

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN) DEGREE – NURSE PRACTITIONER

## Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Degree Program<sup>1</sup> - Nurse Practitioner Graduate Post-Licensure

- *In as few as 8 semesters*<sup>2</sup>
- Nurses looking to **change or enhance their practice**
- Advance your education **while you work**
- **Online Coursework**
- **Choose from four Nurse Practitioner specialty tracks:**
  - Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track
  - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track
  - Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track
  - Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track
- Total credit hours:
  - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track: 48
  - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track: 45
  - Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track: 45
  - Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track: 47

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<sup>1</sup> Program/Program option availability vary by state/location.

<sup>2</sup> With year-round, full-time enrollment.

**Note:** National certification exams are available to graduates in select specialties. Licensing requirements vary by state and may include additional criteria.

## MSN Program Overview

### Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Practitioner

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) Specialty Track
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) Specialty Track
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Specialty Track
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

**The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program – Nurse Practitioner (NP)** is a graduate degree program designed to prepare nurses for expanding roles in healthcare and enhance their opportunities for professional advancement. The minimum credit hours required to graduate and earn a Master of Science in Nursing degree is 45 semester credit hours (48 semester credit hours for the AGACNP Specialty Track; 47 semester credit hours for the PMHNP Specialty Track). Students may select one of four nurse practitioner specialty tracks: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), or Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). Program options

and specialty track approval varies by state. A student may expect to complete the program in eight semesters of full-time study comprised of one to two courses per semester, three semesters per year, for a total of eight semesters.

Students in the Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track, the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track and the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track must complete 625 hours of practicum and attend a faculty-supervised laboratory experience at a designated location. Students in the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track must complete 700 hours of practicum and attend two faculty supervised laboratory experiences at designated locations. Students are responsible for specifying their own practicum site and qualified mentor that meet the criteria established by Chamberlain. If students are unable to secure their own practicum site and qualified preceptor, Chamberlain will assist in identifying site/preceptor upon the student providing documentation of at least five potential sites that have not been able to accommodate the student, and must submit the request three sessions in advance of the need. Students using Chamberlain's preceptor matching service will be provided with one preceptor option within a 100-mile radius of their home address. Students must have an active and unrestricted nursing license in the state where they will complete their practicum. If the preceptor, mentor and/or field instructor you are submitting for Chamberlain University's review and approval was found using a student-arranged third-party preceptor matching service, be advised that Chamberlain University will not reimburse any fees you may have incurred.

The Master of Science in Nursing curriculum provides core courses in nursing theory, research, leadership, professional role development, health policy and information systems. After completing core courses, the student begins specialty coursework in one of four nurse practitioner specialty tracks – Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) – all of which allow students to build upon their knowledge of the theoretical foundations of professional nursing practice.

Students who have not chosen an area of specialization may begin the program in "Undeclared" status; however, the student must select a specialty track by the time they've earned nine semester credits towards their degree. Nurse practitioner specialty track change requests in the MSN Degree program must occur before enrollment in their final course.

Both "Undeclared and Track Change" status may result in additional coursework requirements, tuition and fee obligations. Failure to select an area of specialization may result in an inability to enroll in a required course due to space restrictions or eligibility requirements.

**The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track** is designed to prepare students to manage the healthcare needs of adolescents, adults and older adults and to sit for national certification as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP). The curriculum includes theory, simulation and clinical experiences that prepare graduates to be proficient, confident clinicians.

The AGACNP track focuses on the management of adolescent, adult and older adult patients with acute, critical and complex conditions in a variety of settings, including emergency departments and critical care in-patient units. Students will complete faculty-supervised laboratory work and 700 hours of clinical practicum work. A student may expect to complete the AGACNP curriculum in two years and eight months of full-

time study comprised of two courses per semester, three semesters per year, for a total of eight semesters.

As part of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) **Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)** curriculum, students will attend two on-ground immersion experiences. The first immersion experience occurs during the NR-509 Advanced Physical Assessment. The purpose of this immersion is to provide the student with the opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students and to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills, thus ensuring students are prepared for advanced learning within the practicum experiences. The immersion event allows faculty and staff to work with students and assess their clinical competency before entering clinical rotations. The immersion event also allows the student to further experience **Chamberlain Care®**.

The second immersion experience occurs during the NR-573 Advanced Acute Care Management Lab. The purpose of this immersion is to provide students with the opportunity to observe, participate in and be evaluated on advanced diagnostic and therapeutic skills needed in complex acute care settings. This immersion event allows students to work with faculty and fellow students to assess skill competency before entering the final two clinical rotations.

