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Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's APRN Certificates

Family Nurse Practitioner / Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner /
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

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Program Overview

Norwich has designed a suite of Online Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's APRN Certificates to prepare nurse leaders with the education and competencies to become specialized in three different fields:

- **Family nurse practitioner (FNP)**
- **Adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner (AGACNP)**
- **Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP)**

By adding an FNP, AGACNP, or PMHNP Post-Master's APRN Certificate to your credentials, you gain the skills to navigate the complexities of an evolving health care system and improve the quality of care provided at the individual and aggregate levels. Program graduates possess the knowledge and skills to function as an advanced practice nurse while exhibiting a profound depth of knowledge in a specific area of practice.

Learning gained through a certificate program will support you in promoting healthier and more sustainable patient outcomes, while positioning you to explore increased responsibilities and greater autonomy in the workplace. Guided by experienced, doctoral-level faculty, program graduates continue their careers with an enhanced skill set and a greater capacity to use research findings from nursing and other disciplines as a basis for clinical decision-making that promotes confidence, accuracy, and efficiency.



Add Greater Depth and Knowledge to Enhance Your Career with an Online Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's APRN Certificate

CHOOSE FROM THREE ONLINE POST-MASTER'S APRN CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

Family Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's APRN Certificate

Designed for nurses possessing a Master of Science in Nursing, the FNP Post-Master's APRN Certificate advances the knowledge, education, and expertise needed to:

- Provide comprehensive care to individuals and families across the lifespan.
- Work in a variety of clinical settings ranging from hospitals to private practice.
- 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 Post-Master's APRN Certificate

Designed for nurses possessing a Master of Science in Nursing, the AGACNP Post-Master's APRN Certificate advances the knowledge, education, and expertise needed to:

- Assess, diagnose, and treat acutely ill patients or those with chronic conditions.
- Work in a variety of clinical settings including hospitals, specialty care facilities, emergency departments, intensive care units, specialty labs, acute and sub-acute care wards, or specialty clinics.
- Sit for the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner board certification exam offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN).

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's APRN Certificate

Designed for nurses with a Master of Science in Nursing, the PMHNP Post-Master's APRN Certificate advances the knowledge, education, and expertise needed to:

- Provide integrated care for persons with mental health, substance use, and co-morbid mental and physical conditions.
- Work in a variety of clinical settings ranging from specialty behavioral health centers to primary care settings.
- Provide a range of brief prevention, treatment, and recovery services, as well as longer-term treatment and support for persons with persistent illnesses.
- Advocate to reduce inaccurate and hurtful representations of mental illness.
- Sit for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner board certification exam by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

High Curriculum Standards That Lead to Better Outcomes

Advanced practice nurses are critical members of health care teams and ensure collaboration and provision of safe, effective, and coordinated care. To help further your career goals, our Post-Master's Certificates offer **18 credit hours** (9 concentration-specific) of curriculum, along with **four clinical experiences of 165 hours each** for a total of **660 hours** — all performed in a practical, real-world setting.

All of our Post-Master's Certificates carefully align with the **American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)** Master-Level education preparation standards — including the Master's Essentials. The program curriculum is also aligned with the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies.

With newly enhanced knowledge and skills, program graduates can sit for the applicable nurse practitioner board certification exam, administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), or American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).



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 to provide 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 provides access to 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.



Pictured: The Kreitzberg Library

Curriculum

As our health care system and its governing policies evolve, the need for highly competent and forward-thinking leaders in nursing has never been greater. We created our online Post-Master's APRN Certificates to meet that critical need.

Backed by a strong curricular foundation, Norwich offers a rigorous academic experience to prepare you for the challenges facing the nursing profession in the 21st century. Our Post-Master's APRN Certificate programs are structured to prepare graduates to provide a highly skilled and advanced level of patient care. With a curriculum backed by the latest scientific research and supported with proven best practices, you'll gain the knowledge required to properly assess, diagnose, and treat patients in your chosen specialty.

