

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMS



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The Wehrheim School of Nursing and its programs are designed for busy registered nurses who already have their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and have clinical nursing experience as a registered nurse. The MU Master of Science in Nursing programs were developed and based on the ANA Scope and Standards of Professional Practice and are accredited through the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA). These programs will prepare nurses for careers in a variety of specialties. Our programs are specifically designed for busy working adults.

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### **FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL ACROSS THE LIFESPAN NURSE PRACTITIONER**

The Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner program (FNP) prepares nurses to specialize in the prevention, diagnosis and management of medical conditions across the lifespan. Offered either fully online or in a blended course delivery with face-to-face classes along with online components, the program requires the completion of 43 theory hours and 750 clinical hours. Upon completion of the FNP program, graduates are eligible for licensure by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and to sit for the national certification examination by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and/or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. The FNP blended program is offered at two locations: Millersville University (Millersville, Pa.) in the fall and Central Penn College Campus (Enola, Pa.) in the spring. The FNP online program is offered in the fall and spring.



## ADMINISTRATION

Specific criteria required by the nursing department include:

1. Current RN license in Pennsylvania or in the state where practice is planned for clinicals.
2. Professional goal statement.
3. Current resume/CV.
4. Two current academic and/or professional references.
5. Official transcripts reflecting the following: baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program; undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. When GPA is below this, provisional acceptance may be considered if the candidate demonstrates graduate-study potential by other means: satisfactory completion of an undergraduate statistics course and a research course in nursing; FNP track requires satisfactory completion of an undergraduate physical assessment course.
6. Minimum of one year of clinical experience in nursing; minimum of two years of clinical experience for FNP or postmaster's certificate FNP applicants.
7. Completion of a successful interview.

## ADVANCED PRACTICE

The Millersville University MSN graduate is uniquely prepared to advocate for patients and the profession. Our graduates frequently report that their experiences have prepared them well for their roles, and they are leading change initiatives in their work environments based on their education in our program. Our graduates are the healthcare leaders of the future,

## ACADEMICS

Regardless of the option, tenured faculty teach in all programs. Our programs are designed based on national standards and the unique needs of the nurse returning to school while also working. We value the life experiences of our students, and we recognize their many competing needs. In our FNP program, courses are scheduled to meet one night a week. Our online MSN programs are asynchronous, with optional opportunities to meet with faculty and student peers.

Practicum requirements allow students to focus on an area of interest to them through individualized and self-directed observation experiences.