

RN to MSN — Family Nurse Practitioner | Online Master of Science in Nursing Program for Registered Nurses

Program Overview: Improve Community Health as an FNP

The RN to MSN program from Nursing@Simmons is the online Master of Science – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program that prepares registered nurses (RNs) to **expand their clinical knowledge and serve as primary health care providers.**

Bachelor's Degree Not Required

The program provides RNs who do not hold a bachelor's degree with the clinical skills and knowledge they need to work as an FNP in a variety of health care settings, including **clinics, private practice, and outpatient centers.**

FNPs deliver a broad spectrum of care to individuals across the life span. They assess patients, order and interpret diagnostic tests, make diagnoses, and initiate and manage treatment plans with the ability to prescribe medications.

Personalized Clinical Placement Services

nearly 3,700

total clinical placements

9,200 +

affiliated sites

in 48

states in the U.S. and the U.S. Virgin Islands

4,000

preceptors

As a Nursing@Simmons student, you will partner one-on-one with a placement specialist to clinical placement process:

- **Identify** high-quality placement opportunities using their network of contacts among health care providers in your state.
- **Secure** sites and preceptors for each of your clinical placement terms.
- **Develop** a plan of action to meet your required clinical objectives
- **Validate** preceptor credentials and process all necessary paperwork.

94.2% Board Pass Rate for 2017 Graduatesⁱ

National pass rate: 81.5%

Accreditation

Simmons University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The baccalaureate, master's, and DNP programs at Simmons University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

Student Experience: On-Campus Standards, Online Delivery

Earn the same Master of Science in Nursing degree as on-campus students. Program tools and features — accessible via desktop and mobile devices — include:

- **Face-to-face weekly classes** delivered in an online classroom that features high-quality audio and video, screen share capabilities, live annotation tools and customizable classroom configurations.
- **An academically rigorous, interdisciplinary curriculum** delivered by faculty members who are active clinical practitioners.
- **An interactive online community** that fosters collaboration through the use of familiar social networking tools.

Admission Requirements

You must have a current **U.S. registered nurse (RN) license** and a **diploma or certificate from a hospital-based program, or an associate degree**. Other application requirements:

- Current résumé
- One- to two-page personal statement
- Transcript(s) of academic record
- Three letters of recommendation
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores, if your native language is not English. The School of Nursing TOEFL code is 3761.

Program Requirements: Full Time and Part Time Options Available

Complete the program on a **full-time or part-time basis**.

68 course credits	836 clinical hours (minimum)	8 – 10 terms
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On-Demand Student Support Resources

- **A dedicated admissions counselor** to guide you through the application process
- **A student services team** that provides technical and academic support
- **A placement team** that will partner with you to find a clinical opportunity near your own community
- **A lifelong connection** to the Simmons alumni community

Multiple Start Dates

Nursing@Simmons has multiple cohorts starting throughout the year and applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Our start dates are traditionally in January, May, and September.

Get to Know Simmons School of Nursing

Since 1902, Simmons School of Nursing has been educating top-quality health care professionals. The School of Nursing is an innovator in health care education with nationally recognized faculty members who practice clinically in a variety of settings. Our students share a passion for lifelong learning and for enabling others to lead healthy lives.



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Nursing@Simmons' approximate student-to-faculty ratio



50,000+

Members in Simmons' worldwide alumni network



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Access to high-quality video coursework and recorded video sessions

ⁱ <https://onlinenursing.simmons.edu/fnp/>