

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN) Program

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Admission Guidelines

The Role

Choosing to prepare yourself as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) at Rush is very rewarding, as it provides you with a depth and breadth of knowledge that will serve you well for the rest of your career. With this educational preparation and background students may choose to specialize in pediatrics, women's health, or adult internal medicine. Students may also choose to continue the broad based perspective and continue in family practice with a family practice approach. In addition, we prepare students so that they can choose to function in a primary care/community based setting (office), tertiary care setting (hospital), or a combination of both. Also since many students would ultimately like to teach in a FNP program we can individualize an experience in the area of teaching and education.

The Program

FNP students at Rush are educated in a personalized, individualized fashion to provide comprehensive health care to persons across the lifespan at one of the most established FNP programs in the country. Coursework is available both on-line and in-person format. In addition to providing individualized and family care, students will learn to translate their advanced practice skills to the needs of the community and will have the opportunity to work with community agencies in the areas of needs assessment, program planning and program development. The FNP program distinguishes itself through its strong clinical preparation of the student. All FNP faculty maintain an active clinical practice so realistic, applicable situations provide advantageous learning situations. Emphasis is placed on health assessment, health maintenance/promotion and prevention. Identification of health problems and the management of acute and chronic illnesses such as asthma, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease in children and adults are extensively discussed. Individually designed post-master's FNP Certificate Program of Study options are also available.

The Faculty

Rush College of Nursing faculty are highly experienced practitioner-teachers with doctoral and master's degrees and certification in their specialties. The Practitioner-Teacher model at Rush University allows faculty to maintain and enhance their clinical expertise and apply it to research and academic programs. Faculty are nationally known in their various areas of expertise and are actively involved in professional organizations. Faculty are also well published and frequently speak at regional, national, and international professional meetings.

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Clinical Sites

Students in the FNP program practice in a variety of sites. Practice sites are arranged with the student individually and may be in the Chicago area or in the students own home community. Practicum sites for pediatrics, women's health, and internal medicine may include community/primary care settings, private practice offices, school-based clinics, hospital settings, or a combination of all of these.

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities as a graduate of our FNP program offer major marketability, can be quite diverse, and can be tailored to your preferred interests. Our graduates currently practice in many different states across the country in specialty settings, private practice settings, family practice settings, underserved community settings, outpatient and inpatient hospital settings and colleges of nursing.

Certification and Accreditation

Completion of the Rush FNP Program provides eligibility for certification as a family nurse practitioner by taking the certification examination that is offered by the NLN or ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center). Specific state requirements may apply that can be met as arranged with the student individually.

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