MSN Courses, Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization

The courses that are included in the Ohio University MSN Program’s Family Nurse Practitioner specialization are listed on the next two pages. Please remember these courses and credits can be revised at any time.

Core Courses (22 semester credits)

All students in the MSN Program must complete these courses.

**NRSE 6010, Theoretical Basis of Practice, 3 credits**
Examines social, political, and historical factors that impact the delivery of health care and the development of the nursing discipline. Emphasizes the review and application of selected concepts, models, and selected theories relevant to the health care system and nursing. This is the first course for every MSN student.

**NRSE 6020, Theories in Family Care, 3 credits**
Focuses on analysis of theories relevant to the development and functioning of the family. Includes identification of health care needs across family life span. Emphasizes assessment, intervention, and evaluation of family-focused care. Explores strategies to enhance, maintain, and restore family health.

**NRSE 6110, Research and Evaluation in Nursing, 3 credits**
Focuses on research design and methodology with an emphasis on evaluation of published clinical outcome studies in nursing. Utilizes strategies for application of research findings to practice. Introduces nursing information management, cognitive science, and technology in health care delivery.

**NRSE 6120, Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing, 3 credits**
Focuses on evidence-based practice and the translation of evidence into practice. Content prepares professional nurses to initiate evidence-based practice models in their practice and to increase use of information management and patient care technologies in specified clinical areas.

**NRSE 6210, Pathophysiology in Nursing Practice, 3 credits**
Focuses on analysis of concepts of physiology and pathophysiology and relationship to nursing interventions across lifespan of humans at the advanced practice level.

**NRSE 6221, Health Appraisal for Nurse Practitioners, 3 credits**
Focuses on advanced physical assessment skills for nurse practitioner students that moves from the normal to the abnormal and uses a body systems approach. Comprehensive health history coupled with physical examination skills provide a foundation for the in-depth assessment of clients.

**NRSE 6230, Advanced Pharmacology, 3 credits**
Focuses on pharmacotherapeutics across the lifespan with emphasis on clinical decision making by advanced practice nurses. Laws governing prescriptive authority and privileges of advanced practice nurses are addressed.

**NRSE 6931 Comprehensive exam, 1 credit**
Focuses on the preparation of the proposal for capstone project. All core and FNP option courses must be complete prior to or concurrently in the same term as NRSE 6931.
Family Nurse Practitioner Option (16 semester credits)

These courses should be taken following completion of the core courses.

NRSE 6400, Family Assessment and Intervention, 3 credits
Focuses on review and development of tools used in assessing the family system and its impact on individual members. Design of family-based interventions is emphasized. Requisite is NRSE 6020 and 6230.

NRSE 6920, Nursing Care of Women, 3 credits (150 clinical hours)
Focuses on specialized nursing knowledge, skill, and experiences for advanced practice nurses related to women’s health issues, antepartum and postpartum care, the childbearing cycle, childbirth education, and menopause. Emphasizes nursing assessment, diagnosis, and interventions relevant to gender based assumptions, historical traditions, and sociopolitical factors affecting health risks.

NRSE 6921, Primary Care of Adults, 3 credits (150 clinical hours)
Focuses on specialized nursing knowledge, skills, and experiences related to adult health issues required by nurse practitioners. Attention is given to nursing assessment, nursing diagnosis, and nursing interventions relevant to developmental, physical, and psychosocial health issues of adults.

NRSE 6922, Nursing Care of Children, 3 credits (150 clinical hours)
Provides the nurse practitioner student with the knowledge base and clinical experiences in advanced nursing assessment, diagnosis, and intervention related to the physiological and psychosocial health, development, and well-being of children and their families.

NRSE 6923, FNP in Practice, 4 credits (200 clinical hours)
Focuses on application of advanced nursing assessment, diagnostic, and intervention skills in a clinical practice environment for nurse practitioners. Emphasizes achieving clinical competence in the advanced practice nursing role with individuals and their families across the lifespan and developing the role of the nurse practitioner in collaboration with other health care practitioners.