**Overview**

If you love working with patients but want to play a bigger role in their treatment, becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner may be just the right move. ECPI University’s MSN – Family Nurse Practitioner program can prepare you to treat patients of all ages, diagnosing illnesses, prescribing drugs, ordering diagnostic tests, and performing physical exams. Advanced practice nursing provides the close patient contact you have always enjoyed.

RNs are in demand and the need for advanced practice nurses is even higher with the aging population. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners is projected to grow 31 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.

ECPI University’s College of Nursing offers this program completely online to accommodate your busy schedule. Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration will be able to provide primary care and / or specialty nursing in ambulatory and long-term care settings.

What’s more, by taking classes year-round, you can complete the MSN – Family Nurse Practitioner program in as little as 22 months.

**Possible Career Track**

Graduates holding a master degree in nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner will be eligible for positions in a variety of community settings such as:

- Provider Offices
- Public Health Departments
- Industrial Settings / Occupational Health
- Urgent Care

**Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this program, the graduate will be able to:

- Integrate evidence-based nursing practice and related sciences for the continual improvement of nursing care to individuals, families, and communities.
- Perform as a member, educator, and leader of nursing by developing and implementing patient safety measures and quality improvement initiatives as part of an interprofessional team using appropriate theories, communication skills, and effective group dynamics.
- Apply systematic quality management models that meet patient safety goals and initiatives and improve nursing care and patient outcomes.
- Act as a change agent by substantiating and applying research outcomes in practice and education settings to resolve nursing practice problems; and translate and disseminate resulting nursing knowledge.
- Ethically utilize current technologies to communicate with the interdisciplinary team, improve and coordinate care across the continuum, strengthen the delivery and outcomes of nursing education, leadership, and advanced practice, and analyze healthcare data.
- Advocate for policies that improve the health of the public and the profession of nursing by using the broad determinants of health (psychosocial, economic, and cultural factors), and the legal and ethical foundations of nursing.
- Implement current standards of practice and healthcare policies to design, deliver, manage and evaluate culturally appropriate, evidence-based education and nursing care for select populations.
- Analyze various roles of graduate-level nursing and synthesize personal philosophies of nursing within the changing education or healthcare environments.
- Demonstrate role development by performing in the role of nurse educator, leader or advanced practitioner by integrating the concepts related to the area of practice demonstrating expertise, evidence-based practice, and the appropriate competencies.

The Masters of Science in Nursing programs at the Virginia Beach, Virginia and Lake Mary, Florida campuses are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791.