

Graduate Program

Master's in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner



Basic Program Information

- Masters of Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner
- Anticipated Initiation date: August 2023
- 44 total credit hours structured according to standards of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing
 - 19 Core Credit Hours for the MSN
 - 25 Credit Hours for the FNP
- Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared for collaborative and independent primary care advanced nursing practice.

Primary Objectives

- Prepare graduates for practice and certification in an advanced nursing practice specialty, specifically the primary care Family Nurse Practitioner.
- The program focuses on specialty knowledge, attitudes, and skills required for advanced nursing practice roles within the healthcare system

Curriculum

- Designed around AACNs (2021) *The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education* focusing on the Advanced-Level Nursing Education and the level 2 sub-competencies that build on the entry-to-practice level 1 sub-competencies
- Includes 750 hours of clinical practice that allows students to develop the knowledge attitudes, and skills required for advanced nursing practice and to meet the Level 2 sub-competencies (AACN, 2021)

Virginia Needs

Lack of Equity in Advanced Nursing Education

Access to the Virginia Higher Education System is based on location. There are no public Graduate Nursing Education programs in Southwest Virginia. Radford University is the closest state school that offers an MSN with a Nurse Practitioner Track. This is over 100 for most residents of southwest Virginia. There are only 3 institutions in western Virginia, Bluefield College, Emory & Henry College, and UVA Wise, that offer Nursing degrees and of those only Bluefield College offers an MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

Virginia Needs

UVA WISE Commitment to the Region

The mission of the college UVA Wise partners with organizations to develop strategies for health and wellness, economic growth and job opportunities. The lack of a public graduate nursing program does not allow us to fulfill our mission in helping to improve the economic growth and population health in our area of the Appalachian Highlands.

Virginia Needs

Student Demand

In a survey conducted in July of 2022 by the UVA Wise Nursing Marketing Team, over 91% of the 64 respondents indicated it was extremely important or very important for UVA Wise to offer an MSN-FNP program and 56% reported that they would enroll in the program.

Labor Market Projections

Labor Market Information: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020 -2030 (10-Yr)

Occupation	Base Year Employment	Projected Employment	Total % Change and #s	Typical Entry Level Education
Nurse Anesthetists., Nurse Midwives and Nurse Practitioners ¹	271,900	393,300	45% / 121,400	MSN or DNP
Nurse Practitioner ²	220,300	335,200	52% / 114,900	MSN or DNP

Labor Market Projections

Labor Market Information: Virginia Employment Commission, 2020-2030 (10-Yr)

Occupation	Base Year Employment	Projected Employment	Total % Change and #s	Annual Change #	Education
Nurse Practitioner ³ <i>Note: Does not separate out FNP's</i>	4880	6380	31% / 1500	150	Minimum of a Master degree; or DNP

Cost and Funding Sources to Initiate and Operate the Program

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Informational Category		Program Initiation Year 2023 - 2024	Program Full Enrollment Year 2025 - 2026
1	Projected Enrollment (Headcount)	10	35
2	Projected Enrollment (FTE)	9	9
3	Estimated Tuition and E&G Fees	\$659	\$659
4	Projected Revenue from Tuition and E&G Fees	\$105,440	\$475,917
5	Other Funding Sources Dedicated to the Proposed Program (e.g., grant, business entity, private sources)	\$925,563	\$925,563

For the "Full Enrollment Year" use: for associate degrees, initiation year plus 1; for baccalaureate degrees, initiation plus 3; for masters degrees, initiation plus 2; for doctoral degrees, initiation plus 3.

Duplication

Existing degree programs at a Virginia public institution at the same degree level

Institution	Program degree designation, name, and CIP code	Degrees granted (most recent 5-yr average – 2016-2021)
George Mason University Offers: Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	51.3801- MSN	194
James Madison University MSN Tracks: Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Nurse Leader Family Nurse Practitioner Nurse Administrator Nurse Midwifery Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	51.3803 - MSN	140
Old Dominion University MSN tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner, Neonatal NP, Pediatric NP, Psych NP, Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Neonatal Clinical Nurse Specialist, Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Midwifery; Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioners.	51.3801 – MSN	275
Radford University MSN Tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner	51.3805 – MSN	39
University of Virginia MSN Tracks: Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Leader, Family Nurse Practitioner, Neonate Nurse Practitioner, Peds NP-acute care, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care, Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	51.3818 – MSN	598
Virginia Commonwealth University MSN Tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult- Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Leadership and Organizational Sciences	51.3818 – MSN	464