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Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner

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Program Overview

The Norwich online Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner prepares nurse leaders with the education and competencies to meet future demand. The program's curricular foundation highlights advanced critical thinking, communication, and decision-making skills.

Featuring three dedicated nurse practitioner tracks, this program ensures graduates possess the skills to navigate the complexities of an evolving healthcare system and improve the quality of care at the individual and aggregate levels. You will gain the knowledge and skills to function as a master's-level practitioner, in addition to possessing a profound depth of knowledge within an advanced practice area.

The three specialty tracks within the Norwich **Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (MSN NP)** include Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). Each track is designed to help registered nurses expand their knowledge and skills to promote healthier and more sustainable patient outcomes. Nurses looking to further their careers — and experience greater autonomy in the workplace — can explore a particular path that advances their education.



MSN NP Tracks



Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

PROGRAM GOALS:

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track prepares advanced practice nurses to manage the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. **This program is designed for nurses who wish to advance their knowledge, education, and skills to practice as an FNP.**

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the FNP national certification board examination offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).



Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)

PROGRAM GOALS:

The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) track educates nurse practitioners in working with acutely ill patients. AGACNP nurse practitioners help assess and manage acutely ill patients in the inpatient/hospital setting and across hospital-to-clinic settings, including the emergency department, intensive care unit, specialty labs, acute and sub-acute care wards, specialty clinics, or any combination of the above.

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner board certification exam, administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).



Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

PROGRAM GOALS:

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) track prepares advanced practice nurses to provide primary mental health care for individuals, groups, and populations across the lifespan. This advanced practice nurse maintains a critical role in the health care team and ensures collaboration and the provision of safe, effective, coordinated care.

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner board certification exam, administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

The Norwich Advantage

IN YOUR CORNER. A MOTIVATING FORCE.

If you can dream it, you can accomplish it — thanks to Norwich University's expert faculty and dedicated student support advisers. Your team works to keep you motivated and build the skills needed for a rewarding career. From program start to finish, you are never alone. Our dedicated faculty and program staff are invested in your success and go the extra mile in providing mentorship and support. Norwich provides 24/7 access and technical support through an online learning platform, enabling you to contribute to class discussions and complete your coursework at any time, from any location.

ACCESS TO EXTENSIVE RESOURCES

The Kreitzberg Library serves online students and faculty. You gain access to our library's 100 online databases, 54,000 full-text electronic journals, and hundreds of thousands of e-books.

To help you succeed as an online learner, our dedicated distance learning librarian and reference staff members provide research assistance via email, phone, and chat. Our staff ships books anywhere in the world from our circulating collection of over 140,000 titles and provide journal articles unavailable online through our material request services.

200+ Years of Leadership in Education

Rooted in a strong tradition of military service, Norwich University remains fully invested in the development of focused, highly skilled professionals who seek to make the most of every opportunity. Through technology, Norwich Online provides extended educational opportunities to working adults and lifelong learners from around the world.



Curriculum

As our healthcare system and the governing policies continue to evolve, the need for highly competent and forward-thinking leaders in nursing has never been greater. Norwich Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Practitioner tracks were created to meet that critical need.

The curriculum for each track within the Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner is designed in alignment with the AACN Master-Level education preparation standards — including the Master’s Essentials — as well as the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies.

Each program track begins with **nine, 3-credit core courses** that focus on the roles of the advanced nurse, healthcare systems, practice and policy, theoretical foundations of practice, research for evidence-based practice and quality improvement practice, advocacy, and technology. The remaining courses — valued at 2-credit hours each — are chosen by the nurse practitioner.

The time to completion is the same for all tracks: nine semesters (four semesters per year) with degree completion in as few as two years and three months. The program ends with a one-week residency and graduation ceremony in June at Norwich University in Vermont.

PROGRAM DETAILS — AT A GLANCE

- Four annual start dates: March, June, September, or December.
- 18 courses totaling 45 credit hours for all concentrations.
- A course schedule that takes only 2 ¼ years to complete for all concentrations (date of graduation depends on your start date.)
- One-week residency preceding graduation.

CORE COURSES

(Nine courses valued at 3 credit hours each.)

COURSE NAME		CREDITS
NR 553	Advanced Physical Assessment	3
NR 514	Epidemiology and Population Health	3
NR 523	Healthcare Systems, Nursing Leadership and Advanced Nursing Role	3
NR 524	Health Policy, Advocacy and Economics in Healthcare	3
NR 533	Quality and Improvement and Patient Safety	3
NR 534	Informatics and Healthcare Technologies	3
NR 552	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NR 548	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR 593	Advanced Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice	3
Total Credits		27

The Norwich Advantage: For Nursing

ACTIONS THAT BRING RESULTS IN HEALTH CARE

Nurses are the lifeblood of hospitals, medical centers, public health facilities, and nursing homes. Their leadership role is only amplified in the wake of healthcare reform. The Norwich online Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner prepares working nurses for leadership positions as a family nurse practitioner, adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

As a nurse seeking master's-level proficiency, you will engage in an expanded scope of practice characterized by critical analysis of problems, creative problem-solving, and application of theories in the decision-making process. You will learn to manage change effectively and utilize effective communication skills and technologies to create collaborative partnerships in nursing and across healthcare disciplines. Graduate education prepares you to identify and evaluate personal and organizational values and implement ethical decisions and strategies to improve outcomes.

