



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

GRADUATE NURSING

POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

About FSC

Florida Southern College is known throughout the nation as a leader in engaged learning. FSC is consistently ranked as a top college in the prestigious U.S. News and World Report and was voted #1 most beautiful campus two years in a row by the Princeton Review. Situated in the corridor between Orlando and Tampa, students enjoy our location with easy access to surrounding areas.

Program Overview

This program allows students to build on the foundation of their MSN degree and to become eligible for additional certification. Along with cutting-edge technology and personalized attention from highly qualified faculty, these programs are designed to meet the needs of Master's prepared nurses seeking to expand their career opportunities as primary care providers uniquely poised to address areas of vital need in healthcare.

Concentration Tracks

- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Educator

Program Delivery

Nurse Practitioner students meet once per week on campus for their classroom courses. The Nurse Educator track is delivered fully online.

Small Classes

At FSC, you'll get the individual attention critical to nursing education. Dedicated faculty members and small class sizes give you one-on-one attention and allow you to learn in small group settings.

Program Strengths

- Contemporary curriculum strategically designed using professional nursing standards to meet the learning needs of advanced practice nurses
- Abundant opportunities for engagement and scholarly discourse to advance personal and professional development
- Extensive network of practice partners that provide graduate nursing students with outstanding clinical learning experiences
- Faculty and staff deeply committed to student success, academic excellence, and providing every student with positive and engaging learning experiences
- Faculty with the academic and clinical experience needed to optimize student learning outcomes

Accreditation

The post-graduate APRN certificate program at Florida Southern College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>)



Academic Advisor

The moment you enroll, you'll be assigned an Academic Advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches your schedule and priorities.

The mission of Florida Southern College Ann Blanton Edwards School of Nursing and Health Sciences is to prepare health professionals to provide quality care for diverse populations.

ACCORDING TO THE US BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, NURSE PRACTITIONER POSITIONS ARE PROJECTED TO EXPERIENCE A REMARKABLE **17% INCREASE BY 2030**, HIGHLIGHTING THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SKILLED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. THE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROFESSION IS THE NUMBER ONE CAREER ACROSS MULTIPLE RANKED LISTS IN 2024. AS AN NP, YOU'LL PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN PATIENT CARE, BLENDING CLINICAL EXPERTISE WITH COMPASSIONATE CARE TO MAKE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.

Prerequisite Courses

Undergraduate Level

Students must have successfully completed the following courses or their equivalents at the undergraduate level earning a grade of "C" or better to qualify for admission consideration:

- Health Assessment
- Evidence-Based Healthcare or Research Methods
- Introduction to Statistics or Biostatistics

Graduate Level

Students must have successfully completed the following courses or their equivalents at the graduate level earning a grade of "C" or better prior to entering any of the clinical courses*:

- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Nursing Research or Evidence-Based Practice

*If needed, these graduate courses may be completed at Florida Southern College as part of a student's post-master's certificate program.

Program Requirements

The final program plan and course requirements for each student admitted to a graduate certificate program will be based on a gap analysis. The gap analysis will include, at a minimum, a review of previous transcripts and course syllabi for which transfer or equivalent credits are requested. Additional documentation may be required in order to complete the gap analysis. The number of clinical hours required is dependent upon the student's earned MSN degree.

Financial Aid

Tuition deferment is available to students receiving employer reimbursement. FSC participates in all major federal aid programs including military funding.



Admission Requirements

- Completed online application
- Official transcripts of all academic work
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from an accredited CNEA, ACEN or CCNE program at a regionally accredited college or university
- MSN from a regionally-accredited institution and a CCNE, CNEA, or ACEN accredited nursing program
- MSN cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Current résumé
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- Required prerequisite courses
- Proof of current active licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Florida
- Record and submit three short videos (no more than 2 minutes each) answering the following prompts:
 1. Where do you see yourself in five years as a nurse practitioner, nurse leader, or nurse educator?
 2. Why is now the right time for you to begin a graduate nursing program?
 3. Graduate school will put significant demands on your time, energy, and financial resources. What do you see as your most significant challenges for meeting the didactic and clinical requirements for the program?
- Personal interview may be required for eligible candidates
- Completion of a criminal background check, proof of immunization, and a ten-panel drug screen prior to beginning the program (if admitted)

Application materials can be submitted electronically to **evening@flsouthern.edu** or mailed directly to:

Office of Adult and Graduate Admission

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