

Graduate Studies

Montgomery - Troy - Phenix City

Master of Science In Nursing

Clinical Nurse Specialist

- Adult Health Nursing
- Maternal/Infant Nursing

Role

- *Education*
- *Administration*

Nurse Practitioner

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Post-Master's Certificate

Nursing Informatics Specialist

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334.834.2320

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Master of Science in Nursing Program

The application and all supporting documents must be on file in order to receive an official notice of admission.

Admission Requirements

- Application for admission and \$50.00 application fee.
- Supplemental Information Sheet
- * FNP Supplemental Application
- An undergraduate health assessment course is required. The section of the Supplemental Information Sheet **must** be completed for faculty evaluation.
- Student Medical History Form (required only for students attending the Troy campus)
- ** Proof of BSN from an accredited institution.
- *** Proof of MSN degree from an accredited institution.
- ** Official transcripts from all colleges attended submitted directly from each institution of attendance. (See Graduate Bulletin for required GPA.)
- ** Official MAT or GRE test scores submitted by official transcript. (See Graduate Bulletin for minimum scores.)
- Proof of current RN license in “good standing”. (See Clinical Requirements)
- Three (3) letters of professional reference. (Required reference forms enclosed.)
- Ability to perform certain “core performance standards” required for the duties of the nursing profession. (Additional information included in brochure.)
- * Minimum of one year clinical experience as a Registered Nurse.

* Required for FNP and FNP Certificate applicants only.

** Not required for applicants to FNP Post-Master’s Certificate option.

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Clinical Requirements

- Professional liability insurance (required for all students enrolling in clinical nursing courses).
- Proof of certification in BCLS
- Annual physical examination valid from the time of registration through the end of the semester of enrollment.
- Evidence of immunization to measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella zoster and either evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B or proof of beginning vaccination series.
- Evidence of current health insurance.
- Drug Screening may be required for clinical practice.

Mailing Information

The application along with all supporting documents should be mailed to :

**Troy University
Office of Admissions and Records
College of Health and Human Services
340 Montgomery Street
Montgomery, AL 36104**

- Application documents should be typed or printed with a ball point pen.
- A \$ 50.00 Troy University application fee is required. Students who have applied to or attended a graduate program at Troy University are not required to pay this fee.
- In addition, a \$20.00 School of Nursing Programs Fee is required prior to actual enrollment.

Master of Science in Nursing Curriculum

Nursing Core (6 Hours)

- NSG 5504 Theories in Nursing (2)
- NSG 5505 Health Care Economics (2)
- NSG 6660 Foundations of Advance Practice (2)

Nursing Specialty (20 Hours)

- NSG 5512 Advanced Health Assessment (3)
- NSG 5515 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum (3)
- NSG 6649 Advanced Pharmacology (3)
- NSG 6671 Pathophysiology (3)

(Select One Series)

Adult Health Nursing

- NSG 6620 Advanced Acute Care Nursing of Adults (2)
- NSG 6621 Preceptorship in Advanced Acute Care Nursing (3)
- NSG 6622 Advanced Long Term Nursing Care of Adults (2)
- NSG 6623 Preceptorship in Advanced Long Term Nursing Care of Adults (3)

OR Maternal Infant Health Nursing

- NSG 6640 Advanced Maternal/Infant Health Nursing (2)
- NSG 6641 Preceptorship in Advanced Maternal Infant Nursing (3)
- NSG 6642 High Risk Maternal/Infant Health Nursing (2)
- NSG 6643 Preceptorship in High Risk Maternal/Infant Health Nursing (3)

Nursing Research (7 Hours)

- NSG 6691 Research Methodology (3)
- NSG 6692 Data Analysis Techniques in Research (2)
- NSG 6696 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I (1)
- NSG 6697 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II (1)
- Optional: NSG 6695 Thesis (1-4)

Nursing Role (5 Hours)

(Select One Series)

Educator

- NSG 6614 Role of the Nurse Educator (2)
- NSG 6615 Nursing Education Internship (3)

OR Administrator

- NSG 6616 Role of the Nurse Administrator (2)
- NSG 6617 Nursing Administration Internship (3)

Nursing Synthesis and Evaluation (1 Hour)

- NSG 6655 Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice (1)

Nursing Core (6 Hours for FNP or 1 Hour for FNP-PM)

