

**University of New Mexico – College of Nursing
Overview of Post Master’s Certification (PMC) Program**

The Post Master’s Certificate (PMC) prepares nurses with a previous master’s degree in nursing for either the Advanced Practice RN (APRN) role in one of the following areas: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP), Nurse Midwife (NM), Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP); or a master’s degree in Nursing Education.

Admission requirements

- Must meet UNM and College of Nursing general requirements.
- Submit all documents requested by the CON for completion of the gap analysis.

Track A

This track is for students who do **not** have an MSN as a nurse practitioner or nurse midwife, or for advanced practice clinicians who desire a Post Master’s Certificate in the non-clinical specialty Nursing Education.

Core courses may be waived based on a review of previous master’s courses and a gap analysis with the required courses in the MSN concentration. Other than core courses, all clinical core and concentration specific courses, along with the full complement of clinical hours in that concentration must be completed. Sequencing of courses is identical to that of the MSN Program of Studies for each concentration. All courses must be completed with a grade of B or better for progression in PMC program.

**Program of Studies
Core courses required of all post MSN students in Track A**

MSN Core Courses	<p>Previous completion of course work equivalent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N501 Theoretical Foundations of Advance Nursing Practice • N503 Research in Nursing I • N505 Health Care Policy, Systems, & Financing for Advanced Practice Roles
MSN-APRN Core Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N526 Pathophysiology (3 cr) • N543 Pharmacological Principles of Clinical Therapeutics (3cr) • N540 Advanced Health Assessment and diagnostic Reasoning (3cr) <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N539 Advanced Pediatric Health and Developmental Assessment (PNPs only) (3cr) • N594 Advanced Practice Seminar (1cr) <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N553 Nurse Midwifery Professional Practice (Nurse Midwifery only) (1cr)
MSN-Nursing Education Core Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N526 Pathophysiology (3 cr) • N543 Pharmacological Principles of Clinical Therapeutics (3cr) • N523 Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Educators (2cr)* <p><i>*Note: Students who have completed N540 Health Assessment may be exempt from taking N523</i></p>

Concentration specific courses required of all post MSN students in Track A

AG-ACNP	FNP	PNP	Midwifery	PMHNP	Nursing Education
<p>N564 Health Promotion, Protection, & Disease Prevention (2cr)</p> <p>N560 Diff. Diagnosis for Advanced Practice (3cr)</p> <p>N572 Iatrogenesis in the Elderly (3cr)</p> <p>N561 Application to Practice I (5cr)</p> <p>N566 Adv Diagnostic & Therapeutic Skills (3cr)</p> <p>N571 Geriatric & End of Life Concepts (2cr)</p> <p>N562 Complex Pt Analysis & Treatment (3cr)</p> <p>N563 Application to Practice 2 (5cr)</p> <p>N593 Primary Care Issues in Adult Acute Care Advanced Practice Nursing (3cr)</p> <p>N595 Fieldwork (A/GACNP) (7cr)</p> <p>Total clinical hours = 800</p>	<p>N541 Antepartum / Postpartum (1cr)</p> <p>N548 Women’s Health (3cr)</p> <p>N535 Adult Health I (4cr)</p> <p>N536 Adult Health II (5cr)</p> <p>N542 Ambulatory Pediatrics I (4cr)</p> <p>N546 Ambulatory Pediatrics II (4cr)</p> <p>N595 Fieldwork (FNP) (7cr)</p> <p>Total clinical hours = 816</p>	<p>N549 Adolescent Health (3cr)</p> <p>N542 Ambulatory Pediatrics I (4cr)</p> <p>N546 Ambulatory Pediatrics II (4cr)</p> <p>N547 Pediatric Chronic Illness / Special Needs (5cr)</p> <p>N595 Fieldwork (PNP) (7cr)</p> <p>Total clinical hours = 600</p>	<p>N544 Antepartum / Postpartum (7cr)</p> <p>N548 Women’s Health (4cr)</p> <p>N550 Intrapartum (9cr) N551 Newborn (3cr)</p> <p>N552 Evidence Based Care in Nurse Midwifery (1cr)</p> <p>N595 Fieldwork (Midwifery) (7cr)</p> <p>Total clinical hours = 1056</p>	<p>N583 Psychotherapy, behavior change, and health promotion/ disease prevention across the lifespan (3cr)</p> <p>N584 Integrated behavioral health in common psychiatric presentations (3cr)</p> <p>N585 Advanced assessment, neurobiology, & psychopharmacology of psychiatric disorders across the lifespan (3cr)</p> <p>N586 Diagnosis & Management of adults for PMHNP (3cr)</p> <p>N587 Diagnosis & management of children & older adults for PMHNP (3cr)</p> <p>N588 Advanced Practicum I (3cr)</p> <p>N589 Advanced Practicum II (3cr)</p> <p>N595 Advanced Practicum III) (7cr)</p> <p>Total clinical hours = 650 **</p>	<p>N509 Teaching in Nursing (3cr)</p> <p>N511 Assessment and Evaluation of Learning in Nursing Education (2cr)</p> <p>N510 Curriculum Design and Program Evaluation (3cr)</p> <p>N515: Nurse Educator Roles & Professional Issues</p> <p>N557 Biophysical and Psychosocial Concepts in Health & Illness (4cr)</p> <p>N595 Advanced Nursing Fieldwork (4)</p> <p><i>Other courses may be required depending upon gap analysis.</i></p>

Track B

This track is for students who already have an MSN in an advanced practice concentration, as either a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife, and who wish to expand their practice by adding an additional population focus.

