

## **The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Master of Science in Nursing Program Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration**

University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner concentration provides comprehensive preparation for baccalaureate-prepared nurses who are looking for career mobility in today's healthcare environment. A part-time track is currently available. This option offers nurses who wish to continue working in their profession and maintain family commitments while pursuing a graduate nursing education. Students in the program may complete the program part-time in eight semesters over two years.

Clinical components of the program provide students with an opportunity to apply their learning in the clinical work setting. Students are supervised by a preceptor who collaborates with faculty to assure that the student is provided with adequate and appropriate learning experiences. This partnership between the academic and clinical settings not only results in a well-prepared family nurse practitioner, but also positions the student for employment opportunities as they arise.

The MSN/FNP curriculum consists of 48 semester hours. Some courses are on-line or are web-assisted. Completion of the program includes 630 clinical clock hours in the clinical courses. Students may enroll in the Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum over several semesters so that it does not interfere with their work/family commitments.

Admission Requirements for Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration All applicants must meet the UTC Graduate School and School of Nursing admission requirements. Students applying to the FNP concentration are required to have a minimum of one year of nursing experience. Enrollment is limited and the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of students who can be admitted.

### Selection Procedures for the FNP Concentration

1. The Graduate School at UTC receives applications for the concentration in family nurse practitioner.
2. After review and action by the Graduate School, applications will be forwarded to the School of Nursing. You should follow up with the Graduate School to assure that they have received all your material (GRE or MAT results, transcripts, the total application packet).
3. Applications will be reviewed by the School of Nursing Graduate Coordinator.
4. Applicants eligible for admission to the MSN program will then be forwarded to the FNP Admissions Advisory Group. Group members and other nursing faculty will conduct personal interviews of qualified applicants. Personal and professional attributes, as well as academic background are considered. Therefore, selection of applicants for admission to the FNP concentration will be based on your application packet, GRE or MAT results, GPA and interview. Approximately 15 applicants will be invited to join each class. Ten (10) of the remaining students will be prioritized as alternates.
5. Classes are selected and individuals are notified in writing approximately 4 weeks prior to the class start date. The Director of the School of Nursing is responsible for notifying the applicant of the admission decision.
6. Individuals receiving acceptance letters must notify the School of Nursing in writing within two weeks whether they plan to accept a place in the class.

Expenses Students will pay tuition and other expenses to UTC. Tuition fees for coursework are paid to UTC each semester for the number of semester hours enrolled. Current tuition fee payment schedule is available in Records and Registration (423-425-4416).

#### First Semester

Liability insurance \$27.00\*

ID Badge \$8.00

UTC Parking fees

CANAP Student Membership \$15.00  
Lab Coat \$50.00  
Stethoscope  
Physical Exam \$35.00\*\*  
Annual TB Skin Test \$15.00  
Personal Health Insurance  
Hepatitis B Vaccination \$70.00\*\*\*  
Varicella Vaccination  
Miscellaneous expenses vary by semester

Final Semester  
Evolve Review Course \$50.00

Admission Physical Examination Upon admission to the FNP concentration, a statement is required from the student's personal physician attesting to his/her current physical and mental status for entering a career in family nurse practice. Evidence of current immunizations, including Hepatitis B vaccine, and TB test must also be presented. The student is responsible for obtaining the physical exam and any associated cost. The physical exam should include a drug screen. A complete physical exam report and record of immunization must be submitted prior to beginning coursework.

Liability Insurance Liability insurance is purchased through the School of Nursing. It must be purchased through the UT System. You may not purchase it on your own. No one is allowed in clinical without current liability insurance.

Health Care Hospitalization/health care costs are the responsibility of the student. Each student must present evidence of current health care insurance while enrolled in the program.

Transportation/Parking Students are responsible for their own transportation. University parking requires a student permit, which must be purchased from Parking Services at UTC.

Uniforms  
FNP students will wear hip length white lab coats.

Financial Aid  
Federal loans are available to qualified students. Graduate Assistantships are available through the Graduate Office. Graduate Assistantship applications must be completed four (4) months prior to the desired award date. The Graduate Assistantship is awarded through the School of Nursing.

Employment outside of school  
Outside employment must not conflict with class/clinical schedules. Students are prohibited from acting or being paid as a FNP.

Upon completion of program requirements, students in the FNP concentration are awarded a Master of Science in Nursing degree from UTC. Upon successful completion of all MSN requirements, with specialization as a FNP, the graduate will be eligible to take the National certification exam offered by either the AANP or ANCC. Successful completion of this certification exam allows the advanced practice nurse to use the title of APN.

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