# Preparing for a career as a **Family Nurse Practitioner**

Earning the right credential can help you build lifelong success.



Achieve the pinnacle of specialization and skill in nursing. Complete your Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) from Herzing University and be prepared to meet the national need for highly trained nurse practitioners.

Herzing's online FNP program is offered via an internet-based learning platform, allowing working nurses the convenience of managing coursework on their schedule.

We can offer you more than other schools – in part because we've been educating students for more than 50 years. This means we not only have support students need, but deep relationships with the best clinical partners all across the country.



Get the most out of your online degree with these clear advantages:

- Earn your MSN-FNP in as little as 20 months
- Programmatic Accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education\*
- · Hands on experience during clinical practicum
- 675 hours of Precepted Clinical experience
- A dedicated clinical team is available to assist the students in securing clinical placements for the FNP Program. The clinical team partners with the student to ensure that they identify appropriate locations for clinical as well as securing affiliation agreements with their chosen site.
- Graduates are eligible to sit for national boards with AANP or ANCC
- Engaging online environment allows the opportunity to collaborate with nurses in your area, and all over the country.
- Competitive pricing plus partner grants are available see if you qualify

### THERE IS NO END TO WHERE YOUR FNP CREDENTIAL CAN TAKE YOU!

Nurse

Practitioner

Best Jobs in Health Care

If you are serious about expanding your nursing scope and career – Herzing University offers you an immersive, hands-on experience that balances online classes – with rich clinical experience to help you further develop your nursing skills.

The demand for Family Nurse Practitioners has never been greater.

It ranks so highly, in part, because of the tremendous job satisfaction FNP trained nurses report as they gain more and more autonomy as primary healthcare providers. Family nurse practitioners provide care for patients of all ages and have great flexibility in choosing a specialty. Nurse Practitioners often select positions in family practice, geriatrics, pediatrics, Ob-Gyn, urgent care, internal medicine and primary care.

With the changes in healthcare reform, Family Nurse Practitioners serve a vital role; counseling patients for health prevention, promotion and disease management, as well as seeing, diagnosing and treating patients who would have historically waited weeks to see a physician. In recent years, the role of nurse practitioners has expanded. Along with the increase in duties performed, so too has the need for more qualified graduates risen. Help fill the need with a Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Herzing University.

Program length and time to completion may vary based upon the number of approved transfer credits, course load and course availability. Program content may be subject to change. Please check with the registrar's office for any updates, course outlines and graduation requirements.

\*The master's degree program in nursing at Herzing University Online is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org). \*\*https://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/nurse-practitioner

Nurse Practitioners practice in all kinds of different settings, such as urban, suburban & rural settings, in outpatient clinics, hospitals, emergency departments, urgent care, private physician or NP offices, and nursing home, home health agencies, hospice and palliative care, schools and colleges, and public health departments.

[i'm] changing the world one patient at a time. It's possible.

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# HERZING UNIVERSITY Q&A

### What Will I Learn?

This program will provide you with the academic knowledge, skills, and expertise to apply for certification as a family nurse practitioners in primary care. Graduates will be prepared to have integrated praxis philosophy throughout multiple courses. Courses consist of core NU courses, specialty concentration courses, and clinical courses.

#### **Core MSN Program Outcomes**

Upon completion of this program, you should be able to:

- Integrate scientific evidence from nursing and biopsychosocial disciplines, genetics, public health, quality improvement, and organizational sciences when designing and implementing outcome measures in diverse settings and through the lifespan.
- 2. Demonstrate leadership skills that emphasize ethical and critical decision-making, fiscal responsibility, inter-professional relationships that promote safe, quality care within a systems framework.
- 3. Apply methods, tools, performance measures, and evidencebased standards when evaluating quality indicators within an organizational system.
- 4. Synthesize theories, models and research findings inherent to nursing practice, education and management to guide an organization or healthcare system towards achieving successful outcomes.
- Apply client/patient care technologies and informatics to coordinate and ensure safe quality care and promote effective communication among members of the inter-professional healthcare team.
- 6. Analyze ethical, legal and sociocultural factors to influence policy development and healthcare delivery systems that promote the health of individuals and populations.
- Articulate a leadership role within inter-professional teams through effective communication, collaboration and consultation with other professionals to manage, coordinate care and provide safe, quality family-centered and population based care.
- 8. Incorporate organizational and culturally sensitive client and population centered concepts in the planning, delivery, management, and evaluation of direct and indirect evidencebased health promotion care and services to specified individuals, families, and populations.
- 9. Implement scholarly activities in selected individuals, population, and systems.