**The Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track** is designed to prepare students to manage the healthcare needs for adolescents, adults and older adults and to sit for national certification as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP). The curriculum includes theory, simulation and clinical experiences that prepare graduates to be proficient, confident clinicians.

The AGPCNP track focuses on the management of chronic health conditions, prevention and wellness in primary care settings. Students will complete faculty-supervised laboratory work and 625 hours of clinical practicum work. A student may expect to complete the AGPCNP curriculum in two and one-half years of full-time study comprised of two courses per semester, three semesters per year, for a total of seven and one-half semesters.

As part of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) **Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)** curriculum, students will attend an on-ground immersion event. The immersion event occurs during the NR-509 Advanced Physical Assessment. The purpose of this immersion is to provide the student with the opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students and to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills, thus ensuring students are prepared for advanced learning within the practicum experiences. The immersion event allows faculty and staff to work with students and assess their clinical competency before entering clinical rotations. The immersion event also allows the student to further experience **Chamberlain Care®**.

## Additional Adult-Gerontology Specialty Track Information

Students in all nurse practitioner specialty tracks will attend an on-ground intensive session offered during the last course in the program – NR-575 Acute Care Practicum II in the AGACNP track or NR-580 Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Capstone and Intensive in the AGPCNP track. The intensive session will focus on final student preparation for advanced practice. Both the immersion and intensive events occur on ground at designated locations and span several days. Students are responsible for their travel costs while participating in the immersion and the intensive sessions. Typical costs include travel to/from the designated location,

lodging and meals. Further details of the immersion events and intensive session will be provided within the individual courses.

Students declaring a nurse practitioner specialty track of the Master of Science in Nursing degree program are required to clear a background check and fingerprint screen, through a Chamberlain preferred vendor, before registering for any of the nurse practitioner specialty courses. Students may enroll in nurse practitioner core courses but cannot enroll in an nurse practitioner specialty course until clearance is satisfactorily completed. If the student's background check or fingerprint does not satisfactorily clear, the student will not be allowed to continue in the nurse practitioner specialty courses. Students who do not receive clearance by the time they need to register for an nurse practitioner specialty course should contact Academic Support Advising to discuss alternative academic program options and impacts to their plan of study, progression and financial aid status.

Students are responsible for specifying their own practicum site and qualified mentor that meet the criteria established by Chamberlain. If students are unable to secure their own practicum site and qualified preceptor, Chamberlain will assist in identifying site/preceptor upon the student providing documentation of at least five potential sites that have not been able to accommodate the student, and must submit the request three sessions in advance of the need. Students using Chamberlain's preceptor matching service will be provided with one preceptor option within a 100-mile radius of their home address. Availability of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) or Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) Specialty Tracks may be limited. Program and specialty track approval varies by state.

Successful completion of Chamberlain's MSN Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) Specialty Track qualifies a student to sit for national certification as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Successful completion of Chamberlain's MSN Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) Specialty Track qualifies a student to sit for national certification as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. State licensure requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), including Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioners and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners, vary by state. It is important that you understand what is required by the state in which you will ultimately practice. Chamberlain limits student enrollment to states where its Master of Science in Nursing degree program nurse practitioner specialty tracks are approved. This is to ensure our programs meet the state's education requirements for licensure.

Your state may have requirements in addition to graduating from an approved nurse practitioner program or receiving national nurse practitioner certification. We recommend that you visit your state professional licensing board website for details specific to your state. To obtain more information about the national nurse practitioner certification process, visit the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board or the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

**The Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track** is a primary care track designed to prepare students to care for families in a primary care setting and sit for national certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). The curriculum includes theory, simulation and clinical experiences that prepare graduates to be proficient, confident clinicians. Students will complete faculty-supervised laboratory work and 625 hours of clinical practicum work. A student may expect to complete the FNP Specialty

Track in two and a half years of full-time study comprised of two courses per semester, three semesters per year, for a total of eight semesters.

As part of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) curriculum, you'll attend an on-ground immersion event and an on-ground intensive review session. The immersion event occurs during the NR-509 Advanced Physical Assessment course. The purpose of the immersion is to provide you the opportunity to interact with your professors and fellow students and to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills, thus ensuring your preparation for advanced learning within your practicum experiences. The immersion event allows faculty and staff to work with you and assess your clinical competency before entering clinical rotations. The immersion event also allows you to further experience **Chamberlain Care**<sup>®</sup>. An on-ground intensive review session occurs during the NR-667 FNP Capstone Practicum and Intensive course. The intensive review session will focus on final student preparation for advanced practice. Both events occur on-ground at a designated location, and span several days. Students are responsible for their travel costs while participating in the immersion event and the intensive review session. Typical costs include travel to/from Illinois, lodging and meals. Further details of the immersion event and intensive review session will be provided within the individual courses.

