

Admission to Family Nurse Practitioner Stream

In addition to the admission application requirements outlined in Section 1.0 of the [Graduate Academic Calendar](#), applicants for the Family Nurse Practitioner Stream are required to submit the following for consideration of admission:

- Three Assessment Reports on Applicant for Admission to Graduate Studies. Letters of reference may accompany the Assessment Reports. At least one of the assessments/letters must be from a health professional from the prospective student's most recent practice setting.
- An academic transcript showing all undergraduate courses, including nursing theory, health assessment, community health nursing, and research.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Criminal records searches prior to being admitted.
- Evidence of at least two years full-time equivalent practice hours following completion of the Baccalaureate degree.
- Evidence of active registration as a RN in British Columbia, or eligibility for registration. Annual documentation of current, practicing CRNBC licensure is required while enrolled in the program.
- Letter of Intent indicating interest in the program and FNP role, preparedness for graduate studies and proposed area of interest for the final capstone project.

The MScN FNP Program accepts students for the September Semester. Application Deadline is December 15th. For additional information about graduate admissions or to apply online, please go to the Graduate Admissions website at www.unbc.ca/apply/graduate

Family Nurse Practitioner Program Required Courses

Core courses:

NURS 604-3 Healing and Well-being of Indigenous Peoples

NURS 606-3 Developing Nursing Knowledge

NURS 607-3 Applying Research and Evidence in Practice

NURS 703-3 Health Program Planning, Community Development and Evaluation

POLS 603-3 Social and Health Policy in the Context of Health and Health Care

Nurse Practitioner Courses:

NURS 602-3 Pathophysiology

NURS 603-3 Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning

NURS 605-3 Pharmacological Management and Therapeutic Intervention

NURS 608-3 Ethics, Accountability and Responsibility for Practice

NURS 720-6 Practicum: Integrating Health Care I

NURS 730-6 Practicum: Integrating Health Care II

NURS 790-9 Nurse Practitioner Internship

NURS 798-3 Nurse Practitioner Project

Please note travel is required for all clinical placements.

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MScN (FNP): Family Nurse Practitioner Program



<http://www.unbc.ca/nursing/family-nurse-practitioner-mscn-fnp>

UNBC MScN Family Nurse Practitioner students are prepared to provide primary health care for clients across the age span, with a focus on delivery of primary health care in rural, remote, and northern settings.

Family Nurse Practitioners are health care professionals with advanced Masters level education and skills that prepare them to offer high quality professional health care services from a broad knowledge base of primary care. FNPs practice in a variety of health care settings; they assess health status, order diagnostic tests, diagnose disease and conditions, prescribe medications and treatments and manage diseases, disorders and conditions within a regulated scope of practice. FNPs integrate preventative health care into their practices, including screening, health maintenance and population health services for individuals, families, groups and communities. FNPs are skilled collaborators and leaders in health care, and actively collaborate with other health care professionals, service providers, communities, families, and clients to achieve the best outcomes for the populations they serve.

The UNBC Program offers online course delivery methods, small class size, high quality clinical experiences, and faculty that are experienced instructors and FNPs from across the province. UNBC is unique as a university in the North, for the North, providing education focused on meeting the future health care needs of northern B.C. populations.



The University motto, “En cha huna”, is a saying of Carrier elders that encapsulates the spirit of respect for others and a willingness to recognize different perspectives. The MScN FNP program addresses the issues and challenges of rural and northern FNP practice including rural and northern primary health care, mental health, First Nations health, interprofessional, and collaborative primary health care practice.

The UNBC MScN FNP program consists of five core nursing courses, four nurse practitioner specific courses, and one course focused on the ethics and regulations governing nurse practitioner practice. Two clinical primary health care courses and a clinical internship are also required. Five on-campus sessions in Prince George are mandatory and are part of the health assessment, First Nations health, and each of the two primary health care courses and the internship. Placements for all clinical experiences are primarily in northern communities; students are required to travel to complete clinical hours. A scholarly integrative review is required for the capstone project to complete the degree.

Students have the opportunity to take the UNBC MScN FNP program full-time over a two year period or part-time over three or four years. The degree must be completed within a maximum of five years. Students are required to maintain year-round registration. All courses are delivered either online or via a blended online and face to face format. Clinical practice courses offer intensive, on-campus face-to-face learning, along with practicum experiences with NP, GP or Midwife practice preceptors, supported by UNBC clinical faculty.