

NURCP Post Masters Nurs Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing

Under Review | Fall 2024

Proposal Information

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Proposal Information

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Effective Term and Year

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Fall 2024

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Fall 2006

Justification

Proposed

Program Justification

This submission is to revise the Post-Master's Nursing Certificate to reflect changes in the nursing curriculum that went into effect Fall 2023. The College of Nursing will teach out all master of science in nursing concentrations and transition to the doctor of nursing practice degree (DNP). The last cohort of MSN students was admitted for Summer 2023 and admission for graduate professional degree programs within the College of Nursing have transitioned to the DNP program as of Fall 2023. As such, the post-master's certificate (NURCP) should change to be inclusive of potential applicants holding a MSN or DNP degree and will be renamed the Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

Program Concentrations should include the following DNP program concentrations: Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse-Midwifery, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Please see below for specific information regarding the changes in concentration admit dates and degree levels.

The last admission cycle for the MSN in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) was in Summer 2022. The last application for the AG-ACNP concentration to the post-master's certificate was for Spring 2023 as these students would incorporate into the MSN AG-ACNP cohort admitted the prior summer. Beginning with the Fall 2023 application cycle, AG-ACNP students are admitted at the Doctor of Nursing Practice level (DNP). Post-Graduate Certificate students admitted after Spring 2024 will incorporate into the DNP AG-ACNP cohort admitted the prior fall.

The last admission cycle for the MSN in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) was in Summer 2023. The last application for the FNP concentration to the post-master's certificate was for Spring 2024 as these students would incorporate into the MSN FNP cohort admitted the prior summer. Beginning with the Fall 2023 application cycle, FNP students are admitted at the Doctor of Nursing Practice level (DNP). Post-Graduate Certificate students admitted after Spring 2024 will incorporate into the DNP FNP cohort admitted the prior fall.

The last admission cycle for the MSN in Nurse-Midwifery (MIDW) was in Summer 2023. The last application for the MIDW concentration to the post-master's certificate was for Spring 2024 as these students would incorporate into the MSN MIDW cohort admitted the prior summer. Beginning with the Fall 2024 application cycle, MIDW students are admitted at the Doctor of Nursing Practice level (DNP). Post-Graduate Certificate students admitted after Spring 2025 will incorporate into the DNP MIDW cohort admitted the prior fall.

The last admission cycle for the MSN in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (PNP-PC) was in Summer 2020. The last application for the PNP-PC concentration to the post-master's certificate was for Spring 2021 as these students would incorporate into the MSN PNP-PC cohort admitted the prior summer. This MSN concentration did not admit after Summer 2020. Beginning with the Fall 2024 application cycle, PNP-PC students are admitted at the Doctor of Nursing Practice level (DNP). Post-Graduate Certificate students admitted after Spring 2025 will incorporate into the DNP PNP-PC cohort admitted the prior fall.

The last admission cycle for the MSN in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) was in Summer 2023. The last application for the PMHNP concentration to the post-master's certificate was for Fall 2023 as these students would incorporate into the MSN PMHNP cohort admitted the prior summer. Beginning with the Fall 2023 application cycle, PMHNP students are admitted at the Doctor of Nursing Practice level (DNP). Post-Graduate Certificate students admitted after Spring 2024 will incorporate into the DNP PMHNP cohort admitted the prior fall.

The Nursing Education concentration will be discontinued as a part of this certificate program. A separate certificate requiring a different number of credits for completion and entrance requirements has been submitted for consideration that modifies the education certificate to 12 credits and is open to applicants holding a bachelor's degree or higher. The post-graduate certificate discussed in this form is meant for individuals holding a master's degree or higher.

The Nursing Administration/ Nursing Administrative Leadership concentration will not be offered as a post-graduate certificate going forward, but will continue to be offered at the DNP level. The last academic year that a student was enrolled in the Nursing Administration concentration within the Post-Master's Certificate was in Academic Year 2012-2013. Since the College has not had applicants to this concentration within the Post-Master's Certificate in the past 10 years, we will not be

offering it as an option for the Post-Graduate Certificate. Applicants interested in Nursing Administrative Leadership will apply to the DNP program for that concentration.

