



Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing

Post-Master's Certificate Family Nurse Practitioner Program

The purpose of the post master's certificate program is to enable nurses who hold a master's degree in another nursing specialty to gain the knowledge and skills required for certification as a family nurse practitioner. The program supports the mission of the School of Nursing as it facilitates the development of advanced practice nurses in both clinical competencies and in the assumption of leadership responsibilities in current and evolving health care systems. Core courses required for students in their original master's degree nursing program will be evaluated for equivalency to the required post-master's certificate courses.

General Course Requirements

The minimum number of semester hours required for completion of the certificate program is 30. In addition, 640 clinical hours must be completed within specialty courses. Past education will be evaluated to determine required core courses that may be waived due to their equivalency with GSU courses.

Required Core Courses (may be exempted if previous coursework is deemed equivalent):

Nurs 7310:	Advanced Pathophysiological Concepts in Nursing –Part I	3
Nurs 7320:	Advanced Pathophysiological Concepts in Nursing –Part II	3
Nurs 7500:	Advanced Health Assessment	3
Nurs 7550:	Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3
Nurs 7940:	Advanced Professional Nurse Practice Issues	2

Required Specialty Courses:

Nurs 7340:	Common Health Problems of Adults	10
Nurs 7342:	Common Health Problems of Children and Adolescents	6
Nurs 7350:	Common Health Problems in Women	6
Nurs 7360:	Advanced Family Nursing Practicum	4

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