

Family/Individual Across the Lifespan commonwealth University Nurse Practitioner

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester.

Sample 3.5 -Year Plan- Part Time

First Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	Summer Courses	Credits
NURS 501: Theoretical Bases for Role Development in	3	NURS 503: Bases of Research for Advanced	3	NURS 502: Epidemiology Concepts In	3
Advanced Nursing Practice (7 weeks)		Nursing Practice (7 weeks)		Population Health	
NURS 504: Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3	NURS 507: Pharmacology Across the Lifespan for the Advanced Practice Nurse	3		
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	6	Semester Total	3

Second Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	Summer Courses	Credits
NURS 508: Health Assessment & Promotion for the Advanced Practice Nurse	4	NURS 515: Diagnosis & Management of Adults & Aged I (210 clinical hours)	6	NURS 529: Comprehensive Assessment of the Older Adult (140 clinical hours)	4
Semester Total	4	Semester Total	6	Semester Total	4

Third Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	Summer Courses	Credits
NURS 516: Diagnosis & Management of Adults & Aged II (210 clinical hours)	6	NURS 517: Diagnosis & Management of Children & Pregnant Women (210 clinical hours)	6		
		NURS 522: Family Theory Across the Lifespan	3		
Semester Total	6	Semester Total	9	Semester Total	

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Fourth Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits	Summer Courses	Credits
NURS 541: Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum & Seminar (210 clinical hours)	6				
Semester Total	6	Semester Total		Semester Total	

Total credits: 50

Total clinical hours: 980



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Part- time or Full-time completion options are available.

Curriculum Checklist

A. Required Core Nursing Courses (9 credits)

- ____ NURS 501 Theoretical Bases for Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
- ____ NURS 502 Epidemiology (3)
- ____ NURS 503 Bases of Research for Advanced Nursing Practice (3)

B. Required Advanced Practice Nursing Courses (13 credits)

- ____NURS 504 Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan for the Advanced Practice Nurse (3)
- ____NURS 507 Pharmacology Across the Lifespan for the Advanced Practice Nurse (3)
- ____NURS 508 Lifespan Health Assessment & Promotion for the Advanced Practice Nurse (4)
- ____NURS 522 Family Theory Across the Lifespan (3)

C. Required Nurse Practitioner Courses (28 credits)

- ____NURS 515 Diagnosis & Management of Adults & Aged I (6)
- ____NURS 516 Diagnosis & Management of Adults & Aged II (6)
- ____NURS 529 Comprehensive Assessment of Older Adults (4)
- ____NURS 517 Diagnosis & Management of Pregnant Women & Children (6)
- ____NURS 541 Family Nurse Practitioner
- Practicum & Seminar (6)

Degree Requirements

This course map indicates Part-time matriculation and a Fall semester start. However, the review of applications and acceptance into this program is in a rolling basis. A student can start in any semester and can choose a Full-time option as well. An adviser will establish a course map for you if you decide to start in Spring/Summer semesters or decide to take a full-time option.

Students must complete all 50 credits and all course requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required to maintain enrollment in the program.

Campus Locations

Bloomsburg	🛛 Online; 🗆 In-person; 🗆 Blended
Lock Haven	\Box Online; \Box In-person; \Box Blended
Mansfield	\Box Online; \Box In-person; \Box Blended
Clearfield	🗆 Online; 🗆 In-person; 🗆 Blended