Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization

The family nurse practitioner specialization provides students with the required clinical competencies and theoretical foundation to deliver quality primary care for patients and their families with advanced skills in:

- Evidence-based practice
- Leadership
- Policy
- Finance
- Informatics
- Genomics/ethics

Upon program completion, graduates are eligible to take the family nurse practitioner certification exams offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board.

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Specialization

- Family Nurse Practitioner

Undergraduate to Graduate Nursing Options

Qualified SIUE nursing students can apply to enroll in graduate-level courses taken during the following undergraduate programs:

- Nursing (Traditional)
- Accelerated RN-BS
- Accelerated BS in Nursing as Second Degree

Course Format

- Full time and part time: Online with on-campus immersion experiences

The FNP DNP format is blended/hybrid, meaning classes are offered primarily online, but learning will be supported by on-campus immersion experiences, generally one per academic year, scheduled at important points throughout the program. This offering provides students with the best of both worlds—the flexibility of online learning with the personal nature of knowing and directly interacting with nursing faculty. There are also open lab opportunities for students who desire to come on campus for one-on-one help with clinical skills.

Out-of-state students applying for this program are strongly encouraged to discuss clinical requirements with the assistant dean of graduate programs. Clinical arrangements are not able to be made in all states.

Please note that international students are ineligible to receive a student visa for this program.

What can I do with a DNP?

Family nurse practitioners (FNPs) work in diverse settings, including:

- Office practices
- Community health centers
- Urgent care clinics
- College campuses
What can I do with a DNP? Cont.
- Worksite employee health centers
- Nursing homes
- Managed care organizations
- Hospitals
FNP's also:
- Work for healthcare technology companies
- Perform healthcare research
- Teach in schools and universities
- Serve in government agencies (e.g., health departments, the military, the VA, etc.)

In addition to working directly with patients, FNPs are qualified for leadership roles in healthcare settings.

Graduation Requirements
Doctoral students in the School of Nursing’s family nurse practitioner option must complete all courses with a GPA of 3.0/4.0, which includes successful completion of all clinical practicum experiences. Family nurse practitioner students must also successfully complete a DNP project.

Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees
- 66
- Visit siue.edu/graduate-tuition for detailed tuition information

Program Options
Admission requirements, graduation requirements and sample curriculum plans are available at siue.edu/family-nurse-practitioner.

Application Deadline
Priority deadline is February 1 for the class entering in the fall.