Certificate Details — At a Glance

- **Four annual start dates:** March, June, September, or December.
- 9 courses totaling **18 credit hours**.
- A course schedule that takes only **15 months** to complete.
- Curriculum carefully matched to the **AACN Essentials of Master's Education**.
- Receive 660 hours of **clinical practice** and **experiential learning**.

COURSE LISTINGS

(Nine courses valued at 2 credit hours each.)

Family Nurse Practitioner

Course Number and Name	Credits
NR 590 Advanced Pharmacology – Population Focus: Family	2
NR 611 Family Nurse Practitioner I (Adult and Geriatric)	2
NR 612 Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical I	2
NR 613 Family Nurse Practitioner II (Adult and Geriatric)	2
NR 614 Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II	2
NR 615 Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical II (Wome and Children)	2
NR 616 Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical III	2
NR 617 Family Nurse Practitioner IV (Women and Children)	2
NR 618 Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical IV	2
TOTAL CREDITS	18

Curriculum

COURSE LISTINGS

(Nine courses valued at 2 credit hours each.)

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Course Number and Name		Credits
NR 591	Advanced Pharmacology – Population Focus: Adult and Geriatric	2
NR 621	Adult Geriatric Acute Care	2
NR 622	Adult Geriatric Acute Care Clinical I	2
NR 623	Adult Geriatric Acute Care II	2
NR 624	Adult Geriatric Acute Care Clinical II	2
NR 625	Adult Geriatric Acute Care III	2
NR 626	Adult Geriatric Acute Care Clinical III	2
NR 627	Adult Geriatric Acute Care IV	2
NR 628	Adult Geriatric and Acute Care Clinical IV	2
TOTAL CREDITS		18

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Course Number and Name		Credits
NR 592	Advanced Pharmacology – Population Focus: Mental Health	2
NR 631	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner I	2
NR 632	Psychiatric and Mental Health Clinical I	2
NR 633	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner II	2
NR 634	Psychiatric and Mental Health Clinical II	2
NR 635	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner III	2
NR 636	Psychiatric and Mental Health Clinical III	2
NR 637	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner IV	2
NR 638	Psychiatric and Mental Health Clinical IV	2
TOTAL CREDITS		18

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 health care reform. The Norwich Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing prepares working nurses for these critical leadership positions by empowering them with the knowledge, education, and skills necessary to promote the health and well-being of patients throughout every sector of society.

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

SUPERB TEACHER-PRACTITIONERS

The faculty members who guide the Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing possess 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 Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing is designed to fit into the busy schedules of working professionals and other lifelong learners, helping you to confidently advance your level of understanding 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 BUSY SCHEDULES IN MIND

Through our flexible online platform, you can access program content and contribute to class discussions on your own schedule and pace. 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

Earning your Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing at Norwich can help prepare you for a range of leadership roles within this highly specialized discipline. 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. As graduates continue in their careers, they have 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.

Admissions

NORWICH PREPARES YOU FOR SUCCESS.

Whether seeking to advance in your field, refocus a career, or expand 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 ensure that our students have the greatest prospect of successfully completing the program and graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to leave a positive and lasting impact on their profession.

Choosing the right Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing, 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 Requirements

To qualify for admission into our online Post-Master's Certificate program, you must:

- Hold a current, **unencumbered RN license** in your state of practice
- Hold an **MSN** from an accredited school of nursing
- Have completed the following courses within the last five years:
 - Advanced Pharmacology
 - Advanced Physical Assessment
 - Advanced Pathophysiology

For any uncompleted courses, you will need to complete the course as part of your certificate program.

You must also provide the following:

- Online admissions application
- Resume
- One letter of recommendation from a nurse leader/ manager or supervisor that can attest to your readiness for all graduate-level work
 - The letter of recommendation should be submitted on professional letterhead
 - An additional letter of recommendation may be requested by the Program Director during the application review process
- A personal statement of your professional goals
- Official transcript(s)

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 online.norwich.edu for more information.

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 Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing, 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.

RANKINGS AND ACCREDITATIONS

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.ccneaccreditation.org>).



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