- NSG 5504 Theories in Nursing (2)
- NSG 5505 Health Care Economics (2)
- NSG 6660 Foundations of Advance Practice (2)
- ***NSG 6659 Adaptation to the FNP Role (1)

Nursing Specialty (27 Hours)

- NSG 6649 Advanced Pharmacology (3)
- NSG 6671 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
- NSG 5512 Advanced Health Assessment (3)
- NSG 5513 Advanced Health Assessment Preceptorship (3)
- NSG 6645 Family and Cultural Theories in Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
- NSG 6665 Primary Care I (3)
- NSG 6666 Primary Care I Preceptorship (3)
- NSG 6667 Primary Care II (3)
- NSG 6668 Primary Care II Preceptorship (3)

Nursing Research (7 Hours)

- NSG 6691 Research Methodology (3)
- NSG 6692 Data Analysis Techniques in Research (2)
- NSG 6696 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I (1)
- NSG 6697 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II (1)

Nursing Role (6 Hours)

- NSG 6670 Role Synthesis Seminar (1)
- NSG 6680 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship (5)

Nursing Synthesis and Evaluation (1 Hour)

- NSG 6655 Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice (1)

Optional

- NSG 6695 Thesis (1-4)

Master of Science in Nursing Curriculum

Nursing Informatics Specialist

Nursing Core (6 Hours)

NSG 5504 Theories in Nursing (2)

NSG 5505 Health Care Economics (2)

NSG 6660 Foundations of Advance Practice (2)

Nursing Specialty (11 Hours)

NSG 6631 Computer-based Communication Technologies (3)

NSG 6632 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Informatics (2)

NSG 6633 Systems Analysis & Design (3)

NSG 6635 Integration of Technology in Information Exchange (3)

Nursing Research (7 Hours)

NSG 6691 Research Methodology (3)

NSG 6692 Data Analysis Techniques in Research (2)

NSG 6696 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I (1)

NSG 6697 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II (1)

Optional: NSG 6695 Thesis (1-4)

Nursing Role (6 Hours)

NSG 6634 Role of the Nursing Informatics Specialist (2)

NSG 6635 Nursing Informatics Internship (4)

Nursing Synthesis and Evaluation (1 Hour)

NSG 6655 Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice (1)

Elective (3 Hours)

5000/6000 Approved Elective

Program Description

The MSN program is designed to provide graduates of baccalaureate programs in nursing the opportunity to develop the advanced knowledge and clinical skills required for leadership positions in nursing. The MSN program prepares clinical nurse specialists in Adult Health Nursing and Maternal-Infant Nursing, Nursing Informatics Specialists, and nurse practitioners as Family Nurse Practitioners.

The MSN degree is awarded on completion of course work with a 3.0 or better grade point average (GPA), fulfillment of candidacy requirements and successful completion of the required comprehensive examination.

Students may enroll for full-time or part-time study. Students are accepted for admission to the Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nursing Informatics Specialist tracks for part-time study every semester or full-time study in the Fall semester. Students are accepted for the Family Nurse Practitioner track in the Fall semester only. The Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate option is available for MSN prepared nurses.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program is located in Montgomery, Troy, and Phenix City.

Troy University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1865 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 404.679.4501).

Troy University School of Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, 212.989.9393) and approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing (660 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 334.242.4060).

Troy University is an equal opportunity institution that does not discriminate in the basis of sex, age, color, race, national origin, religion, or disability in employment or access to its programs.

13. **Emergency Contacts:**

Name: _____ Relationship _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____

14. **Check all items that influenced your decision to apply to Troy University.**

Friend School Fair Unsolicited Mailing Advertisement Location
 Cost Agency _____ (full name of agency)

15. **Have you previously applied to Troy University** Yes No

Did you attend? Yes No If yes, when _____ Which campus _____

16. **Anticipated term and year of enrollment:**

<input type="checkbox"/> FALL SEMESTER: 20 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SPRING SEMESTER: 20 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER SEMESTER: 20 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Term 1 (T/1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Term 3 (T/3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Term 5 (T/5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Term 2 (T/2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Term 4 (T/4)	

17. **Anticipated Program/Concentration:** _____

18. **My Undergraduate major was:** _____

19. **Enrollment Status:** First Masters Transfer Audit Dual Enrollment
 Second Masters Post Masters AEG Teacher Certification Only
 Education Specialist Transient Special/Non-Degree Seeking

20. **Do you hold a teaching certificate?** Yes No

If yes, from which state(s)/country and in what areas are you certified? _____

Has your teaching certificate expired? Yes No

21. **List all Colleges and Universities previously attended:** (Failure to report all may result in denial and/or dismissal. You are responsible for requesting official transcripts from each previously attended institution. Official transcripts not in English must be accompanied by an official English translation).

