

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Nursing
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About This Program

The Family Nurse Practitioner graduate certificate provides nurses who already have a graduate nursing degree to acquire the additional specialized knowledge and clinical experience for the family nurse practitioner role. The certificate meets the educational requirements for the national certification examination.

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Master’s degree in nursing or a doctorate in nursing practice from an accredited nursing program
- Minimum 3.000 graduate GPA on a 4.000 scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which practicum hours will be completed
- Résumé or vita
- Goal statement (no more than 250 words) describing reasons for seeking the certificate in the identified specialty and professional goals
- Transcript(s) of all previous graduate coursework¹
- Syllabi of all courses to be considered for transfer in the gap analysis
- Three letters of reference from health care professionals or faculty members
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 560 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 78 MELAB score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 55 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

¹ Transcript(s) must indicate completion of graduate-level courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment, with a minimum B grade earned in each course. Applicants who do not meet the grade requirement for advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment may be considered for a conditional admission. For applicants who have not practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse within the two-year period preceding application to the certificate, completion of graduate-level courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology and advanced health assessment must not be greater than five years old at the time of the student’s first semester of course registration in the certificate.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Priority deadline: March 1
- **Spring Semester**
 - Priority deadline: November 1
- **Summer Term**
 - Priority deadline: March 1

Applications submitted by these deadlines will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
NURS 60120	ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I	3
NURS 60125	FAMILY AND ADULT GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE	1
NURS 60160	PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS	3
NURS 60220	PRIMARY CARE II: CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS	3
NURS 60325	PRIMARY CARE: FAMILY HEALTH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS	4
NURS 60506	CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	3
NURS 61292	ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 61692	PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS PRACTICUM	1-2
NURS 61892	FAMILY AND ADULT/GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE PRACTICUM	1
NURS 62292	PRIMARY CARE II PRACTICUM: CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS	2
NURS 63292	PRIMARY CARE: FAMILY HEALTH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS PRACTICUM	2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 25-26

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.