

Family Health Nurse Practitioner MSN Program

Curriculum effective Fall 2013.

The Family Health Nurse Practitioner MSN program is based at the Rutgers Health Sciences Campus in Newark, NJ. Graduates are eligible for certification to practice as Family Health Nurse Practitioners and for certification in the State of New Jersey as advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority.

Role and Qualifications: The Advanced Practice Nurse in Family Health has a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree and advanced preparation in the assessment and management of changing health needs of families across the lifespan. The APN is distinguished by graduate preparation, supervised clinical practicum experience, and a depth of knowledge which supports advanced clinical practice and leadership in nursing.

Scope of Practice: The APN in Family Health assesses and collaboratively manages the healthcare needs of clients across the lifespan, practices in diverse settings, and implements a scientific, evidence-based practice. Advanced practice is grounded in the nursing, biological, social and behavioral sciences.

Curriculum: The 47-credit , 765 clinical hour Family Health Nurse Practitioner MSN program can be completed in part-time or full-time study. The following courses are required for this program.

Core (Core courses offered every semester; online or in class.)

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 5102	Nursing Research	4	
NURS 5104	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
ADHA 5107	Advanced Health Assessment	3	
NURS 5105	Clinical Pharmacology	3	

Supplemental

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 5402	Introduction to the APN Role	1	
MHP 5202	Mental Health Issues in Primary Care	3	
NURS 5403	Advanced Practice Nursing Role Transition (taken in last semester of study)	2	

Specialty

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
AGPC 5107	Adult Gerontology Primary Care I (FALL)*	5	135
AGPC 5207	Adult Gerontology Primary Care II (SPRING)*	5	135
FHNP 5305	Family Health APN Theory and Practicum: Women's Health (SUMMER)*	6	135
FHNP 5306	Family Health APN Theory and Practicum: Child Health (FALL)*	6	135
FHNP 5402	Family Health APN Role Practicum (SPRING)*	6	225
Total clinical hours			765

*Course offered only during specified term
Admission criteria is available on the SN web page.