



## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Curriculum Worksheet

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# Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Masters of Science Program & FNP-Doctor of Nursing Practice

## Advance your practice with our renowned Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Pace's Family Nurse Practitioner program is a 42-credit **Master of Science** degree program for registered nurses with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. This program will prepare you to move into a well-paid career delivering health care to patients and families across the lifespan within a primary health care framework. Pace also offers a **certificate of advanced graduate study (CAGS)** for master's prepared nurses who wish to pursue family nurse practitioner studies as well as nurse practitioners who wish to expand their practice through family nurse practitioner education and certification (credits determined by a gap analysis).

- **Flexible programming to meet your needs** — A unique blend of online and on-campus classes, and individually precepted clinical practicum hours in diverse healthcare settings.
- **A leader in the field** — Pace's FNP was one of the first programs of its kind to focus on family and primary healthcare to prepare you for the FNP role.
- Our FNP program will prepare you to deliver **evidence-based, culturally competent, primary health care** to individuals within the context of family and community.
- The program meets the American Nurses Credentialing Center requirements for **Family Nurse Practitioner Certification**.

## FNP-Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

This program is a 33-credit post-master's program designed for family nurse practitioner to prepare for advanced clinical leadership roles in translating evidence into practice to improve primary health care delivery outcomes. Our DNP graduates are sought by top area facilities as they assume leadership roles in health care delivery, with the necessary expertise to manage the complexity of new models of care.

- **Executive format** — Our blend of online and on-campus sessions allows you to maintain your career trajectory while completing your degree in three years with five on-campus meetings per semester.
- **Opportunities** — You'll have the opportunity to be published internationally before graduation.
- **Innovative curriculum** — Meets the eight essential areas identified by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing for the DNP.
- **Highly interactive and technologically advanced** — Hybrid model of online and in-person coursework creates a regular feedback loop throughout the learning process.

## DNP Bridge Program

Pace has an option for primary care, adult, pediatric, geriatric, and women's health nurse practitioners with master's degrees who wish to obtain FNP certification as an FNP-DNP. Required clinical courses and precepted hours determined by gap analysis. For more information, contact [nursing@pace.edu](mailto:nursing@pace.edu) or call 914-773-3552.

Application and admission information can be found here: <http://www.pace.edu/fnp>

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### Family Nurse Practitioner Curriculum: Master of Science and CAGS

Common Core**		Credits	CAGS*
NURS 801	Underpinnings of Advanced Nursing	3	
NURS 802	Leadership for Advanced Nursing	3	
NURS 803	Advanced Nursing in Primary Health Care	3	
NURS 804	Scholarly Inquiry for Advanced Nursing	3	
NURS 681	Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing	3	X
NURS 682	Clinical Pharmacology for Prescribing Advanced Practice Nursing	3	X
NURS 640	Advanced Physical Assessment (60 clinical lab hours)	6	X
<b>Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization</b>			
NURS 650	Advanced Theory and Practice I for Family Nurse Practitioners	6	X
NURS 660	Advanced Theory and Practice II for Family Nurse Practitioners	6	X
NURS 671 <sup>†</sup>	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum I (110 clinical hours)	1.2	X
NURS 672 <sup>†</sup>	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum II (110 clinical hours)	1.2	X
NURS 673 <sup>†</sup>	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum III (110 clinical hours)	1.2	X
NURS 674 <sup>†</sup>	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum IV (110 clinical hours)	1.2	X
NURS 675 <sup>†</sup>	Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum V (110 clinical hours)	1.2	X
<b>Total Credits for Master's Degree Conferral</b> (550 supervised clinical hours)		42	18-30

\* Certificate of advanced graduate studies (CAGS) for master's prepared nurses. Credits determined by gap analysis. NURS 803 & NURS 804 or equivalent masters level courses are prerequisites for the CAGS. NURS 640, 681, & 682 are required for all non-nurse practitioners enrolled in the CAGS.

### Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Curriculum

NURS 807	Foundations of Primary Health Care Practice (new course, pending approval)	3
NURS 820	Evidence-based Practice Methods & Techniques I	3
NURS 830	Health Care Policy: Strategic Action	3
NURS 840	Teaching and Learning in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS 850	Ethical Choices and Legal Context for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
NURS 860	Evidence-based Practice Methods & Techniques II	3
NURS 870	Health Care Economics and Finance for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS 880	Technology and Information Systems for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NURS 900A <sup>†</sup>	Mentorship IA: Doctoral Project (110 clinical hours)	2
NURS 900B <sup>†</sup>	Mentorship IB: Doctoral Project (110 clinical hours)	2
NURS 910A <sup>†</sup>	Mentorship IIA: Doctoral Project (110 clinical hours)	2
NURS 910B <sup>†</sup>	Mentorship IIB: Doctoral Project (120 clinical hours)	3
<b>Total Number of Credits FNP-DNP Degree</b> (minimum 1000 advanced practice clinical hours with 450 hours completed during the DNP program)		33

<sup>†</sup>**Please Note:** requires Health Clearance/Clinical Clearance. For further information about Health Clearance/Clinical Clearance, please call (914) 773-3374.

#### Accreditation

The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Pace University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.



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### Sample curriculum plan: Master of Science – Family Nurse Practitioner

Fall	Spring	Summer
NURS 801 (3 credits)	NURS 681 (3 credits)	NURS 682 (3 credits)
NURS 804 (3 credits)	NURS 803 (3 credits)	NURS 802 (3 credits)
NURS 640 (6 credits)	NURS 650 (6 credits)	NURS 673 (1.2 Credits – clinical)
	NURS 671 (1.2 Credits – clinical)	
	NURS 672 (1.2 Credits – clinical)	
NURS 660 (6 credits)		
NURS 674 (1.2 Credits – clinical)		
NURS 675 (1.2 Credits – clinical)		

### Sample curriculum plan: Post-Masters Doctor of Nursing Practice

Fall	Spring	Summer
NURS 807 (3 credits)	NURS 820 (3 credits)	NURS 870 (3 credits)
NURS 840 (3 credits)	NURS 880 (3 credits)	NURS 900B (2 credits)
	NURS 900A (2 credits)	
NURS 850 (3 credits)	NURS 830 (3 credits)	
NURS 860 (3 credits)	NURS 910B (3 credits)	
NURS 910A (2 credits)		