



Curriculum effective Fall 2026

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Post-Baccalaureate DNP Family Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program is based out of Newark, NJ. This program prepares nurses to assume the role of primary care provider for patients from birth until the end of life. The curriculum provides a combination of theory and practicum experiences. The School of Nursing offers students the opportunity to learn from experienced and nationally recognized faculty who are all actively engaged in teaching and clinical practice. Students receive mentoring and individualized attention from faculty throughout the program based on the student’s needs.

Role and Qualifications: A FNP has a graduate degree in nursing and advanced preparation in the evaluation and management of changing health needs in infants, children, adolescents, and adults. Our FNP graduate is distinguished by doctoral preparation that supports advanced clinical practice and leadership in nursing. Upon successful completion of this program, graduates are eligible to take the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exam given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Once nationally certified, graduates can apply for certification in the state of New Jersey as an advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority.

Scope of Practice: The FNP provides a holistic approach to primary care for patients across the lifespan from birth to senescence in diverse practice and health care settings. The FNP emphasizes health promotion and preventive care utilizing evidence-based practice and interprofessional collaboration with attention to vulnerable populations.

Curriculum: The Post-Baccalaureate DNP Family Nurse Practitioner Program is 73 credits with 840 precepted practicum hours and 320 DNP Project Experience Hours. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Advanced Health Assessment	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pathophysiology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pharmacology	3.00	N/A

Subtotal Core Credits: 9.00

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	DNP Hrs.*
XXXX 0000	Role Development and Foundations of Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Scholarly Inquiry, Appraisal, and Writing	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Health Data, Informatics, and Technology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Strategic Leadership and Partnerships	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Healthcare Delivery and Economics	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Evidence-Based Approaches to Advanced Nursing Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Population Health, Policy, and Advocacy	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Preparation	2.00	30
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development	2.00	70



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XXXX 0000	DNP Project Implementation	2.00	100
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination	2.00	50

Subtotal DNP Core Credits: 32.00

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clin. Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Diagnostic Reasoning and Health Promotion	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Psychiatric-Mental Health Care	1.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Reproductive and Perinatal Care	1.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Pediatric Care	1.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Theory 1	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Practicum 1	2.00	120
XXXX 0000	Family NP Theory 2	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Practicum 2	3.00	180
XXXX 0000	Family NP Intensive 1	3.00	120
XXXX 0000	Family NP Theory 3	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Practicum 3	3.00	180
XXXX 0000	Family NP Review and Role Transition	2.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Family NP Intensive 2	4.00	240

Subtotal Specialty Credits: 32.00

Total Program Credits:	73.00
Total Clinical Hours:	840 (minimum)
Total DNP Project Hours:	320 (minimum)
Total DNP Degree Hours:	1,160 (minimum)

*A student who does not complete their DNP Project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit DNP Project Continuation course (XXXX 0000) until the project sequence is complete.