Once the College of Nursing has taught out all MSN-level students, the College will submit separate forms to inactivate the Master of Science in Nursing and related coursework. These forms are expected to be submitted for the Fall 2025 semester as the last cohort of MSN and Post-Master's Certificate (current version of the nursing certificate program) will have graduated by Spring of 2025.

Existing

Program Justification

Proposed

Graduate program revision

No

Existing

Graduate program revision

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Program Category and Level

Program Category

Certificate

Program Level

Graduate

Proposed

Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name

Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing

Existing

Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name

Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing

Proposed

Degree Type

Certificate (graduate)

Existing

Degree Type

Proposed

Degree/Certificate Level

Graduate Certificate

Existing

Degree/Certificate Level

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Proposed

Is this program also offered online?

No

Existing

Is this program also offered online?

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Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Proposed

Select any associated program forms that exist

DNP Nurs Prac

Existing

Select any associated program forms that exist

Catalog Information

Proposed

Program Description

The Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing, also known as the Nursing Certificate Program (NURCP), offers students who hold a master's or doctoral degree in nursing an opportunity to specialize in an area of nursing not covered in their initial graduate program. Refer to the College of Nursing Web site for information about the concentrations currently offered as well as the program of studies for each concentration.

Post-Graduate Certificate students must meet UNM and College of Nursing admission requirements and submit all documents requested for evaluation of previous coursework prior to admission. There are two distinct tracks within the post-graduate certificate program (see description below).

Students enter Track A or B depending on their previous educational preparation and their educational goals.

- Tracks A is for applicants who have a M.S.N. or higher degree (i.e., DNP, PhD, etc.) in an area other than advanced practice (i.e., Clinical Nurse Leader, Nursing Administration, Nursing Education, Master's Entry to Practice [RN]) and wish to become a nurse practitioner or nurse-midwife.
- Track B is for applicants who have a M.S.N. or higher degree (i.e., DNP, PhD, etc.) in an advanced practice concentration and wish to expand their area of practice by adding an additional population focus (Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse-Midwifery, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner).

An individualized program of studies is developed by the program coordinator of the chosen specialty concentration and is based on consideration of previous coursework in relation to the requirements of the chosen specialty (gap analysis) as well as recent clinical experience. Sequencing of courses is identical to that of the D.N.P. program of studies for each concentration. Students must complete a minimum of 15 graduate credit hours in the specialty concentration, maintain a 3.0 ("B") GPA, and demonstrate achievement of all concentration expected outcomes. Coursework must be completed within three years from the date of admission.

Existing

Program Description

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Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the Post-Graduate Certificate Program must meet the following application requirements in order to be considered for admission:

- A graduate degree in Nursing (i.e., M.S.N., D.N.P.) from an accredited college or university;
- Current unencumbered New Mexico RN license, or eligible for NM licensure, which must be obtained prior to enrolling in the program.
- One year or more of work experience in nursing.
- NursingCAS Application
 - Three essay responses
 - Three letters of reference
 - Current resume or curriculum vitae
 - Official transcripts from all institutions attended
 - Submit all syllabi from the applicant's prior graduate program for evaluation of previous coursework as part of the Gap Analysis
 - Application form and fee
- Completed University of New Mexico application

Existing

Admissions Requirements

Proposed

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours based on their Gap Analysis as well as complete all required clinical courses and hours with a grade of B or better in order to graduate.

Concentration Requirements:

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:

- Graduate courses within the Doctor of Nursing Practice Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration. See Doctor of Nursing Practice program listing for courses.

Family Nurse Practitioner

Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:

- Graduate courses within the Doctor of Nursing Practice Family Nurse Practitioner concentration. See Doctor of Nursing Practice program listing for courses.

Nurse-Midwifery

Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:

- Graduate courses within the Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse-Midwifery concentration. See Doctor of Nursing Practice program listing for courses.

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care

Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:

- Graduate courses within the Doctor of Nursing Practice Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care concentration. See Doctor of Nursing Practice program listing for courses.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:

- Graduate courses within the Doctor of Nursing Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentration. See Doctor of Nursing Practice program listing for courses.

