

# FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (MSN)

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## Program Overview

The M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is designed for the registered BSN nurse to complete a degree conveniently and efficiently while continuing a career.

- No commuting to campus
- Complete the program in as little as 2 years if you attend full-time (five semesters, 44 semester hours)
- Highly qualified faculty members with various nursing backgrounds who facilitate learning
- 100% Online Asynchronous courses
- Clinical hours completed in your own area (765 clinical hours are required)

Columbus State University is ranked among the top regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report with special recognition of its online programs in the College of Education and Health Professions.

The FNP degree has been offered cooperatively by Columbus State University and Georgia Southwestern University. Each institution belongs to the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Intercollegiate Consortium for Graduate Nursing Education (GICGNE) has a mission to prepare safe and competent professional nurses, who in collaboration with others, provide or facilitate high quality patient-centered care in a global society and achieve academic excellence in nursing education through learner centered teaching, evidence-based practice, creative inquiry and student engagement. Also, the mission is to prepare competent and caring individuals for a life of success and leadership in professional nursing through intellectual, personal and social growth and to contribute to the communities in which they live and work.

While the MSN/FNP program was established as part of the Georgia Intercollegiate Consortium for Graduate Nursing Education (GICGNE), CSU School of Nursing was approved to launch its own MSN/FNP program in the spring of 2020. The master's degree program in nursing at Columbus State University under GICGNE is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.ccnaccreditation.org/>). The master's degree program in nursing at Columbus State University as a single institution is also accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.ccnaccreditation.org/>).

## Career Opportunities

The family nurse practitioner role prepares professional nurses to work in an advanced role as a care provider in hospitals, private practices, schools and colleges, hospice centers, community clinics, Veterans' Administration facilities and private and public health departments. The family nurse practitioner may also choose to work with students in an educational setting.