Students declaring a nurse practitioner specialty track of the Master of Science in Nursing degree program are required to clear a background and fingerprint check, through a Chamberlain preferred vendor, before registering for any of the nurse practitioner specialty courses. Students declaring any one of the NP tracks will have their license reviewed for past sanctions, violations, and restrictions that impact current clinical/practicum approval by clinical sites and future licensure or other advanced practice credentials. Applicants may be denied entry related to current and past infractions at the discretion of the admissions committee and/or Dean. Students may enroll in core courses for the Master of Science in Nursing degree program but cannot enroll in an NP practicum course until clearance is satisfactorily completed. If the student background or fingerprint check does not satisfactorily clear, the student will not be allowed to continue in the NP specialty track. Students who do not receive clearance by the time they need to register for an NP practicum course should contact Academic Support Advising to discuss alternative academic program options and impacts to their plan of study, progression and financial aid status.

Students are responsible for specifying their own practicum site and qualified preceptor that meet the criteria established by Chamberlain. If students are unable to secure their own practicum site and qualified preceptor, Chamberlain will assist in identifying site/preceptor upon the student providing documentation of at least five potential sites that have not been able to accommodate the student, and must submit the request three sessions in advance of the need. Students using Chamberlain's preceptor matching service will be provided with one preceptor option within a 100-mile radius of their home address. Availability of the FNP Specialty Track may be limited. Program and specialty track approval varies by state.

Successful completion of Chamberlain's FNP specialty track qualifies you to sit for national certification as an FNP. State licensure requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, including Family Nurse Practitioners, vary by state. It is important that you understand what is required by the state in which you will ultimately practice. Chamberlain limits student enrollment to states where the Master of Science in Nursing degree program Family Nurse Practitioner specialty track is

approved to ensure the program meets the state's education requirement for licensure.

Your state may have requirements in addition to graduating from an approved FNP program or receiving national FNP certification. We recommend visiting your state professional licensing board website for details specific to your state. To obtain more information about the national nurse practitioner certification process, visit the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board or American Nurses Credentialing Center.

**The Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track** is designed to prepare students to manage the mental health care needs of persons across the lifespan and to sit for national certification as a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The curriculum includes theory, psychosocial therapy, psychopharmacology and clinical experiences that prepare graduates to be proficient, confident clinicians. The Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) track focuses on the management of acute and chronic mental health conditions, prevention and wellness in inpatient and/or outpatient psychiatric mental healthcare settings. Students will complete faculty-supervised preparatory work to demonstrate assessment competency and 625 hours of clinical practicum work. A student may expect to complete the PMHNP curriculum in two and one-half years of full-time study comprised of two to three courses per semester, three semesters per year, for a total of seven and one-half semesters.

As part of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner curriculum, you'll attend an on-ground immersion experience and an on-ground intensive review session. The immersion experience occurs during NR-509 Advanced Physical Assessment. The purpose of the immersion is to provide you the opportunity to interact with your professors and fellow students. The immersion experience also allows you to further experience **Chamberlain Care**<sup>®</sup>. An on-ground intensive review session occurs during NR-668 Psychiatric-Mental Health Capstone Practicum & Intensive. The intensive review session will focus on final student preparation for advanced practice. Both events occur on-ground at a designated location and span several days. Students are responsible for their travel costs while participating in the immersion event and the intensive review session. Typical costs include travel to/from designated location, lodging and meals. Further details of the immersion event and intensive review session will be provided within the individual courses.

Students declaring a nurse practitioner (NP) specialty track of the Master of Science in Nursing degree program are required to clear a background and fingerprint check, through a Chamberlain preferred vendor, before registering for any of the nurse practitioner specialty courses. Students declaring any one of the NP tracks will have their license reviewed for past sanctions, violations and restrictions that impact current clinical/practicum approval by clinical sites and future licensure or other advanced practice credentials. Applicant may be denied entry related to current and past infractions at the discretion of the Admission Committee and/or dean. Students may enroll in core courses for the Master of Science in Nursing degree program but cannot enroll in an NP specialty course until clearance is satisfactorily completed. If the student background or fingerprint check does not satisfactorily clear, the student will not be allowed to continue in an NP specialty track. Students who do not receive clearance by the time they need to register for an NP specialty track course should contact Academic Support Advising to discuss alternative academic program options and impacts to their plan of study, progression and financial aid status.

