Master of Science in Nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner

Rivier UNIVERSITY

Turn your nursing experience into advanced practice expertise

Advance from registered nurse to family nurse practitioner through a flexible, online program designed for working nurses. Gain the experience and confidence to diagnose, treat, prescribe, and lead patient care as a primary care provider.

Rivier's MSN-FNP program combines online convenience with personalized faculty mentorship and clinical preparation. The curriculum meets the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) criteria for certification as a family nurse practitioner.

Meeting your needs as a working nurse

Start When You're Ready

With three start dates each year (fall, spring, and summer), you can begin when the time is right for you.

Learn 100% Online

Complete your coursework on your schedule without putting your nursing career on hold.

Multiple Entry Paths

In addition to the MSN for BSN prepared nurses, Rivier offers additional pathways for ASN prepared nurses and RN's with a Bachelor's degree outside of nursing.

Exceptional Certification Outcomes

Rivier graduates exceed the national average for first-time certification pass rates.

Advance Your Career and Earning Potential

Nurse practitioners earn a median annual salary of $132,300 nationwide and are projected to experience significantly faster-than-average job growth in the next decade in roles including:

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Primary Care Provider
- Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner
- Community Health Nurse Practitioner
- Family Practice Clinician
- School-Based Health Provider
- Telehealth Provider
- Specialty Practice Nurse Practitioner



100% Online

45 Credits

Complete in **2 Years**

3 Start Dates per year

ACEN

Fully Accredited

Affordable Tuition and Employer Discounts

Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner Curriculum

NURS 507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 510	Advanced Family Nursing Theory I	3
NURS 511	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum I and Seminar	5
NURS 512	Advanced Family Nursing Theory II	3
NURS 513	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum II and Seminar	5
NURS 515	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum III and Seminar	5
NURS 516	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 517	Advanced Role of the Nurse	1
NURS 518	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NURS 601	Quality Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 602	Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing & Healthcare	3
NURS 606	Research Capstone Advisement	2
NURS 610	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 620	Biostatistics for the Health Sciences	3
	Total: 45 credits	

Prerequisite: Undergraduate statistics course

MSN Pathways for Associate Prepared RNs

In addition to the 45-credit MSN-FNP program, Rivier offers additional pathways for Registered Nurses who have earned ASN degrees. These pathways are 51 credits and can be completed in as little as 28 months or part-time at your own pace:

- RN-MS Entry Path: For experienced RNs with an ASN degree
- Bridge Option: For RNs with a Bachelor's degree outside of Nursing

Real-World Clinical Experience

You will complete 750 hours of supervised clinical experience in a healthcare setting where you will develop advanced assessment, diagnostic, treatment, and patient management skills.

Graduate Ready for Certification

Rivier MSN-FNP graduates achieved a 96.8% first-time certification pass rate between 2023-2025, significantly exceeding the national ANCC 82%. When you choose Rivier, you're choosing a program focused on preparing confident, certification-ready nurse practitioners.

Earn Your MSN-FNP with Confidence

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

The MSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for the Education in Nursing (ACEN), reflecting the highest standards in nursing education.

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners (3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000) for the Master's nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

Admissions Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. View streamlined admissions requirements and application process at **rivier.edu/admissions/graduate**.

Quick Links

Ask a Question
admissions@rivier.edu

Schedule a Visit
events.rivier.edu

Talk to an Enrollment Counselor
rivier.edu/team

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rivier.edu/tuition

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