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Information Sheet
Post-MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

- Post-Master Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certificate program with a focus on community and rural/frontier health
- A total of six semesters to complete
- A total of 750+ supervised clinical practicum hours exceed the minimum number of hours required upon course completion to apply for the national certification examination.
- We strongly encourage students to be proactive in securing their own clinical placement sites. However, if you experience difficulty obtaining a placement, then we are committed to providing guidance and will actively assist you in identifying potential clinical opportunities.
- Faculty with academic and experiential qualifications are dedicated to teaching and will work with you throughout the program.
- National Certification Exam Review Prep course is integrated into the curriculum starting on Day 1 of the program.
- Tuition is affordable and competitive.

Admission

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required.
  - Official transcripts from all degree-granting institutions must be received.
  - The GRE is not required.
- Must hold an unencumbered New Mexico or multi-compact state RN license
- Must have at least one year of RN experience within the past five years
- A master's degree from a regionally accredited institution is required.
  - While the degree may be in a related field, preference will be given to Nursing and the health sciences.
- Completion of graduate-level "3Ps" – Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacology, and Advanced Physical Assessment courses – must be done prior to admission.
- Three letters of recommendation
  - The first letter must be from a provider such as a nurse practitioner or physician.
  - The second letter should be from a supervisor.
  - The third letter may be from a colleague.
- Personal Statement
  - Address the following:
    - Describe your professional or career rationale for applying to the FNP certificate program.
    - Explain the reasons for choosing the FNP specialty.
    - Address future career goals and contributions you expect to make to nursing after completing the degree program.

  Please see the application for specific guidelines.

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Curriculum: Sample Course Sequence

Semesters	Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Courses *	NUR 600	NUR 610	NUR 620
	NUR 694	NUR 695	NUR 695

*Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Courses by Title

	Clinical Practicum Hours
NUR 600: Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Skills for Advanced Practice Nurses	
NUR 610: Advanced Clinical Management for Family Nurse Practitioners I	188 Hours
NUR 620: Advanced Clinical Management for Family Nurse Practitioners II	188 Hours
NUR 694: Advanced Clinical Management for Family Nurse Practitioners III	188 Hours
NUR 695: Advanced Clinical Management for Family Nurse Practitioners IV	188 Hours
NUR 696: Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Review	

For more information, please contact the WNMU School of Nursing at 575.538.6960.