Family Nurse Practitioner, MSN

Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner Degree Requirements

Core Courses		
NURS 5300	Transcultural Family Health Care in Rural and Urban Settings	3
NURS 5301	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3
NURS 5314	Clinical Research	3
NURS 5371	Health Policy	3
CNSL 5309	Educational Statistics	3
Advanced Practice Core Courses [1]		
NURS 5204	Role Theory and Ethics in Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NURS 5316	Advanced Pathophysiology for Advance Practice Nursing	3
NURS 5317	Advanced Pharmacology for Advance Practice Nursing	3
NURS 5326	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses		
NURS 5621	Primary Health Care for the Childbearing/Childrearing Family with Practicum	6
NURS 5524	Primary Health Care for the Adult and Elderly with Practicum	5
NURS 5725	Management of Complex Health Problems	7
NURS 5376	Financial Management in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Select one of the following options:		6
Thesis Option		
NURS 5380	Thesis Proposal Writing	
NURS 5390	Thesis	
Non-Thesis Option		
NURS 5377	Capstone Proposal Writing and Project Development	
NURS 5378	Research Capstone Project	
Total Hours		**53**

[1] Advanced Practice Courses must be taken if not completed within the past 5 years. Transfer credits may be accepted for the Advanced Practice Courses. Nurses that are recognized as Advanced Practice Nurses are required to take the Nurse Practitioner Specialty Courses (20hrs).

Distance Education Programs

The central purpose of distance education at Prairie View A&M University is the elimination of geographical distance and time as barriers to access to quality courses and programs. Current course offerings include education, agriculture, sociology, engineering, social work, English, Spanish, speech, business, juvenile justice, health, architecture, and nursing.

As a support service for the academic enterprise, the Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) works collaboratively across the university community to:

- Electronically extend the campus of Prairie View A&M University through the NORTHSTAR and TTVN Telecommunications Networks for video delivery and WebCT through eCourses for online course delivery.
- Provide an open learning environment where teaching and learning occur anytime and anyplace.
- Share the practical applications of the university's knowledge and expertise to benefit society and support the economic growth and vitality of the local community.
- Provide training for faculty and staff involvement in Distance Learning.
- Increase Prairie View A&M University's access to the world and the world's access to the University.
- Research Distance Learning environments and emerging academic technologies.

Distance education and eCourses are listed in the schedule of classes accessible through PantherTracks.

Approved Distance Education Programs:

- BSN in Nursing with a RN-BSN concentration Program
- MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner

Distance Site:

- Northwest Houston Center, Houston, TX

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First Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours	Summer	Hours
NURS 5301	3	NURS 5316	3	NURS 5524	5
NURS 5300	3	NURS 5314	3	NURS 5371	3
NURS 5317	3	NURS 5326	3	CNSL 5309	3
		NURS 5204	2		
Total		**9 Total**		**11 Total**	**11**

Total Hours: 31

Second Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
NURS 5621	6	NURS 5725	7
NURS 5376	3	Thesis or Capstone	3
Thesis or Capstone	3		
Total	**12 Total**		**10**

Total Hours: 22

Name	Unit

Total Semester Credit Hours: 53

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (http://www.60x30tx.com/), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

MSN Family Nurse Practitioner

Degree Skills

1. Critical thinking using evidence-based research
2. Strong communication skills
3. Analytic and leadership skills in primary care

Concentration Skills

1. Family Nurse Practitioner Certification
2. Advanced Practice Nurse recognition by the Board of Nursing

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Suturing and other basic procedures in primary care
2. Prepare business plans
3. Attend Legislative session and NP/MD conferences