Institution	City, State and Country	Dates of Attendance	Degree?	Currently Enrolled?

22. **Have you been suspended or dismissed from the institution from which you are transferring?**

Yes No

If Yes, are the reasons Disciplinary Academic
 If Yes, please explain on a separate sheet and attach.

23. **Indicate the date(s) you completed or plan to complete the following.** (Have official results sent to the Admissions Office of the Troy University Campus to which application is being made).

_____ GRE _____ MAT _____ GMAT _____ TOEFL _____ IELTS

24. Have you ever been convicted for the violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law? (Excluding minor traffic violations) Yes No
(If yes, please provide detailed information of the violation on a separate sheet and attach).
25. **The following is for the assessment of demographic information only and will not be used in the admission decision:**
 Has either of your parents graduated from a four-year college?
 Yes No Troy University (Mother Father Both)
26. **Check all that apply:** Active Military Military Dependent National Guard/Reserve
 Retired Military Veteran DOD Civilian

Please indicate rank and military branch: _____
Rank Branch

27. **Determination of Residency**
- Have you lived in Alabama or the Troy University service area as a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident for the last 12 months for reasons other than enrollment in an educational institution? Yes No
- Are you active duty U.S. Military or a dependent of active duty U.S. Military personnel, who will be stationed in Alabama at the time of your enrollment with Troy University? Yes No

I do hereby swear or affirm that all information supplied on this application is complete and accurate. I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission and enrollment. As a condition for admission, I further agree to comply with all policies and procedures of the University relative to assessment and evaluation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Troy University Honor Code

I, _____, will be honest in all my academic work and strive to maintain academic integrity. *(Adopted by the Troy University Student Government Association and approved by the Board of Trustees, this Honor Code is in support of the Academic Code as stated in The Oracle).*

For processing, a \$50.00 application fee must accompany this form.

Policy Statement

Troy University is an equal opportunity institution and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, ethnicity, or disability in admission or access to its programs.

APPLICATION GUIDE

This Application Guide is provided to better acquaint you with the Troy University application process and the various terminologies associated with it. Submission of the application should be made well in advance of your anticipated start term so that adequate time may be given to the processing of your application and related materials. It is reasonable for applicants to expect a decision on the application within two weeks of receiving the application fee, transcripts and/or test scores.

The University attempts to minimize the use of social security numbers for security purposes and applicants are not required to submit this information on the application. However, **applicants who are applying for federal financial aid must provide social security numbers** in order for the Office of Financial Aid to retrieve appropriate data from the U.S. Department of Education.

Home Campus/Site (Question 1)

This is the campus/site where you make application and where your academic program is located. This is also the campus that will be responsible for your academic advisement, records maintenance, billing, and graduation. University College is considered all campuses/sites located outside the state of Alabama.

Home/Permanent Address (Question 8)

All official correspondence from the University, including bills and grades, will be mailed to this address. Once international students enroll at the Troy Campus, the local address will be used for official University business.

Semester vs. Terms (Question 16)

Troy University utilizes an academic calendar comprised of both the traditional semester (approximately 16 weeks) and the term (10 weeks). Terms (accelerated semesters) are primarily associated with the University College division of the University.

Enrollment Status (Question 19)

A number of enrollment statuses exist for applicants. Status options available at the University are defined as follows:

First Masters - applicants who hold a baccalaureate degree and plan to pursue a Masters Degree.

Second Masters- applicants who have obtained a previous Masters Degree and plan to pursue another Masters degree.

Post Masters- applicants who have obtained a previous Masters Degree and plan to take graduate courses, but not for degree purposes.

Audit- applicants who plan to take courses for non-credit.

Teacher certification- applicants interested in applying credit towards teacher certification, but who are not applicants for a degree at Troy University.

Special Admission – Non-Degree Matriculate- applicants interested in earning graduate credit, but who are not applicants for a degree at Troy University.

Dual Enrollment- applicants who are within six semester hours or fewer of completing their undergraduate degree requirements and who meet the unconditional admission requirements may with approval of the Dean of Graduate School or designee be enrolled in one or more courses for graduate credit.

