

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

---

## FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



**MOUNT MARTY**  
UNIVERSITY

The Mount Marty tradition of service learning and outreach to underserved populations stimulated the development of a Master of Science in Nursing program.

Forces that support and demand this program include the need for healthcare, health promotion, and disease prevention in rural and underserved communities. The learning outcomes from the Mount Marty Master of Science in Nursing program are based on *The Essentials for Master's Education in Nursing* as published by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN, 2011).

Program goals include the development of professional advanced practice nurses who provide holistic care based on nursing theory and evidence-based practice. Mount Marty graduates appreciate the uniqueness of each individual and family, the influence of society, and the multidimensional aspects of health. Program graduates are prepared to meet the primary health care needs of a variety of populations including rural and underserved populations and are also prepared to take on active leadership roles in health care advancements.

### **Program Emphasis: Family Nurse Practitioner**

Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs) are clinical experts prepared to implement a holistic approach that emphasizes both care and cure. They apply evidence-based practices and manage the health needs of patients in primary care settings. The focus of the FNP track is to provide the academic knowledge and the clinical skills necessary for health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, and management of acute and chronic illnesses.

### **Admission Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (official transcripts from all attended institutions are required)
- Current licensure as an RN with at least one year (two years preferred) of professional RN practice
- Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.
- Three letters of recommendation submitted directly to the Mount Marty Admissions Office
- Current Resume
- Personal Essay
- Criminal Background Check
- An interview will be conducted with each selected applicant as part of the admission process



The master's degree program in nursing and the post-graduate APRN certificate program at Mount Marty University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

## FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

### PLAN OF STUDY



**MOUNT MARTY**  
UNIVERSITY

Semester	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Clinical Hrs.
Summer	NSG 500	Advanced Practice Roles & Leadership	3	
	NSG 503	Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan	3	
	NSG 504	Advanced Pathophysiology Accross the Lifespan	3	
Fall	NSG 502	Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan	4	
	NSG 506	Inquiry I	3	
Spring	NSG 507	Legal/Ethical/Political Issues for APNs	3	
	NSG 570	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Older Adults	3	
	NSG 571	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Older Adults Practicum	3	180
Summer	NSG 514	Inquiry II	3	
	NSG 572	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Women & Children	5	
	NSG 573	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Women & Children Practicum	2	120
Fall	NSG 574	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Rural & Vulnerable Populations	3	
	NSG 579	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Rural & Vulnerable Populations Practicum	4	240
Spring	NSG 576	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Adults	3	
	NSG 577	Advanced Concepts in the Care of Adults Practicum	4	240
	NSG 578	Transition to Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Role	1	
		<b>Total Credits &amp; Clinical Hours</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>780</b>

**If interested in Post-Graduate Certification, please contact the Mount Marty Nursing Division at (605) 668-1511 to discuss development of a plan of study.**

#### Post-Graduate Certificate Program

The purpose of the post-graduate certificate program is to provide nurse practitioners a route to specialization in an area other than that obtained in their nurse practitioner program. The program is designed to strengthen and broaden the clinical and nursing range of APRN prepared nurses.

Following application submission, a Gap Analysis (NTF Criteria 2022) will be completed. A review of transcripts, cumulative GPA, course syllabi, and clinical hours will be conducted as indicated. After advising sessions, students may be eligible for course substitutions at the discretion of the Track Coordinator and in accordance with Mount Marty policy. Upon completion of this variable-credit program, the graduate will be eligible to take the national FNP certification exam.