FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The post master’s family nurse practitioner certificate is designed for registered nurses that have already completed a master’s degree in nursing and wish to pursue preparation as a family nurse practitioner.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines
Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines).

Application
• Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
• All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School through the Panthera Admission Application (https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu).
• Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the Panthera application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.
• Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted in to a certificate program.

Admission
The admission requirements of the post master’s family nurse practitioner program are consistent with those requirements specified by the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In addition, students must also meet the following requirements for the College of Nursing:

1. A master’s degree in Nursing from an accredited program.
2. Completion-with a grade of B or better-of a graduate-level course in physiology, pharmacology, comprehensive assessment, and epidemiology. Evidence of prescriptive authority in the state of Wisconsin will be accepted in place of graduate pharmacology.
3. Current registration as a professional nurse in the state of Wisconsin.
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation, two (2) of which are from persons most knowledgeable about the applicant’s recent academic and work experiences. Personal interviews with a faculty member may be requested.
5. Completion of an autobiographical sketch.

Credits and Courses
Designated coursework in the certificate program is completed under the direction of faculty experts and clinical preceptors. A three consecutive semester sequence of theory and practicum courses totaling 18 credits is required for completion of the post master’s family nurse practitioner certificate program.

Certificate Requirements

Transfer Credit
No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program.

Grade Point Average Requirement
A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs
1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
   • Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
   • All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
   • Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit
Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:
• 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
• 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.