Students are responsible for identifying potential clinical locations and preceptors that meet the criteria established by Chamberlain and that will support the student's achievement of learning outcomes in each of the five practicum courses. Availability of the PMHNP Specialty Track may be limited. Program and specialty track approval varies by state. Successful completion of Chamberlain's PMHNP Specialty Track qualifies you to sit for national certification as a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner. State licensure requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, including psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners, vary by state. It is important that you understand what is required by the state in which you will ultimately practice. Chamberlain limits student enrollment to states where the Master of Science in Nursing degree program Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track is approved to ensure the program meets the state's education requirement for licensure.

Your state may have requirements in addition to graduating from an approved PMHNP program or receiving national PMHNP certification. We recommend visiting your state professional licensing board website for details specific to your state. To obtain more information about the national nurse practitioner certification process, visit the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

#### Course Registration Requirements for Provisionally Accepted Nurse Practitioner (NP) Students:

The Nurse Practitioner (NP) Specialty Tracks are science intensive; student success is related to the ability to synthesize knowledge in nursing science courses of pharmacology, physical assessment and pathophysiology. To support nurse practitioner students who do not meet full admission criteria, and provide resources to foster success in the nurse practitioner courses, provisionally accepted nurse practitioner students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering a nurse practitioner core course or declaring a nurse practitioner specialty track.

#### Based upon the assessment results:

- Students whose science knowledge is assessed within the passing threshold or 70 percent will be placed in a nurse practitioner course and can declare nurse practitioner (if all other specialty track change requirements have been met) if changing tracks;

or

- Students who require additional science knowledge as identified by the assessment or below 70 percent will be placed in NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement<sup>1</sup> (3 credits).

<sup>1</sup> Students who do not successfully complete NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement on the first attempt may repeat it once. Unsuccessful completion of the course after the second attempt will result in dismissal from Chamberlain.

## Program Details

Effective Prior to January 2024

### Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing  
Semesters: 8 Full Time (48 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-500NP	Foundational Concepts and Advanced Practice Roles	3
NR-501NP	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-505NP	Advanced Research Methods: Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR-506NP	Healthcare Policy and Leadership	3
NR-599	Nursing Informatics for Advanced Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-503	Population Health, Epidemiology and Statistical Principles	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-AGACNP) Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-567	Advanced Pharmacology for the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NR-569	Differential Diagnosis in Acute Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-570	Common Diagnosis and Management in Acute Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-571	Complex Diagnosis and Management in Acute Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-572	Advanced Acute Care Management (C=100)	2.5
NR-573	Advanced Acute Care Management Lab (L=25)	0.5
NR-574	Acute Care Practicum I (C=125)	3
NR-575	Acute Care Practicum II (C=100)	3

L=Lab hours

C=Clinical hour (direct patient care)

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

For the most up-to-date curriculum grids, visit [chamberlain.edu/curriculum](http://chamberlain.edu/curriculum).

### Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing  
Semesters: 8 Full Time (45 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-500NP	Foundational Concepts and Advanced Practice Roles	3
NR-501NP	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-505NP	Advanced Research Methods: Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR-506NP	Healthcare Policy and Leadership	3
NR-599	Nursing Informatics for Advanced Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-503	Population Health, Epidemiology and Statistical Principles	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-AGPCNP) Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-568	Advanced Pharmacology for the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NR-576	Differential Diagnosis in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (C=125)	3
NR-577	Primary Care Management of Adolescents and Adults (C=125)	3
NR-578	Primary Care Management of Older Adults (C=125)	3
NR-579	Palliative Care in Adult-Gerontology Across the Spectrum (C=125)	3
NR-580	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Capstone and Intensive (C=125)	3

L=Lab hours

C=Clinical hours (direct patient care)

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

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## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing

Semesters: 4-8 Full Time (36-45 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-500NP	Foundational Concepts and Advanced Practice Roles	3
NR-501NP	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-505NP	Advanced Research Methods: Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR-506NP	Healthcare Policy and Leadership	3
NR-599	Nursing Informatics for Advanced Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-503	Population Health, Epidemiology and Statistical Principles	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-511	Differential Diagnosis and Primary Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-566	Advanced Pharmacology for Care of the Family	3
NR-601	Primary Care of the Maturing and Aged Family Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-602	Primary Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-603	Advanced Clinical Diagnosis and Practice across the Lifespan Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-667	FNP Capstone Practicum and Intensive (C=125) <sup>2</sup>	3

L=Lab hours

C=Clinical hours (direct patient care)

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

<sup>2</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground intensive review weekend that focuses on final student preparation for advanced practice.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

For the most up-to-date curriculum grids, visit [chamberlain.edu/curriculum](http://chamberlain.edu/curriculum).

## Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing

Semesters: 8 Full Time (47 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-500NP	Foundational Concepts and Advanced Practice Roles	3
NR-501NP	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-505NP	Advanced Research Methods: Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR-506NP	Healthcare Policy and Leadership	3
NR-599	Nursing Informatics for Advanced Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-503	Population Health, Epidemiology and Statistical Principles	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-546	Advanced Pharmacology: Psychopharmacology for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	3
NR-548	Psychiatric Assessment for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	2
NR-547	Differential Diagnosis in Psychiatric-Mental Health across the Lifespan Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-605	Diagnosis & Management in Psychiatric-Mental Health across the Lifespan I Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-606	Diagnosis & Management in Psychiatric-Mental Health II Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-607	Diagnosis & Management in Psychiatric-Mental Health III Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-668	Psychiatric-Mental Health Capstone Practicum & Intensive (C=125)	3

L=Lab hours  
C=Clinical hours

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

## Effective January 2024

### Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-581NP	Foundational Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-582NP	Leadership and Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-583NP	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-584NP	Quality and Safety for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-585NP	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-586NP	Population Health and Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-AGACNP) Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-567	Advanced Pharmacology for the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NR-569	Differential Diagnosis in Acute Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-570	Common Diagnosis and Management in Acute Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-571	Complex Diagnosis and Management in Acute Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-572	Advanced Acute Care Management (C=100)	2.5
NR-573	Advanced Acute Care Management Lab (L=25)	0.5
NR-574	Acute Care Practicum I (C=125)	3
NR-575	Acute Care Practicum II (C=100)	3

L=Lab hours  
C=Clinical hour (direct patient care)

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

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## Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing

Semesters: 8 Full Time (45 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-581NP	Foundational Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-582NP	Leadership and Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-583NP	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-584NP	Quality and Safety for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-585NP	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-586NP	Population Health and Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-AGPCNP) Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-568	Advanced Pharmacology for the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	3
NR-576	Differential Diagnosis in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (C=125)	3
NR-577	Primary Care Management of Adolescents and Adults (C=125)	3
NR-578	Primary Care Management of Older Adults (C=125)	3
NR-579	Palliative Care in Adult-Gerontology Across the Spectrum (C=125)	3
NR-580	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Capstone and Intensive (C=125)	3

L=Lab hours

C=Clinical hours (direct patient care)

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

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## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing

Semesters: 4-8 Full Time (36-45 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-581NP	Foundational Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-582NP	Leadership and Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-583NP	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-584NP	Quality and Safety for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-585NP	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-586NP	Population Health and Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-511	Differential Diagnosis and Primary Care Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-566	Advanced Pharmacology for Care of the Family	3
NR-601	Primary Care of the Maturing and Aged Family Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-602	Primary Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-603	Advanced Clinical Diagnosis and Practice across the Lifespan Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-667	FNP Capstone Practicum and Intensive (C=125) <sup>2</sup>	3

L=Lab hours

C=Clinical hours (direct patient care)

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

<sup>2</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground intensive review weekend that focuses on final student preparation for advanced practice.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

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## Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing

Semesters: 8 Full Time (47 credit hours)

Physical Assessment, and Pathophysiology Nurse Practitioner graduate placement, it will be added to their individual plan of study.

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN Core Courses</b>		
NR-581NP	Foundational Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-582NP	Leadership and Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-583NP	Informatics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-584NP	Quality and Safety for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-585NP	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
<b>Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses</b>		
NR-586NP	Population Health and Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NR-507	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NR-509	Advanced Physical Assessment (L=25) <sup>1</sup>	3
NR-565	Advanced Pharmacology Fundamentals	3
<b>Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track Courses</b>		
NR-546	Advanced Pharmacology: Psychopharmacology for the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	3
NR-548	Psychiatric Assessment for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	2
NR-547	Differential Diagnosis in Psychiatric-Mental Health across the Lifespan Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-605	Diagnosis & Management in Psychiatric-Mental Health across the Lifespan I Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-606	Diagnosis & Management in Psychiatric-Mental Health II Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-607	Diagnosis & Management in Psychiatric-Mental Health III Practicum (C=125)	3
NR-668	Psychiatric-Mental Health Capstone Practicum & Intensive (C=125)	3

L=Lab hours

C=Clinical hours

<sup>1</sup> As part of this course, students will attend an on-ground immersion weekend. The purpose of the immersion is to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students as well as to observe, participate and be evaluated on clinical assessment skills. The immersion weekend allows faculty to assess each student's clinical competency before entering clinical rotations.

**Note:** Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) students will complete a formal assessment of their science knowledge after admission but before entering an NP core course or declaring an NP track. Based on the assessment results, if a student needs to take NR-545 Pharmacology,