Most MSN Core courses are waived as long as equivalent work has been completed as part of the previous MSN degree. Either N594 or N553 is required as part of the post MSN certificate program. A comprehensive exam is not required. A gap analysis comparing previous work with the required courses in the MSN concentration is performed. An individualized program of studies is developed taking into consideration previous coursework, the gap analysis, recent clinical experience, and the requirements of the selected APRN concentration. At a minimum, post MSN certificate students must complete 15 hours of course work and demonstrate achievement of all concentration expected outcomes. All courses must be completed with a grade of B or better for progression in the PMC program. Sequencing of courses is identical to that of the MSN Program of Studies for each concentration. All required core and clinical courses must be completed before beginning N595 Fieldwork.

Program of Studies

Minimum requirements of all post MSN students in Track B

MSN Core Courses	<p><u>Previous completion of course work equivalent to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N501 Theoretical Foundations of Advance Nursing Practice • N503 Research in Nursing I • N505 Health Care Policy, Systems, & Financing for Advanced Practice
MSN-APRN Core Courses	<p><u>Previous completion of course work equivalent to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N526 Pathophysiology (3 cr) • N543 Pharmacological Principles of Clinical Therapeutics (3cr) • N540 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning (3cr) <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N539 Advanced Pediatric Health and Developmental Assessment (PNPs only) (3cr) • N594 Advanced Practice Seminar (1cr) <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N553 Nurse Midwifery Professional Practice (Nurse Midwifery only) (1cr) <p><i>NOTE: Students without recent (i.e. past 3-5 years) clinical experience may be required to complete the above courses</i></p>

Concentration specific courses which may be required of post MSN students in Track B*

AG-ACNP	FNP	PNP	Midwifery	PMHNP
N564 Health Promotion, Protection, & Disease Prevention (2cr)	N541 Antepartum / Postpartum (1cr)	N549 Adolescent Health (3cr)	N544 Antepartum / Postpartum (7cr)	N583 Psychotherapy, behavior change, and health promotion/ disease prevention across the lifespan (3cr)
N560 Diff. Diagnosis for Advanced Practice (3cr)	N548 Women's Health (3cr)	N542 Ambulatory Pediatrics I (4cr)	N548 Women's Health (4cr)	N584 Integrated behavioral health in common psychiatric presentations (3cr)
N572 Iatrogenesis in the Elderly (3cr)	N535 Adult Health I (4cr)	N546 Ambulatory Pediatrics II (4cr)	N550 Intrapartum (9cr)	N585 Advanced assessment, neurobiology, & psychopharmacology of psychiatric disorders across the lifespan (3cr)
N561 Application to Practice I (5cr)	N536 Adult Health II (5cr)	N547 Pediatric Chronic Illness / Special Needs (5cr)	N551 Newborn (3cr)	N586 Diagnosis & Management of adults for PMHNP (3cr)
N566 Adv Diagnostic & Therapeutic Skills (3cr)	N542 Ambulatory Pediatrics I (4cr)	N595 Fieldwork (PNP) (7cr)	N552 Evidence Based Care in Nurse Midwifery (1cr)	N587 Diagnosis & management of children & older adults for PMHNP (3cr)
N571 Geriatric & End of Life Concepts (2cr)	N546 Ambulatory Pediatrics II (4cr)	Total clinical hours = 600	N595 Fieldwork (Midwifery) (7cr)	N588 Advanced Practicum I (3cr)
N562 Complex Pt Analysis & Treatment (3cr)	N595 Fieldwork (FNP) (7cr)		Total clinical hours = 1056	N589 Advanced Practicum II (3cr)
N563 Application to Practice 2 (5cr)	Total clinical hours = 816			N595 Advanced Practicum III (7cr)
N593 Topics (3cr) N595 Fieldwork (A/GACNP) (7cr)				Total clinical hours = 650 **
Total clinical hours = 800				

* Courses may be waived, or the required credit hours of clinical reduced, if gap analysis shows completion of equivalent content in the previous MSN degree. All students must register for at least 4 credits of N595 Fieldwork and demonstrate achievement of all components of the APRN role in that concentration.

** Only students who have had previous course/competency based clinical hours in psychiatric evaluation and management during their initial MSN program will be considered (as per faculty discretion) to have clinical hours reduced in N595.