



Master of Science in Nursing — Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Provide compassionate care
to patients of all ages.





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Advance your healthcare career and become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs) play an integral role in providing patients with safe, effective, and individualized care. As an FNP, you'll combine your advanced nursing skills with your passion for helping others to meet the diverse healthcare needs of individuals in your community. You'll study the factors that impact patient care plans and develop the skills to treat individuals of all ages and demographics — including pediatric, adult, and geriatric patients. FNPs are often the first line of defense in day-to-day health maintenance, as they often find rewarding careers in settings such as community health centers and primary care medical offices.

At Goodwin University, you can become an FNP in **as few as 27 months!** You'll build on fundamental nursing skills and rely on your real-world experience to master holistic healthcare practices and accurately assess patient needs. Our comprehensive curriculum and expert faculty will transform you into a healthcare professional committed to patient advocacy. Don't wait — advance your career and become a Family Nurse Practitioner today!

Say hello to Program Director Mary Salisbury.



Mary Salisbury is a board-certified psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner with a Doctorate in Nursing from the University of St. Joseph. She began her career as a registered psychiatric nurse at the University of Connecticut Health Center inpatient unit for five years. She earned her BSN at the University of Connecticut and completed her MSN and doctorate degree at the University of Saint Joseph.

Her doctoral work involved a pilot study and educational model for psychiatric nurse practitioners on first-line treatment of insomnia, including cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia and education on an easily accessible insomnia severity assessment tool, with the purpose and intention of exploring current prescribing practices of sedatives and hypnotics. Her doctoral work encouraged non-pharmacologic methods for patients with insomnia.

From 2014 to today, Dr. Salisbury has worked as a psychiatric nurse practitioner at the local mental health authority, CHR. Her work centers around serving the adult outpatient population with a focus on young adults, adults with schizophrenia, and individuals with opioid use disorders. In addition to her years of direct patient care, she has mentored and precepted APRN students at the University of Saint Joseph and Wilkes University.

In her most recent career transition, Dr. Salisbury was appointed program director of Goodwin University's MSN program, where she oversees three master's level nursing tracks. Dr. Salisbury is passionate about continued education and the promotion of her colleagues to amplify the nursing profession.

Take your career to the next level with our APRN – Family Nurse Practitioner program.



Grow your understanding of core nursing concepts.

By pursuing a specialized master's degree in Nursing, you'll sharpen your existing knowledge of the field while developing new insights into the healthcare system and the role you play within it. Your real-world experience will guide you as you explore patient care through a new lens and consider how a person's healthcare needs change throughout their lifetime. You worked hard to earn your bachelor's degree — now it's time to build on those skills.

Become a trusted family resource.

One of the most rewarding parts of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner is developing critical patient-provider relationships, some of which can last for generations. When you give patients the peace of mind that comes with timely, thoughtful medical care, you'll develop professional relationships built on trust and mutual respect. When you demonstrate compassion and prioritize interpersonal communication, you'll position yourself as a reliable leader in the field. This will encourage a sense of patient loyalty — meaning you may have the privilege of caring for entire families, from grandparents to new babies.



Apply advanced skills during in-person clinical experiences.



While earning your master's degree, you'll study fresh concepts related to pathophysiology, pharmacology, healthcare policy, advanced reasoning, and more. To ensure you're prepared to jump into your career after graduation, our program requires you to fulfill a cumulative 600 hours of real-world clinical practice before you're eligible to complete your degree. This will give you the opportunity to problem-solve complex cases in a safe, supervised environment before taking those experiences out into the healthcare field.

Earn your master's degree at Goodwin University.



Flexible online schedules

Whether you're a working professional or taking care of your family, we understand that you're busy. That's why, at Goodwin University, our Family Nurse Practitioner program is offered completely online apart from two on-campus Immersion Weekends and clinical practices. You'll connect with your peers in meaningful virtual discussions, so you'll never have to sacrifice the quality of your education for the convenience of online learning.



We put you first.

