

## discover our Nurse Practitioner Program



### Program Highlights

- **Is the program completely online?**

No. FSU offers a blended program. This requires some on-campus attendance; however, about 90 to 95 percent of the course requirements are online, including all lectures, didactic content and supervision. There will be regular synchronous classes and meetings.

- **Do I have to follow the progression plan, or can I take courses out of order?**

Courses must be taken in the order and in the semester they are scheduled. Courses are offered once a year. There is a standard progression plan for full-time and part-time students.

- **Do you accept students every semester?**

No. Each cohort of students begins every fall.

**“The NP program at Frostburg is designed for experienced, registered nurses working and serving in rural areas to advance both their career and education, also ensuring a sustainable future for health care in rural communities.”**

— Audra J. Houser, NP Program Director



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### CONCENTRATIONS:

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

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# discover our NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

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## About the Program

Frostburg State University offers nurse practitioner master's programs with two concentrations:

- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

## Target Student Demographic and Rural Focus

FSU invites seasoned, experienced registered nurses (RNs) who live and work in rural, medically underserved areas to apply for this program. The goal is that these students will remain in their communities, providing a higher level of care that is so desperately needed. The special needs of rural health populations are a focus woven through the tapestry of both concentrations, but you need not live and/or work in a rural area to apply to the program.

## Blended Program Delivery Format

Students will complete the vast majority (90-95 percent) of coursework online. There will be limited on-campus immersion requirements for students that vary by course. Once a student enters his or her specialty NP courses, he or she can expect to come to campus an average of twice per semester. All students will be required to attend a mandatory on-campus orientation before their first semester of courses, which is aimed to equip all students with the tools necessary for success in the program.

## Two Flexible Options for Students

Students have a full-time and part-time progression option. Full-time students can complete the program in six (FNP) or seven (PMHNP) consecutive semesters (including summer). Part-time students can complete the program in 10 (FNP) or 13 (PMHNP) consecutive semesters (including summer). Both program options are fall-start only.

## Admission Requirements

- Unencumbered RN license
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing
  - From accredited nursing program
  - With a GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 hours of course work
- Official transcripts for all prior undergraduate and graduate study, regardless of whether a degree was earned
- Successful completion of a 3-credit undergraduate statistics course with a minimum grade of "B"
- Current curriculum vitae
- Essay pertaining to personal career objectives, what it means to be a nurse practitioner and why you feel that you will succeed as a nurse practitioner
- Three professional recommendations
- Personal, face-to-face interview
- Criminal background check
- Child abuse clearance
- Two-year minimum clinical experience

There will be a limited number of seats available in both concentrations. Admission is competitive, similar to other nurse practitioner programs offered in the U.S.

## How Do I Apply?

Review the minimum admission criteria, as all of the documents indicated will need to be included with your electronic application.

Additional information can be found at **[www.frostburg.edu/grad](http://www.frostburg.edu/grad)**

Once you are ready to apply, click the "Apply Online" link. For assistance in this process, contact Graduate Services at 301.687.7053 or [gradservices@frostburg.edu](mailto:gradservices@frostburg.edu).



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