FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, PRIMARY CARE CERTIFICATE

Description and Outcomes
If you are a registered nurse interested in expanding your knowledge as it relates to the role of the family nurse practitioner, consider the Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Certificate program. This certificate program is designed to educate you on the topics of how to best deliver care as a member of an interprofessional team and how to improve the availability of evidence-based, culturally relevant health care in diverse communities. The curriculum helps you develop the skills to evaluate the health and wellness of individuals, families, and their communities. The nurse practitioner is expected to possess skills in diagnosing, treating, and managing acute and chronic health conditions, to deliver preventive care, and to participate in the development of appropriate policy and evidence-based practice.

Refer to the Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams (p. 2) section for important program disclosure information.

Note: the Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Certificate program is not available in all states. Refer to Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) for details.

Clinical Practice Experience
You will complete a clinical practice experience designed to provide the opportunity for application of theoretical knowledge while working with a designated, qualified preceptor.

Refer to the School of Nursing’s Progression Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/nursing) section for additional requirements for clinical and practicum experiences.

Program Length
The Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care, Primary Care Certificate program consists of a minimum of 60 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of this program, you will be awarded a certificate.

Program Outcomes
1. Demonstrate, through synthesis of theoretical and scientific knowledge, the safe, effective practice of primary care through management of both health and illness states.
2. Collaborate with the individual, family, and community as well as other health care professionals for the purpose of ensuring high-quality, holistic primary care services.
3. Demonstrate the role of the nurse practitioner as a health educator and coach to individuals, families, and communities using a wide range of skills.
4. Demonstrate commitment to the implementation, preservation, and evolution of the family nurse practitioner role.
5. Incorporate critical thinking, collaboration, and interdisciplinary relationships into client care to achieve optimal outcomes.
6. Serve as an advocate for the client as he or she interfaces with the health care system.
7. Demonstrate a commitment to ensuring quality of care through consultation, collaboration, continuing education, certification, and self-reflection.
8. Provide culturally sensitive care in a holistic manner that is responsive to the client’s cultural and spiritual beliefs.

Program Availability
For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies
Policy information specific to the Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate program is noted below.

Admissions Requirements
You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements).

If you are an international applicant, you are not eligible to enroll in this program due to clinical requirements.

Prior to enrollment, you must submit an unofficial transcript indicating receipt of a master’s degree with an upper-level major in nursing and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from an accredited institution. By the end of the first term, you must provide Purdue Global with an official copy of the transcript. Refer to the First-Term Responsibilities (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/first-term-responsibilities) section for additional information.

If your master’s degree nursing focus is in one of the four advanced practice registered nurse roles (nurse midwife, registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner), or you have completed a post-master’s certificate in one of the four roles, you must also submit evidence of national certification and/or advanced practice recognition/licensure from your state in the role in order to be considered for admission to the program.

You must have an approved criminal background check from the Purdue Global-approved vendor on file prior to the first day of your first term. Please refer to the Additional Requirements for Graduate Programs section under Admissions Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements). The criminal background check must not contain information that would prohibit you from being licensed as an advanced practice nurse and/or being granted prescriptive authority under your state’s Nurse Practice Act.

Progression Requirements
1. You will complete clinical courses as part of the requirements for this program. You are required to follow University Catalog and School of Nursing Handbook requirements in completion of your clinical courses.
2. You must submit all transfer credit to the School of Nursing for review and approval.
Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global’s programs are not designed to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global’s Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

If eligible, upon completion of the Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Certificate, you may sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Family Nurse Practitioner certification or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners’ Family Nurse Practitioner certification. These are primary care certifications. After earning either certification, you may be academically eligible for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse in any state in which the program is available for enrollment; please see Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Please note that most states require nurses to be nationally certified and to have completed an accredited graduate nursing program in order to obtain licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse. Each national certification provider and state Board of Nursing will have eligibility requirements in addition to these educational requirements, such as passing a criminal background check. It is your responsibility to determine whether you will be eligible for state Board of Nursing approval and certification as an advanced practice registered nurse in your state. Please visit the following websites for more information:

- National Council of State Boards of Nursing: https://www.ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC): https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

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Degree Plan

The icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning) for information about module courses.