

**Family Nurse Practitioner
Practicum Course Focus of
Study**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Hours Per Week	Focus of Study	Student Development
NUR 623	Practicum I	3 credits	14 hr/wk over 15-wk semester (Minimum of 209 clinical hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History/physical exam with all age groups. • SOAP charting, coding; introduction to dictation/EHR documentation • Scheduled health maintenance activities with all age groups. • Differential diagnosis and management for common conditions. 	<p>Beginning student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gradually take on increasing aspects of patient care. • Much direction required from preceptor at first, but over time, preceptor learns to trust student skills, knowledge base, and competency levels. • Less prompting required as practicum progresses. • Being to allow student more independence.
NUR 632	Practicum II	3 credits	14 hr/wk over 15-wk semester (Minimum of 209 clinical hours)	<p>All of the above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assumes increased autonomy in FNP role. • Differential diagnosis and management for most common acute conditions seen in primary care. 	<p>Intermediate student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students' knowledge and comfort level increased. • May require less prompting, but continues to need guidance and direction. • Will require guidance and direction in the management of complex patient encounters.
NUR 642	FNP Practicum III	3 credits	14 hr/wk over 15-wk semester (Minimum of 209 clinical hours)	<p>All of the above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assumes increased autonomy in FNP role caring for patients across the lifespan with various clinical presentations; by the end of semester managing complex patients with multiple system concerns/drug interactions. 	<p>Advanced student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is expected to perform all role functions for increasingly complex patients • Time management, organization and skills sufficient to allow student more independence. • Displays knowledge of professional role, interprofessional collaboration, consultation and referral.

Program Total Direct Care Hours: 627 (plus 48 clinical seminar hours)