

Nursing@Simmons

- *Post-Graduate Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner*
- *Post-Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*

Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC)

Simmons University offers two nurse practitioner Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC) tracks - **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** and **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)**.

The PGC curriculum allows those who are **licensed and certified Advanced Practice Registered Nurses** to complete a streamlined curriculum tailored towards becoming a FNP or PMHNP.

At the end of the program students will **meet the requirements to sit for national board examinations**.

The Nursing@Simmons innovative and **robust curriculum** provides engaged **online** classroom learning with the **flexibility** adult learners need.

PGC - FNP Curriculum: Full time

- 22 credits
- Full-time is 3 terms, or 12 months
- Requires virtual head to toe assessment validation prior to starting clinical
- Requires one on-campus immersion at the end of the first term
- Three Clinical Decision Making (CDM) classes
 - CDM I: 16 clinical hours/week for 7 weeks
 - CDM II: 20 clinical hours/week for 14 weeks
 - CDM III: 20 clinical hours/week for 14 weeks

Full-Time Schedule			
Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Name
Term 1	NUR 534	1	Immersion & Clinical Qualification
	NUR 532	3	FNP II Primary Care Nursing
	NURP 510C	2	Clinical Decision Making I
Term 2	NUR 533	3	FNP III Primary Care Nursing
	NURP 511A	5	Clinical Decision Making II
Term 3	NUR 531	3	FNP I Primary Care Nursing of the Childbearing Family
	NURP 512A	5	Clinical Decision Making III
Total Credits: 22			

PGC - FNP Curriculum: Part time

- 22 credits
- Part-time is 5 terms, or 21 months
- Requires one on-campus immersion at the end of the first term
- Four Clinical Decision Making (CDM) classes
 - CDM I: 12 clinical hours/week
 - CDM II: 12 clinical hours/week
 - CDM III: 12 clinical hours/week
 - CDM IV: 12 clinical hours/week

Part-Time Schedule			
Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Name
Term 1	NUR 534	1	Immersion & Clinical Qualification
	NUR 532	3	FNP II Primary Care Nursing
Term 2	NUR 533	3	FNP III Primary Care Nursing
	NURP 510B	3	Clinical Decision Making I
Term 3	NUR 531	3	FNP I Primary Care Nursing of the Childbearing Family
	NURP 511B	3	Clinical Decision Making II
Term 4	NURP 512C	3	Clinical Decision Making III
Term 5	NURP 513C	3	Clinical Decision Making IV
Total Credits: 22			

PGC - PMHNP Curriculum: Full time

- 27 credits
- Full-time is 4 terms, or 16 months
- Requires one on-campus immersion at the end of the first term
- Three Clinical Courses
 - Clinical Course 1: 8 clinical hours/week
 - Clinical Course 2: 20 clinical hours/week
 - Clinical Course 3: 20 clinical hours/week

Full-Time Schedule			
Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Name
Term 1	NURP 426	3	Clinical Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan
	NURP 540	2	Neurobiology & Differential Diagnosis of Mental Disorders
	NURP 541	2	PMHNP I: Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan
	NURP 534P	1	Immersion
Term 2	NURP 542	2	PMHNP II: Diagnosis & Management
	NUR 520A	2	Clinical Course 1
Term 3	NURP 543	3	PMHNP III: Diagnosis & Management
	NUR 521A	5	Clinical Course 2
Term 4	NURP 544	2	PMHNP IV: SMI & Addictions Medicine
	NUR 522A	5	Clinical Course 3
Total Credits: 27			

PGC - PMHNP Curriculum: Part time

- 27 credits
- Part-time is 6 terms, or 23 months
- Requires one on-campus immersion at the end of the first term
- Four Clinical Courses
 - Clinical Course 1: 8 clinical hours/week
 - Clinical Course 2: 8 clinical hours/week
 - Clinical Course 3: 16 clinical hours/week
 - Clinical Course 4: 16 clinical hours/week

Part-Time Schedule			
Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Name
Term 1	NURP 426	3	Clinical Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan
	NURP 540	2	Neurobiology & Differential Diagnosis of Mental Disorders
Term 2	NURP 541	2	PMHNP I: Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan
	NURP 542	2	PMHNP II: Diagnosis & Management
	NURP 534P	1	Immersion
Term 3	NURP 543	3	PMHNP III: Diagnosis & Management
	NUR 520B	2	Clinical Course 1
Term 4	NURP 544	2	PMHNP IV: SMI & Addictions Medicine
	NUR 521B	2	Clinical Course 2
Term 5	NUR 522B	4	Clinical Course 3
Term 6	NUR 523B	4	Clinical Course 4
Total Credits: 27			

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to either Post-Graduate Certificate, you must:

- Hold a **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)** or **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** from an accredited college or university with a preferred **GPA of at least 3.0** (on a 4.0 scale)
- Current unencumbered and unrestricted U.S. **Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) licensure**
 - Applicants without the APRN license are able to submit proof of certification and licensure within six months of admission
- **Successfully complete, with a grade of B or better, the following courses.** These courses must contain curricular content that covers the lifespan. Applicants who did not earn their MSN or DNP at Simmons University will be required to submit syllabi from these classes.
 - Advanced Pathophysiology
 - Advanced Pharmacology
 - Advanced Health Assessment

Tuition & Fees

Tuition for the online PGC programs is based on the annual cost per credit multiplied by the total number of credits required to graduate.

A moderate increase in tuition should be expected each academic year. Tuition includes assessments, technology platform licensing, and support. Tuition does not include the cost of books, travel for campus immersions, and the \$175 student fee per term.

2024-2025 Academic Year	Credits	Cost	Total Cost
PGC- Family Nurse Practitioner	22	\$1,235	\$27, 170
PGC - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	27	\$1,235	\$33, 345

Scholarships & Financial Aid

Scholarships

Nursing@Simmons offers several scholarship opportunities to admitted students. No separate application is necessary. Availability of scholarships and the amounts awarded may vary term-to-term.

Double Shark Scholarship

Simmons alumnae/i with a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree will be automatically awarded the Double Shark Scholarship when enrolling into an eligible Simmons graduate degree or certificate program. Following admission, your scholarship letter will detail the significant savings you will receive — up to 20% tuition savings — when you return to Simmons for a second degree.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

Financial Aid

For U.S. citizens and permanent residents, the options for financial assistance include federal loans, private loans, and grants. Awards vary from year to year depending on the number of applicants, their financial need, and available resources. We encourage you to apply for financial aid at the same time you apply for Nursing@Simmons.

To be eligible for loans, applicants must be accepted into the program, enrolled at least half time, and current on payments for any previous Federal Stafford or Perkins loans.

Applicants must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any additional supporting documents that may be required. The FAFSA code for Simmons University is 002208. Filing your FAFSA online expedites the processing time. Submit your FAFSA via the Department of Education's website at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Visit the Student Financial Services website for general financial aid details and loan options, or call 1-617-521-2001.

CCNE Accreditation

The post-graduate APRN certificate program at Simmons University
is pursuing initial accreditation by the
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
(<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).

Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted.

State Authorization

The Post-Graduate APRN certificate program is currently authorized to operate in Massachusetts

We are currently pursuing authorization in 48 states (excluding New York and Tennessee)