NURSING, M.S.N. - FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Millersville University offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree Family/individual across the lifespan nurse practitioner (FNP).

All class sessions are offered during weekday evenings in three-hour blocks of time face to face and/or in a multi-modal or distance learning format. Clinical courses for the FNP student require a minimum of 16 hours per week in clinical practice.

Individuals completing the MSN with family/individual across the lifespan nurse practitioner option are prepared to function as family nurse practitioners in a variety of settings, including clinics and primary-care settings.

The program (MSN) is accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Master of Science in Nursing Family/individual across the lifespan family nurse practitioner program are referred to the Admission Requirements section for general criteria and guidelines for admission to the University.

Specific criteria required by the Department of Nursing include:

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited (ACEN or CCNE) school of nursing.
2. Undergraduate grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. When GPA is below this, probational acceptance may be considered if the candidate demonstrates graduate study potential by other means.
3. Satisfactory completion of an undergraduate statistics course (equivalent to MATH 130 Elements of Statistics 1), physical assessment course, and a research course in nursing.
4. Computer literacy and access to a computer and internet service.
5. Three current academic and/or professional references.
6. Licensure as a registered nurse in Pennsylvania or in the state where clinical practice or internship is to be arranged.
7. Minimum of two years of clinical experience in nursing, three to five years is preferred.
8. Successful completion of a personal interview with the Nursing Admissions Committee.
10. Verification of completion of statistics, research and physical courses.

Graduates are eligible to submit an application to the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing (SBN) for designation as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) upon satisfactory completion of requirements and passing a national certification examination administered by either the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

A graduate of a nurse practitioner program may not practice as a CRNP unless authorized to do so by the Board. Board authorization is equivalent to receipt of a CRNP number. While the CRNP application is pending, the applicant may not be employed as a CRNP. (Refer to Pennsylvania CRNP Rules and Regulations Section 21:261 (b).)