

# NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) PROGRAMS

## MSN DEGREE:

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Nurse practitioners provide direct patient care at the advanced practice level. You will be involved in patient history taking, physical examination, diagnostic testing, diagnosis, and treatment.

You must complete graduate-level coursework, pass the national certification exam, and gain licensure by the state to practice in primary or acute care.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The degree offers full-time enrollment.  
*Average time to completion (full time): 2–3 years*
- The degree offers part-time enrollment.  
*Average time to completion (part time): 3–5 years*
- This degree offers select online courses.

### INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Loyola has collaborative partnerships in health care settings throughout the Chicagoland area. Many of these sites are in medically underserved areas. Faculty members design the clinical practicums and guide students in the selection of appropriate clinical sites.

You must have an RN license in the State of Illinois and 2,000 hours of recent clinical nursing experience prior to beginning the first practicum in your chosen advanced practice specialty.

Prior to graduating, you'll complete a comprehensive exam comprising two parts: a paper of publishable quality that demonstrates your theoretical/clinical expertise and an oral presentation of your paper.

### EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Upon graduation, you will be prepared to make clinical decisions in health promotion and maintenance, disease prevention, and managing health and illness.

- Graduates of the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program are eligible to sit for the AANP or ANCC Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination.
- Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner program are eligible to sit for the AANP or ANCC Family Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

- Graduates of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program are eligible to sit for the ANCC or AACN Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination.
- Graduates of the Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner program are eligible to sit for the NCC Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

*Pass rates for all APRN exams are at or near 100% over the past several years.*

Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](http://LUC.edu/career).

#### PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing has been successfully educating graduate nurses for more than 50 years. The school is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

#### STUDENT LIFE

- **STUDY ABROAD:** We encourage you to hone skills and build your network through intensive courses around the world. Study abroad is open to full- and part-time students. The School of Nursing offers annual study abroad trips to Belize.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:** Graduate Student Nursing Association (GSNA), Student Committee on InterProfessional Education (SCIEPEC)
- **SERVICE LEARNING:** You will have an opportunity to participate in an International Service Immersion as part of a collaboration between Campus Ministry and the School of Nursing.

#### FACULTY

Our faculty and clinical preceptors are experts in their fields and hold national certifications in their areas of specialization. Due to their wide variety of clinical and research interests, our faculty are well respected in their areas of professional specialty.

#### PREREQUISITES

You must be a Registered Professional Nurse in the United States.

#### FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).  
Learn more about financial aid at [LUC.edu/nursing/admission/tuition-finaid](http://LUC.edu/nursing/admission/tuition-finaid).

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](http://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

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