ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN NURSING PATHWAY TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

For newly licensed registered nurse (RN) graduates as well as experienced RNs without a bachelor's degree, the RN to BSN/MSN: family nurse practitioner program prepares RNs for growth in advanced nursing practice. The program is designed to move RNs without a bachelor's degree seamlessly through the BSN program and into MSN coursework, allowing students to complete both degree programs in three years (six semesters and two summer sessions) on a part-time basis.

Students complete coursework via distance learning and faculty-mentored clinical practicum rotations in their local community. This format allows professional nurses to advance their education with access to GW's resources and expert faculty while continuing to work. In addition, students are required to attend four on campus events:

- New Student Orientation—To assist students in their transition to GW, the School of Nursing hosts a mandatory orientation for all new students. Designed to empower students with the knowledge and tools needed to be successful in the School of Nursing, the orientation program is a vital first step toward academic success. Students become familiar with various campus academic resources, program requirements, course registration, online technology, and student expectations. They will also have the opportunity to meet fellow students, faculty members, consult with advisors, visit the campus, and tour local attractions. Orientation typically takes place the second or third week in August.

- NURS 6222: Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning—All nurse practitioner students are expected to come to campus towards the end of the health assessment course to be tested on their history and physical examination skills in the simulation center. On-campus training is also provided utilizing GW teaching assistants. Seminars are presented that strengthen diagnostic reasoning skills. This on-campus experience typically takes place over a several day period toward the end of April.

- NURS 6231-FNP 2: Lifespan Primary Care/Diagnosis/Management. All nurse practitioner students are expected to come to campus towards the end of the FNP 2 course to be tested on their clinical reasoning skills in the simulation center. On-campus seminars include reading 12 lead EKGs, radiological interpretation, and a hands on suturing/wound care workshop. This on-campus experience typically takes place over a several day period in November or December.

- NURS 6232: FNP 3: Professional Issues/Diagnosis/Management - All nurse practitioner students are required to pass final skills assessment with standardized patients in the simulation center. This on-campus experience typically takes place over several days in April prior to graduation in May.

- Upon completion of the program students will be eligible to sit for the nationally recognized AANP or ANCC certification examination for the Family Nurse practitioner role and population focus.

Please note that students are responsible for all travel costs. See the University’s Visiting Campus website (http://www.gwu.edu/gw-overview).

Visit the program website (https://nursing.gwu.edu/bachelor-science-nursing-bsn) for more information.

Information for VA Community College Graduates
GW School of Nursing is pleased to provide guaranteed admission to students who have earned associate's degrees from accredited nursing programs at community colleges across Virginia and who meet GW's academic requirements.

Information for Montgomery (MD) Community College Graduates
GW School of Nursing is pleased to provide guaranteed admission to students who have earned associate's degrees from accredited nursing programs at Montgomery Community Colleges in Maryland and who meet GW's academic requirements.

For more information visit the Online RN-BSN website. (https://nursing.gwu.edu/online-rn-bsn)

REQUIREMENTS

For the bachelor of science in nursing portion of the program the following requirements must be fulfilled: 21 credits in required courses; 15 credits toward the University General Education Requirement, which is usually fulfilled by transfer of credits from the associate's degree program; and up to 15 credits based on review of the student's professional portfolio and awarded through enrollment in NUR 4121. If fewer than 15 credits are awarded, completion of one or more of the following courses may be required, as determined by the program director: NURS 3112, NURS 3113, and NURS 3118.

For the master of science in nursing in the field of family nurse practitioner portion of the program the following requirements must be fulfilled: 33 credits in required courses and completion of 700 to 800 clinical hours.