

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

**FAMILY NURSE
PRACTITIONER**

POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Post Master's Certificate Program at Sacred Heart University consists of 33 credit hours of study. It is designed to prepare the student who currently possesses a Master's Degree in Nursing to become eligible for certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Students in the Post Master's Certificate Program will take 33 credits of course work designed for the Nurse Practitioner. Prior masters level courses in required content areas may be evaluated for transfer credit.

ADMISSION

- MS in Nursing
- Interview with the Program Coordinator
- Statement of professional goals
- Connecticut RN license
- Basic Health Assessment course (30 hours or greater)

The applicant for admission must submit a completed application, résumé, two letters of recommendation, and send official copies of transcripts of all prior nursing and academic work.

**FAMILY AND PRIMARY CARE
SPECIALTY COURSES (33 CREDITS)**

These courses provide the concentration in family and primary care:

COURSE		CREDITS
NU 550	Concepts in Primary and Family Care	3
NU 551	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NU 552	A Pathophysiological Approach to Advanced Health Assessment I	3
NU 553	A Pathophysiological Approach to Advanced Health Assessment II	3
NU 560	Family and Primary Care I: The Evolving Family	6
NU 620	Family and Primary Care II: The Family with Adult Members	6
NU 630	Family and Primary Care III: The Contracting Family	9

OTHER INFORMATION

All formal classes and seminars are conducted in the late afternoon and evening. Courses with clinical experience require 9-18 hours/week. These hours will be primarily scheduled during the day.

Students may complete the program in 2-3 years depending upon their plan of study and prerequisite course requirements.

WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

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