SUPERB TEACHER-PRACTITIONERS

The faculty members who guide our online Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner possesses broad industry and research experience that enriches their teaching, providing students with real-world insight and a context for applying their expanded skills and knowledge.

All of our faculty members, who hold doctorate degrees, work closely with students, inspiring them to produce their best work, motivating them to reach higher, and encouraging them to make a difference.



Knowing what to do is important. Knowing how to do it is essential.

The Norwich Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner is designed to fit into the busy schedules of working professionals and other lifelong learners, helping you to confidently advance your level of understanding and build new competencies when it's most convenient for you.

Empowering the Future

FOR LEADERS WHO ARE DRIVEN TO SERVE

Leading change takes commitment, compassion, and the skills and knowledge needed to inspire and motivate. Norwich University channels your motivation to serve into a strong ability to lead within your organization and community.

THE PACE FOR EACH COURSE IS DESIGNED WITH BUSY SCHEDULES IN MIND

Through our flexible online platform, you can access program content and contribute to class discussions on your own schedule and at your own pace each week. This format allows extra time to contemplate questions and compose well-thought-out responses. Small classes and students from diverse professional and cultural backgrounds foster in-depth discussions and unique perspectives.

YOUR LEARNING COMMUNITY CAN BECOME AN INVALUABLE NETWORK

You will progress through the program in small classes called cohorts. Small classes of 15 or fewer students encourage frequent student-student and student-faculty interactions, while a team of dedicated program staff provides students with additional support and guidance. When enrolled at Norwich, you gain access to a dynamic learning community as well as an extensive career network of successful alumni from around the globe.

CAREER PREPARATION

Developed based on guidelines by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the program helps prepare you for a range of leadership roles within each of the outlined nurse practitioner disciplines. Accompanied by 660 hours of clinical practice and experiential learning, you'll develop a broader and more advanced skill set that serves to promote healthier outcomes through a variety of recovery and treatment options. This level of experiential learning allows program graduates to continue ahead in their careers with the confidence that they possess the requisite knowledge and skills to integrate advanced theoretical, research-based, scientific, and clinical understanding into clinical practice to provide nursing care to diverse patient populations.

Residency

The MSN NP culminates with a one-week residency and graduation ceremony at the beautiful Norwich University campus in the Green Mountains of Vermont. During residency, students cement relationships with their cohort and faculty, exchange ideas, create and foster professional networks, and immerse themselves in the Norwich campus and legacy.



Admissions

NORWICH CAN HELP PREPARE YOU FOR SUCCESS.

Whether you're seeking to advance in your field, refocus your career, or expand your knowledge and skills in an area in which you're passionate, Norwich University Online can help you achieve your professional and personal goals. Applying is the first step.

Norwich seeks goal-oriented individuals possessing high standards of personal ethics and demonstrated excellence in their professional lives and academic studies.

Applicants should have a desire to make a positive contribution to their field. Selective admissions standards are intended to ensure that those admitted have the greatest prospect of successfully completing the program and contributing to the field.

Choosing the right Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner program, along with the right school, is a major decision. We invite you to contact our Admissions Advisors who will guide you in your decision-making.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- A **bachelor's degree** from a regionally or nationally accredited undergraduate nursing program (either by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE))
- An active, unencumbered **license as a registered nurse** in state of practice
- **Proof of English language proficiency** (if English was not the language of degree study)
- International applicants who are not licensed as registered nurses in the U.S. must achieve a **passing score** on both English and Nursing sections of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination
- A **cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater** on a 4.00 scale for the last 60 undergraduate hours of your nursing program
- Undergraduate courses in **statistics and research**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Contact an Admissions Advisor to begin the application process and submit the following items:

- Application form
- RN license
- Agency agreement (more information available on request)
- Resume
- Official transcript from undergraduate degree-granting institution
- Letter of intent
- One letter of recommendation from a nurse leader/manager or supervisor who can attest to your readiness for all graduate-level work
- If English is not your first language, proof of English language proficiency is required. This can be demonstrated in one of two ways:
 - **TOEFL** - a minimum score of 550 (paper-based test) or 80 (internet-based test) is required.
 - **IELTS** - a minimum composite score of 6.5 is required.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Financing your graduate school education can be a daunting task if you are unfamiliar with the process, timeline, expectations, and options. Norwich University wants to make this process a smooth journey for you.

To speak with one of our Admissions Advisors about financial aid:

Call: 1-877-348-8153 | **Email:** info@online.norwich.edu | **Visit:** <https://online.norwich.edu>

About Norwich University

Founded in 1819, Norwich University is a small, private, not-for-profit university in Vermont that offers professional and liberal arts programs to military and civilian students. The College of Graduate and Continuing Studies builds upon more than 200 years of Norwich University traditions while offering a variety of degree programs online in a rigorous academic environment. By enrolling in our online Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner program, you'll become part of a long tradition of public service education and leadership at Norwich, which goes all the way back to our founding as the nation's first private military college.

ACCREDITATIONS AND RANKINGS



Norwich University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.).

Recognized for academic excellence, *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Norwich University in the top 100 for Regional Universities in the North. Rankings are based on undergraduate programs.



The master's degree program in nursing at Norwich University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).



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