Existing

Graduation Requirements

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

Proposed

License/Certification associated with program

Yes

Existing

License/Certification associated with program

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Proposed

Licensure Information

Pre-licensure

Existing

Licensure Information

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Proposed

Licensure requirements met in the following states:

All US States and Territories

Existing

Licensure requirements met in the following states:

Licensure requirements not met in the following states:

Licensure requirements undetermined in the following states:

Proposed

For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?

Yes

Existing

For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?

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Proposed

State or Regional Licensure Information

Nurse Practitioner Licensing:

New Mexico Board of Nursing

<https://nmbon.sks.com/advanced-practice-registered-nurse.aspx>

<https://nmbon.sks.com/uploads/files/>

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- Online APRN Initial Application
- Request official transcripts directly from the educational program.
 - Transcripts MUST be received directly from the educational program
- Completed Verification of APRN Education Form must be received directly from the educational program
- Proof of current national certification.
 - Applicants are eligible for a graduate permit prior to sitting for the certifying examination.
- Proof of holding an active RN License (for nurses licensed outside of New Mexico).
 - If using a valid multistate (Compact) license, must provide proof of holding the license
 - Proof of licensure must include the issuance and expiration dates, multistate/compact status, licensee name and license number.
- The NM Nursing Practice Act requires that all APRNs maintain a formulary which identifies appropriate medications and prescriptive authority based on area of practice.

Nurse-Midwifery Licensing

New Mexico Department of Health

<https://www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/fhb/mwp/>

<https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title16/16.011.0002.html>

An applicant for licensure to practice as a Certified Nurse-Midwife in New Mexico shall submit to the department via the electronic professional licensing management system:

- a completed application;
- proof of holding a valid license that meets the New Mexico board of nursing's requirement to practice as a registered nurse in New Mexico;
- proof of current certification by AMCB or its designee; proof of appropriate, graduate-level nurse-midwifery education required to sit for this certification exam.
- the fee designated in Subsection E of 16.11.2.9 NMAC
- The NM Nursing Practice Act requires that all APRNs maintain a formulary which identifies appropriate medications and prescriptive authority based on area of practice.
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Existing

State or Regional Licensure Information

Proposed
National licensing board
Yes

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Existing
National licensing board
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National Board Information

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certification Board

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

<https://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified/acnpc-ag>

A current, unencumbered U.S. RN or APRN license is required.

An unencumbered license is not currently being subjected to formal discipline by the board of nursing in the state(s) in which the nurse is practicing and has no provisions or conditions that limit the nurse's practice. Provisions or conditions may include, but are not limited to, direct supervision of practice, drug administration limitations and/or practice area exclusions. Nurses who do not hold an unencumbered license should email AACN at APRNCert@aacn.org.

Candidates must complete a graduate-level advanced practice education program as an adult-gerontology ACNP at a nationally accredited school of nursing. The school's curriculum must include supervised clinical and didactic coursework consistent with competencies of adult-gerontology ACNP practice.

Family Nurse Practitioner & Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification Board

American Nurses Credentialing Center

<https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>

RN License

Hold a current, active RN license in a state or territory of the United States or hold the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country

Master's, Post-graduate certificate, or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

- Hold a family nurse practitioner (FNP) OR psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) (Across the Lifespan) master's, post-graduate certificate, or DNP from an institution with a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), or the National League for Nursing (NLN) Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA).** A minimum of 500 faculty-

supervised clinical hours must be included in the FNP program

Three separate, comprehensive, graduate-level APRN Core courses in:

- Advanced physiology/pathophysiology, including general principles that apply across the life span
- Advanced health assessment, which includes assessment of all human systems, advanced assessment techniques, concepts, and approaches
- Advanced pharmacology, which includes pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents

Content In:

- Health promotion and/or maintenance
- Differential diagnosis and disease management, including the use and prescription of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic interventions

AND (Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification Only)

- Clinical training in at least two psychotherapeutic treatment modalities

Both FNP and PMHNP Candidates:

*Candidates may be authorized to sit for the examination after all coursework and faculty-supervised clinical practice hours for the degree are complete, prior to degree conferral and graduation, provided that all other eligibility requirements are met. The Validation of Education (VOE) form and official/unofficial transcripts detailing planning coursework and faculty-supervised clinical hour completion must be submitted before authorization to test (ATT) status will be issued. ANCC will accept unofficial transcripts, which ANCC defines as either a photocopy of a transcript, a comprehensive record of your academic progress or a print out of all work completed, to date, including coursework, grades and degree(s) earned or in progress. Unofficial transcripts allow ANCC to process and review applications for ATT status. ANCC reserves the right to reject any unofficial transcript that appears to be altered.

Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Board

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

<https://www.aanpcert.org/>

Required Documents

Candidates will sit for the certification examination that

aligns with their graduate education, role, and population area. This includes successful completion of:

- The nationally recognized competencies of the nurse practitioner role and the population specialties of Adult-Gerontology Primary Care or Family/Across the Life Span.
- The APRN core (advanced physical assessment, advanced pharmacology, and advanced pathophysiology).
- The NP educational program's required number of faculty-supervised direct patient care clinical hours. The minimum number of clinical practice hours is 500.
- Completion of a nationally accredited graduate, postgraduate, or doctoral Family or Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner educational program that is accredited by a nursing accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Canadian NP educational programs must be approved by the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNRR). The minimum number of clinical practice hours is 500.
- Current professional nursing license with expiration date and fee payment are required to initiate processing of an application. A copy may be obtained from the state board of nursing.
- For graduate or post-graduate academic nurse practitioner program applicants, an official or unofficial transcript showing academic coursework completed to date or final official transcript showing degree awarded and date conferred is required to begin an application. A final official transcript showing program completion is required for release of a certification after passing the examination.

Nurse-Midwifery Certification Board

American Midwifery Certification Board

<https://www.amcbmidwife.org/>

Candidates from Nurse-Midwifery Educational Programs: All eligibility requirements (A – D) must be met.

A. Proof of licensure, active on the date of the examination, as a U.S. Registered Nurse (i.e., in one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territory)

Proof consists only of one of the following: 1) copy of license (showing expiration date) active on the date of the examination as a U.S. registered nurse; 2) written letter from a U.S. jurisdiction (i.e., one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territory) containing

the same information as the nursing license from that jurisdiction and indicating that the license is active as of the date of the examination. In the case of the written letter from a U.S. jurisdiction, that letter must appear on the official letterhead of that jurisdiction and be signed by an authorized agent of that jurisdiction; and 3) A copy of web verification of licensure.

B. Satisfactory completion of a graduate degree or has met the institutional requirements for a graduate degree from a program accredited by or with pre-accreditation status from the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME).

C. Verification by the director of the nurse-midwifery program confirming the candidate has met the institutional requirements for a graduate degree, and the date it was completed.

D. Attestation by the director of the nurse-midwifery program that the candidate is performing at the level of a safe, beginning practitioner.

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care Certification Board

Pediatric Nursing Certification Board

<https://www.pncb.org/cpnpc-certification-steps>

- Candidates must arrange to have their final, official transcript sent directly from their school to PNCB to complete their application which must show the role (NP) and population (pediatric primary care) focus of the program.
- Transcript must document completion of all requirements for a nursing post-graduate certificate or master's, BSN-DNP, or post-master's DNP degree with a concentration in pediatric primary care or dual primary/acute care as a nurse practitioner.
- Transcripts must show the successful completion of Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacology, and Advanced Health Assessment courses. If earned in separate advanced practice educational programs, PNCB must receive transcripts from each program.
- The Unified Statement confirms ongoing adherence to the 2016 National Task Force Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs (NTFC) which requires a minimum of 500 supervised direct patient care hours, not to include skill lab hours or simulation.
- Simulation may be used for NP programs or

certification boards that require more than 500 hours, once the minimum has been met. The NTFC allows the use of telehealth towards the 500-hour requirement.

Existing
National Board Information

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
CON Psyc Ment Hlth GCERT	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
CON Nurs Adming GCERT	Nursing Administration
CON Nurs Midwifery GCERT	Nurse-Midwifery
CON Fam Nurs Pract CERT	Family Nurse Practitioner
CON Nurs Educ MSN GCERT	Nursing Education
CON Adlt Acute Care GCERT	Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
CON Ped Nurs Pract GCERT	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care

Concentration Required
Yes

Certificate Information

Certificate Requirements

- Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:
Graduate courses in a specialty concentration. See concentrations above for course lists.

Grand Total Credits: 15