At Goodwin University, we have a student-centered approach to learning. Our expert faculty are dedicated to giving you the one-on-one attention you deserve, and we offer a wide variety of student resources such as counseling services, financial aid, and more. While you're earning your master's degree, we'll be there to support you every step of the way!



A hands-on learning experience

In our FNP program, you'll collaborate with other students to discuss real-world applications for your learning. Our faculty will use relevant examples and nurture your critical thinking skills, so you'll graduate with the ability to apply what you've learned to real patient-care scenarios.



A focus on career readiness

Pursuing a master's degree is a pathway to a more fulfilling career with higher salary potential — that's why Goodwin University is committed to preparing you for success in your field. Our curriculum is tailored to give you the skills and knowledge to address real-world health issues and make you a more marketable job candidate once you graduate.

Curriculum

NUR 500	Theoretical Basis for Advanced Nursing Practice and Leadership	3
NUR 505	Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 510	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 540	Physical Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NUR 605	Current Concepts and Professional Roles in Advance Nursing Practice	3
NUR 610	Seminar in Nursing Research	3
NUR 620	Policy, Politics and Organization of Healthcare	3
NUR 650	Advanced Reasoning and Differential Diagnosis	3
NUR 660	FNP I: Advance Practice through the Lifespan: Primary Care of the Adult Client	7
NUR 670	FNP II: Advance Practice through the Lifespan: Primary Care of the Pediatric and Women's Health Client	7
NUR 680	FNP III: Advance Practice Through the Lifespan: Primary Care of the Complex Client	7
NUR 698	Advance Practice Capstone: Clinical Applications on Population Health	2

TOTAL CREDITS IN THE PROGRAM: 47

Course format

You deserve a college that offers graduate level classes on your schedule. That's why we've designed our Family Nurse Practitioner program to be completed entirely online, aside from Orientation, Immersion Weekends I and II, and clinical practices. Coursework is available on your time, and you can complete the program in **as few as 27 months** — so you don't have to waste your time or money.

Our FNP program offers a mix of on-campus clinical practices and online classes. Online courses include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous sessions, so your learning experience can be customized to fit your needs.

- **On-campus clinical requirements**

Engaging in in-person clinical training is an essential part of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner. By fulfilling your clinical hours, you'll gain experience working with patients with a variety of needs and concerns. You'll learn from professional clinicians who are active in their careers, so you'll graduate with the important professional skillsets to provide quality patient care in your career.

- **Synchronous learning sessions**

Some courses in this program are offered in the form of online, face-to-face meetings with your classmates and faculty. This gives you the opportunity to engage in important conversations and debates regarding your course material. Participating in a synchronous learning session gives you the experience of an in-person class setting without the inconvenience of having to drive to campus.

- **Asynchronous courses**

Our asynchronous courses are the perfect way to earn a master's degree while working around your busy schedule. Asynchronous courses are designed to be completed on your time and don't require any face-to-face meetings, so they're a great fit for the working professional. You'll work independently to complete your assignments and touch base with our faculty along the way to make sure you are getting the support you need.

APRN – FNP program admissions requirements

We don't require GRE scores for admission. You work hard enough, so there's no need to take additional tests before admittance into the program.

Graduate applicants to Goodwin University are required to:

- Complete a graduate application for admission.
- Pay a \$50 non-refundable application fee (waived for Goodwin University graduates).
- Submit an official or unofficial transcript verifying receipt of a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the equivalent of this degree from another country with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
 - ▶ Applicants with less than a 3.0 Cumulative GPA may be considered for conditional admittance into the program under certain circumstances.
- Provide a professional resume.
- Submit proof of immunizations (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella).
- View the complete list of requirements in the catalog.

Students interested in the Family Nurse Practitioner Track (FNP) must also:

- Provide a current, unencumbered RN license.
- Hold a BSN.
- Write a formal 800-1000-word personal statement of their nursing career goals as an FNP.
- Be able to travel significant distances to clinical sites, if necessary.
- Participate in a telephone interview administered by the program director.

- Have a minimum of two years direct patient care experience as a registered nurse obtained within the last 5 years.
- Have successfully completed a college-level statistics course and an upper-division research course.

