?

UWF is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC). The UWF Master’s of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).

What is the Process for currently enrolled MSN students (leadership/educations) requesting a Track Change Request (FNP).

Request track change—Go to My UWF and search graduate forms.

Students requesting a track change to FNP track will be placed in the ranking process for FNP applicants.

Students requesting track change may be required to submit additional admissions requirements (professional goals; work experience etc.). This will be determined by the review committee.

A track change request does not guarantee admission into the FNP track. The FNP track is limited and selective by ranking.

How Do I Register?

If accepted, first contact your advisor to establish a degree plan, and decide when courses are being offered. Then go to http://uwf.edu/graduate/apply/admission-requirements/

How many semester hours are associated with the FNP program?

There are 45 credit hours associated with the program. The program of study can be found using the link below-

http://uwf.edu/coh/departments/school-of-nursing/graduate-programs/master-of-science-in-nursing/

Can I transfer from another MSN program track to the FNP program track?

You can submit a request for transfer, but you will be considered for progression in the FNP program based on the competitive pool of applicants. Being admitted to another program does not guarantee admission to the FNP program and it may mean you lose your place in your cohort of the other program if there is an admission waiting list for that program.

Will credit earned in the leadership or education track be applied to the FNP track if the student is selected for a seat in the FNP program?
Transcripts will be reviewed and the courses required for the FNP will be included in the degree that are equivalent. Course numbers and course descriptions must be comparable and the student must have earned a score of "B" or better in the course to be considered. Review does not guarantee that credit will be applied, and additional demonstration of competencies may be required. This decision may vary depending on the students catalog year and plan of study.

**Will I be able to use the 3P's taken before Fall 2017 to the FNP track if I am admitted to the program?**

The 3 P's will be reviewed based on the content at the time they were taken. Upon specific identification of key areas needed for practice a directed study may be necessary to cover content that is necessary for practice.

**When will I be notified of my status in the program?**

All students will be notified of their admission status within 2 weeks of the close of the interview dates.

**How do I know if I’ve been accepted? What happens next?**

A letter will be sent to you via email that will outline the process. You will then need to make an appointment with your advisor through CCS Campus. Should you have any questions, please email msnnursing@uwf.edu.