Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Option

Thank you for your willingness to be a preceptor in our Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) option in our MSN Program. The purpose of this page is to provide you with an overview of the clinical rotations in our program. For more information about the program, please visit http://nursing.unc.edu/degree/msn/fnp.html (link provided here). You may also contact Ann Jessup, the FNP coordinator, at ajessup@email.unc.edu.

Clinical Rotations

Students begin their program of study with an intensive, case-based course that examines the process of health assessment and diagnostic reasoning as a framework for comprehensive assessment of primary care patients. This course is followed by four semesters of clinical experience. Students are expected to carry clinical knowledge forward, building a body of knowledge and providing the student with the opportunity to be socialized in the role of an advanced practice nurse. In addition to specific clinical courses, students will have taken and passed advanced pathophysiology and pharmacotherapy for advanced practice by the time they complete their first clinical rotation.

**N810: Primary Care Management of Adults.** This first clinical course focuses on the management of illnesses common to adults. For the clinical portion of this course, students spend 120 hours with a preceptor in a primary care health setting. Students in this rotation should spend one day observing their preceptor then progress quickly to independent examination of patients with the expectation that the student will confirm all history and physical exam findings with the preceptor, develop differential diagnoses and a beginning management plan.

**N825: Sexual and Reproductive Health.** This course focuses on the sexual and reproductive health of women, men and couples with an emphasis on the obstetrical and gynecological needs of women. For the clinical portion of this course, students will spend 120 hours in a primary care OB/GYN site providing assessment, diagnosis, health promotion and management of family planning, low risk pregnancy including prenatal and postnatal care, and common gynecological problems. Students will need ongoing close supervision as they begin to work with a new population focus.

**N827: Child Health Issues in Primary Care.** This course focuses on the assessment, management, evaluation and continuing care of common pediatric issues and health promotion needs. For the clinical portion of this course, students spend 120 hours in primary care sites employing a developmentally appropriate and family-centered approach to the assessment, diagnosis and management of pediatric patients. Students will need ongoing close supervision as they begin to work with the pediatric population.

**N828: Advanced Clinical Practicum in the Primary Care of Families.** In this final clinical course, FNP students spend 240 hours in a family practice primary care setting. Students are expected to synthesize the knowledge and skills gained from previous classes and clinical work to direct the assessment, diagnosis and management of patients of all ages. Students are expected to perform all aspects of the primary care encounter at an advanced level with ongoing preceptor supervision.