Tuition information for graduate students

Paying for graduate school doesn't have to be stressful — we make it easy to understand the costs of your education before classes even begin.

We are committed to helping you earn your degree at a cost that is affordable to you. At Goodwin, there are a variety of financial aid opportunities available to you, including scholarships, grants, and student loans that need to be repaid, and work-study opportunities that provide a regular paycheck.

You can find tuition information for the APRN — PMHNP program below:

Tuition for Goodwin University Graduates

Tuition.....	\$660 / credit
Total (estimated for 47 credits / 7 semesters).....	\$31,020

Graduate Programs Tuition and Fees 2022-2023

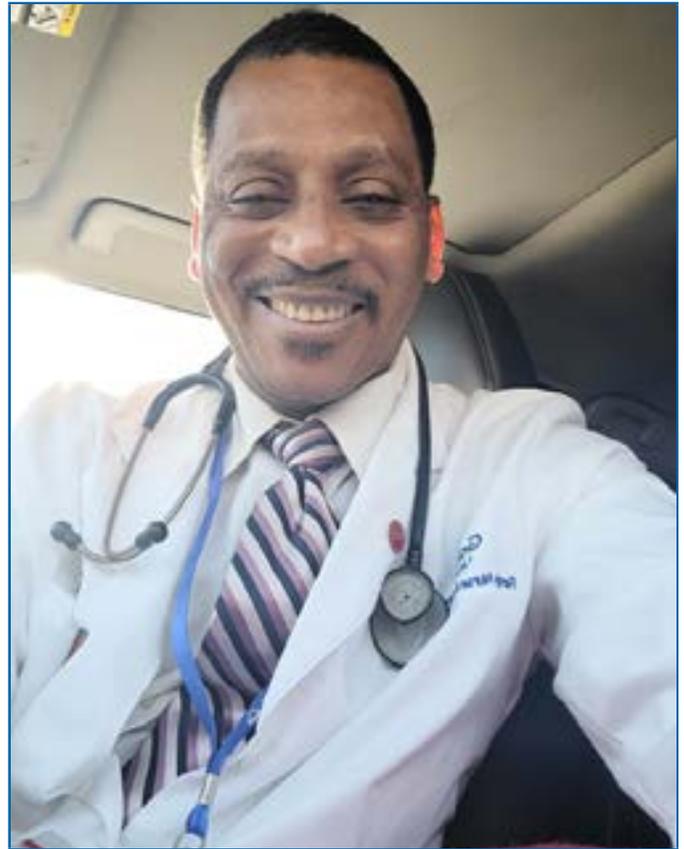
Tuition	\$930 / credit
General Student Fee	\$350 / semester
Technology Fee	\$250 / semester
Program Fees	\$1655
Total (Estimated for 47 credits / 7 semesters)	\$49,565

Testimonials



"Becoming a nurse practitioner appealed to me because I wanted to care for my patients on a different level and, since I already had experience as a nurse, I could learn from a new perspective. I chose Goodwin for my ADN and my BSN degrees so when the FNP program began, I jumped at the opportunity. The class and clinical schedules are flexible and doable, even for me, a single working parent of 4. The professors and administration in this Nursing program have a desire to see every student successfully complete the program."

Luisa Dos Santos, BSN, RN, Student



"I truly care about the health of others. Being a Family Nurse Practitioner would get me close to being a doctor but without losing my caring side as a nurse."

Carmelot Eliassaint, BSN, RN, Student

Graduate student resources and support

At Goodwin University, we are invested in the continued success of our students. We believe that you deserve great support services and resources to help you achieve your goals!

Academic Resources

- Academic Advising
 - Admissions
 - Financial Aid
 - Registrar's Office
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Academic Support

- Academic Success Center
- Library
- Math Lab
- Tutoring

College Experience

- Clubs and Organizations
 - Student Engagement
-

Personal Support Services

- AccessAbility Services
 - Ann B. Clark Co-op
 - Counseling
-

Professional Development

- Lifetime Career Services



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Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

The master's degree program in Nursing at Goodwin University is accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**. Goodwin University is a member of **SARA** and therefore can offer our MSN program to residents of other SARA states.