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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION**

Lincoln Memorial University's MSN degree program, Family Nurse Practitioner concentration, prepares nurses in an advanced practice role with competencies in family health promotion and culturally competent clinical management of common conditions across the life span. The seventeen (17) month program requires 43 semester hours of graduate course work including 660 clinical hours. Clinical courses have a 1:4 credit hour to clinical hour ratio. A Comprehensive Exam is required during the final semester.

The minimum number of credit hours required for graduation should not be construed as indicating a maximum number of credit hours for any particular student. Students who complete the program in seventeen months will have limited opportunity for elective courses, but students who pursue a part-time option may elect to explore additional topics. Thus, each program of study may vary as to total number of credit hours necessary to receive the degree.

Full-Time Plan (17 months, 4 semesters)					
First Semester		Cr Hrs.	Second Semester		Cr Hrs.
NURS 510 Advance Pathophysiology		3	NURS 500 Theoretical Foundations and Research Methods		4
NURS 520 Advance Health Assessment		3	NURS 561 Young and Middle Adults		4
NURS 530 Advance Pharmacology and Therapeutics		4	NURS 561A Young and Middle Adults Practicum		3
Total:		10	Total:		11
Third Semester		Cr Hrs.	Fourth Semester		Cr Hrs.
NURS 562 Pediatrics		2	NURS 563 Lifespan of Older Adults		2
NURS 562A Pediatrics Practicum		1	NURS 563A Lifespan of Older Adults Practicum		2
NURS 564 Women's Health		2	NURS 567 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship II		3
NURS 564A Women's Health Practicum		1	NURS 590 Directed Scholarly Project		3
NURS 566 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship I		2			
NURS 580 Contemporary Roles and Issues for Advanced Practice Nurses		4			
Total:		12	Total:		10
Total MSN FNP Concentration Hours = 43 credit hours					
<i>*Clinical courses have a 1: 4 credit hour to clinical hour ratio. (For example, NURS 561A Young and Middle Adults Practicum has a 3 hour clinical component = 12 hours per week = 180 hours over the semester)</i>					

Part-Time Option

A part-time option is offered to FNP students on a space available basis. Part-time options will vary in length. Students wishing a part-time option in the FNP concentration must first discuss the option with the Concentration Director. Part-time FNP students must also meet with their advisor to plan an individualized progression plan. This will help to ensure that course prerequisites and future course availability will be incorporated into the plan. A change in status from part-time to full-time or vice versa must be approved by the Concentration Director and a new curriculum plan must be designed with the faculty advisor. Part time students may be required to travel to an extended learning site due to course availability.

Sample Part-Time Plan (28 months, 7 semesters)					
First Semester		Cr Hrs.	Second Semester		Cr Hrs.
NURS 510 Advance Pathophysiology		3	NURS 500 Theoretical Foundations and Research Methods		4
Total:		3	Total:		4
Third Semester		Cr Hrs.	Fourth Semester		Cr Hrs.
NURS 580 Contemporary Roles and Issues for Advanced Practice Nurses		4	NURS 530 Advance Pharmacology and Therapeutics		4
		4	NURS 520 Advance Health Assessment		3
			Total:		7
Fifth Semester		Cr Hrs.	Sixth Semester		Cr Hrs.
NURS 561 Young and Middle Adults		4	NURS 562 Pediatrics		2
NURS 561A Young and Middle Adult Practicum		3	NURS 562A Pediatrics Practicum		1
			NURS 564 Women's Health		2
			NURS 564A Women's Health Practicum		1
			NURS 566 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship I		2
Total:		7	Total:		8

Seventh Semester		Cr Hrs.
NURS 563 Lifespan of Older Adults		2
NURS 563A Lifespan of Older Adults Practicum		2
NURS 567 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship II		3
NURS 590 Directed Scholarly Project		3
Total:		10

Total MSN FNP Concentration Hours = 43 credit hours

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