

PROGRAM OF STUDY *FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER*

The graduate department of the School of Nursing offers a Master of Sciences in Nursing (MSN) with Specialty in Family Nurse Practitioner. The program has a total of 56.33 credits distributed in 24 consecutive months (including summer) Part-time studies are completed in 3 years, 3 summers or 4 years and 2 summers. **Elective or non-specialty courses are occasionally offered during the night.**

The curriculum has been designed to prepare professional nurses as **Family Nurse Practitioners** with the competencies, knowledge and skills needed to deliver comprehensive health care promotion, maintenance, risk reduction, illness prevention and palliative care across the life span. This program offers a firm foundation in primary health care services and community health principles. All courses are delivered in Spanish. References, books, journals, exams and other printed materials are mainly in English.

GRADUATE PROFILE

The program is based on NONPF, AACN, ANCC standards. Graduates are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification exams to become certified Family Nurse Practitioners.

Graduates of this program are prepared to:

- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills through practice as Family Nurse Practitioners by utilizing evidence based practice guidelines in the management of chronic and acute conditions of individuals, families and communities in primary care settings.
- Participate in scientific inquiry through Evidence-Based Practice research to validate, apply and contribute to the advancement of knowledge relevant to the nursing practice.
- Demonstrate leadership participating in the political legislative and socio-economic issues that affect the provision of health care services and advancement of the practice of nursing.
- Incorporate bioethics principles which reflect an understanding of human values, cultural diversity and contemporary issues.

**NONPF-National Certification of Family Nurse Practitioner
ANCC -American Nurses Credentialing Center
AACN -American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing from an accredited School.
- Basic statistics course at the baccalaureate level (3crs).
- Updated Professional Nursing License.
- Active member of the Puerto Rico College of Nursing Professionals.
- Current result of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Spanish test of Aptitude for Graduate Studies (EXADEP) taken within the last 5 years.

A minimum average of 55 points as a result of the following criteria:

• General Point Average	20%
• Specific Point Average	25%
• EXADEP o GRE	20%
• Personal Interview	20%
• Analysis of Article	10%
• Curriculum Vitae or Resume	5%

FOREIGN STUDENTS

Students with foreign residency must contact the Admissions Office to obtain information of all required documents for admission. Academic records must be submitted through World Educational Services (www.wes.org) for conversion to the American System. This requirement also applies to all applicants that have studied in international universities. Cost of studies varies according to country of origin. For further information, please contact the Collection's Office at **(787) 758-2525 extension 1207.**

ACCREDITATION

This program is accredited by:

- **Puerto Rico Council of Higher Education**
- **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.**
- **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (C.C.N.E.)**

CAPACITY

A minimum of (10) students will be admitted every year.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

General Academic Point Average 3.00 in a scale of 4.00.
 All courses must be approved with a minimum of B average.
 All didactic courses and clinical experiences must be completed as specified by the program guidelines

FIRST YEAR			
FIRST SEMESTER	credits	SECOND SEMESTER	credits
ENFE-6650 Advanced Physical Assessment	3	ENFE -6621 Evidence Based Research for FNP	3
ENFE-6651 Advanced Pathophysiology	3	ENFE- 6665 Pharmacology for Family Nurse Practitioner	4
ENFE-6657 Primary Care in the Lifecycle	2	ENFE- 6661 Primary Care I	5
ENFE - 6656 Nursing Theories	1	ENFE-6675 Diagnostics for Primary Care	2
ENFE-6658 Differential Diagnosis Seminar	1		
BIOE-6525 Bio-Statistical Analysis	3.33		
Total	13.33	Total	14
SUMMER			
summer			credits
ENFE-6625 Bioethics in Nursing			2
Elective			3
Total			5
SECOND YEAR			
FIRST SEMESTER	credits	SECOND SEMESTER	credits
Evidence Based Research Project for FNP 6622	3	Professional/Legal Aspects of Advanced Practice and Public Policy 6685	2
Primary Care II 6662	5	Primary Care III 6663	5
Elective	3		
Total	11	Total	7
SUMMER			
summer			credits
Residency in Primary Care 6664			6
Total of Credits 56.33			

[To obtain more Information](#)

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