#### Family Nurse Practitioner Program Outcomes

Students are expected to meet all the core MSN program outcomes as well as the Family Nurse Practitioner program outcomes. Upon completion of your program, you should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate critical thinking and holistic caring as an advanced practice nurse.
- 2. Analyze scientific literature for application to selected diagnoses and treatment plans.

- 3. Synthesize ethical principles into the management and evaluation of healthcare delivery concerns in culturally diverse care settings.
- 4. Articulate a personal philosophy and framework acknowledging professional and accrediting agency competencies relating to the role and scope of practice of the family nurse practitioner.
- 5. Implement the role of the family nurse practitioner in selected clinical settings.

### How does the clinical experience work?

One of the most important elements of the online MSN-FNP program is the clinical practicum. At Herzing you'll have a clinical coordinator who will serve as a resource to students, guiding and assisting with securing appropriate clinical sites.

Herzing has been partnering with clinical sites for decades, which affords students the best clinical settings due to our reputation of strong clinical presence, in a wide range of facilities.

# What are the Training and Licensure Requirements?

Licensure requirements for FNPs vary from state to state. Most require a current RN license and a master's degree in nursing. Graduates from Herzing University's FNP program are eligible to sit for one of the FNP certification exams. Two main bodies offer FNP certification:

- The American Nurse Credentialing Center
- The American Association of Nurse Practitioners

After completing your master's degree, you will need to take certification exams and register with your state to become an FNP.

## **FNP JOB OUTLOOK**

Job Outlook and Median Salary Information (2016): The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts job openings for nurse practitioners to grow much faster than the average, adding 36% more job openings (up to 56,100 new positions).



Nurse practitioners' median annual salary was \$103,880 per year in 2017.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners, on the Internet at https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nurse-anesthetists-nurse-midwives-and-nurse-practitioners.htm.

# HERZING UNIVERSITY Q&A

#### What are my options to pay for school?

You will want to speak with an Admissions Advisor right away. They have access to Financial Aid Counselors who can help you identify what kind of aid you may qualify for.

Quality education can be an important investment in your future. Here are some common options to help you get started.

**Student Loans & Secured Loans**: These can offer you a way to pay all or part of your tuition – and possibly even some of your expenses while you're in school.

**Scholarships**: Herzing University offers a wide range of scholarships based on need and merit – and you never know what you might qualify for until you apply. Ask your Admissions Representative about current opportunities to help you fund your education.

**Clinical Partner Grants**: Herzing University partners with clinical facilities all over the country. Many of these partners are offered a tuition grant for employees who attend Herzing. See if your employer participates!

# Can I take a tour of Herzing University even though this program is Online?

Absolutely. Herzing would welcome the opportunity to see you on campus. We have nine campus locations, and Online students are welcome to use the facility for study time, access to Financial Aid Counselors, or just a chance to meet other students.

### When can I start?

The FNP program has six start dates per year, ensuring that you will have a start date right around the corner, but enough time to make any adjustments needed to your personal schedule.

### How do I apply?

Start your application today by visiting our online Enrollment Application center at: <u>https://www.herzing.edu/enrollment-application</u> or speak with an Admissions Advisor today.



#### CAREER-FOCUSED | CONVENIENT | CARING

Herzing University is currently not enrolling master's level nursing students for the September 2019 start from the following states: AL, AZ, CA, IA, ID, MS, WI, WV. Consult your admissions adviser regarding subsequent start dates and alternative program options.

Herzing University is a private nonprofit institution dedicated to improving lives through career-focused education. Herzing University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission - www.hlcommission.org - 800-621-7440. Herzing University admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. For more information about our graduation rates of students who completed the program and other important information, visit: Herzing.edu/consumer-disclosures.

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