Education Specialist- applicants seeking advanced degrees in teacher education programs above the Masters Degree level.

Transfer – applicants who have attempted Masters level courses at another institution and wish to transfer in that coursework. See Troy University Graduate Catalog for details and limitations.

Transient – applicants who will take Troy University courses approved by other institutions where actual credits will be awarded.

AEG (ESL) – international applicants who will enroll in the University's English as a Second Language program.

Distance Learning

Distance Learning is Troy University's terminology for the web-based delivery of courses. It also includes other forms of delivery.

Special Details for International Students

Questions 2: Record your name as it appears on your Passport.

Any international student who needs a student Visa must submit his/her application to the International Program Office at the following address: Center for International Programs, Troy University, Troy, AL 36082.

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

(Abilities needed by the nursing student to meet program objectives and requirements)

Issue	Standard
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form. <i>Proficiency in use of English language is sufficient for written and oral communication. (Consistent with Alabama Board of Nursing procedure for administration of the NCLEX-RN exam, no special accommodations are provided by the School of Nursing.)</i>
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small places.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.

The above statement of criteria is not intended as a complete listing of nursing practice behaviors, but is a sampling of the types of abilities needed by the nursing student to meet program objectives and requirements. The School of Nursing or its affiliated agencies may identify additional critical behaviors or abilities needed by students to meet program or agency requirements. The School of Nursing reserves the right to amend this listing based on the identification of additional standards or criteria for nursing students.

Students who are unable to meet core performance standards cannot meet objectives for clinical courses; therefore, cannot meet course requirements. Students must withdraw from the program and may apply for readmission at such time that he/she is able to meet the core performance standards required for the practice of nursing.

If you are unable to fully meet any criterion, you will need to make an appointment with the Director of your program.

I have read and I understand the above Core Performance Standards. To the best of my knowledge, I am able to fully meet all these criteria.

Date

Signature

ID Number

Print Name

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

PLEASE SEND AN OFFICIAL COPY OF MY TRANSCRIPT TO :

Admissions Office
Troy University School of Nursing
College of Health and Human Services
340 Montgomery Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Please Print the Following:

Name: _____ SS# _____ - _____ - _____
(include all former names)

Address: _____

Date of Attendance: From _____ To _____

Signature Date

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Letter of Recommendation to Undergraduate/Graduate School of Nursing.

To the Applicant: This form should be given to a professor or supervisor under whom you have studied or worked, who is able to comment on your qualifications for undergraduate/graduate study. Type or print the first five lines yourself.

Your Name: _____ S.S.#: _____
 Last First Middle

Your Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Name of person who will complete this form: _____

(Title)

(Institution)

Should you be admitted to Troy University, you would have the right as a student to review your permanent record, including this recommendation form, on file with the University. Some persons prefer not to complete recommendation forms however, unless they can be assured of the confidentiality of their comments. Therefore, Troy University is affording you the opportunity to waive your right of subsequent access to their reference statement. In any event, your application for admission and/or financial support will be given full consideration based on all the information accumulated in your application file, including this form, regardless of your decision on waiving your right of future review.

I do I do not waive my right of subsequent access to this recommendation form.

 Student Signature

 Date

To the Respondent: Please rate the applicant with others of the same academic level. It is important to the candidate that you give a percentage rating here as well as a written evaluation on the reverse side.

	Lower Third	Middle Third	Upper Third	Upper 10%	Upper 5%	Not Able to Judge
Intellectual ability						
Motivation						
Potential for Leadership						
Current Clinical Competence						
Professional Judgment in Clinical Practice						
Therapeutic Relationship with Patients						

 Respondent's Signature

 Date

***Please make written comments on the reverse side as it relates to the applicant.**

Supplemental Application for Family Nurse Practitioner

Applicants for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) option must complete and return this form in addition to the standard graduate application forms before a personal interview may be scheduled.

- 1. Summarize nursing positions held during the past five years. Include administrative responsibilities, patient case load characteristics, and patient care activities.**
- 2. What are your personal and professional goals for the next five years?**
- 3. Why have you chosen to pursue the Family Nurse Practitioner role?**
- 4. How do you expect to utilize the Family Nurse Practitioner training over the next five years?**

5. Have you identified a preceptor for the clinical portion of the program? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, name of preceptor _____

Address _____

Practice Area _____

6. Identify three professional strengths and three professional weaknesses that you believe will impact your success in the FNP role.

Strengths	Weaknesses

Name _____

Address _____
