Accreditation
The Master of Science in Nursing degree program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Master’s Program Description
The Master of Science in Nursing degree program prepares professional nurses for advanced nursing practice, leadership in the nursing profession and future doctoral study.

The plan of study for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program prepares the advanced practice nurse as a primary care provider for clients across ages in a variety of settings. The curriculum focuses on culturally sensitive care, incorporating health promotion, and management of acute and chronic health problems. The graduate is prepared to apply nursing theory, principles of advanced practice nursing and evidence-based practice in the design and delivery of primary care. Knowledge for advanced nursing practice is synthesized from concepts in nursing, as well as the biological and social sciences. Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner program are prepared to take the Family Nurse Practitioner national certification examination.

Degree Requirements
The Family Nurse Practitioner track is 48 credits including a minimum of 630 clinical practice hours. The program of study allows full-time students to complete the requirements in twenty-eight months.

Graduate Certificate Program Description
The Post-Master’s Graduate Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner is a graduate certificate program that prepares the advanced practice nurse as a primary care provider for clients across ages in a variety of settings. The curriculum focuses on culturally sensitive care, incorporating health promotion and management of acute and chronic health problems. The graduate is prepared to apply nursing theory, principles of advanced practice nursing and the research process in the design and delivery of primary care. Knowledge for advanced nursing practice is synthesized from concepts in nursing, as well as the biological and social sciences. Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner program are prepared to take the Family Nurse Practitioner national certification examination.

Certificate Requirements
The Post-Master’s Graduate Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner is awarded upon satisfactory completion of 15 to 32 credits in an approved program of study. The program of study will be developed after evaluation of course content taken to fulfill requirements of the applicant’s prior master’s program.

Post-MSN Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioners who seek certification as Family Nurse Practitioners are required by national certification boards to complete coursework in women’s health and pediatric content.

Admission Terms and Application Deadlines
The admission terms and application deadline are the same for both the Master’s of Science in Nursing program and the Post-Master’s Graduate Certificate program:

April 1 for fall semester | August 1 for winter semester

Before an applicant’s file can be reviewed for full program admission, all application documents must be received in the department of graduate study and lifelong learning by the deadlines. Incomplete applications will not be sent to departments for admission review.

International applications are reviewed for fall admission only. To ensure adequate time for review, international applications must be completed at least six months before the desired date of intended enrollment in the university. All international application materials must be submitted by April 1 for fall admission.
Admission Review and Assessment
Admission to graduate study at Oakland University is selective. In making admission recommendations to the department of graduate study and lifelong learning, the School of Nursing assesses the potential of applicants for success in the program by examining their undergraduate records, goal statement, letters of recommendation, prerequisite courses and any other admission requirements established by the academic department.

Application Requirements
To be considered for graduate admission, applicants must submit all of the following university and program application documents by the published application deadlines.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
University Graduate Application Requirements must be completed by both Master’s Program applicants and Post-Master’s Graduate Certificate applicants.
• Online application for admission to graduate study.
• Official transcripts providing evidence of an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. institution, or a degree equivalent to a four-year U.S. baccalaureate degree from a college or university of government-recognized standing.
• Official transcripts for all post-secondary educational institutions from which the applicant earned a degree (beginning with the first baccalaureate) and for all enrollment in graduate-level coursework beyond the bachelor’s degree. International university transcripts must be evaluated by a professional credential evaluation service. As part of the admission requirements, graduate programs may require official transcripts from post-secondary educational institutions from which the applicant earned an associate’s degree and all enrollment in coursework both pre- and post-bachelor’s degree.
• Two official and original recommendation forms for graduate admission. Note: Some programs require more than two recommendation forms. Refer to the program application requirements listed below for the total number of recommendations and specific requirements for the recommendations.
• Proof of English language proficiency.
• International supplemental application and supporting documentation must be submitted before international applicants can be issued the student visa from the U.S. embassy or consulate.

PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
MSN and Certification Programs:
• School of Nursing supplemental application.
• Requirements for recommendations:
The two recommendations must be from healthcare professionals (prefer letters from nurses in leadership/education) who are able to attest to the applicant’s nursing skills and/or abilities. One reference must be from a colleague who is familiar with the applicant’s work.
• Professional statement of 500 to 1,000 words. The professional statement should focus on the applicant’s career goals after completion of the program, how recent clinical experiences have prepared him or her for advanced practice role, and plans for professional development. The professional statement will be evaluated on content and appropriate use of grammar, style, spelling and rhetoric.
• Proof of a current unrestricted Registered Nurse (RN) license in the United States or its territories.
• A minimum of one year of clinical experience as an RN is required during which time the applicant must have functioned as an independent decision maker and demonstrated advanced psychomotor skills, within two years of the application deadline.

Master’s of Science in Nursing Program only:
• Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) results for those applicants whose overall undergraduate cumulative grade point average is less than 3.2. If GRE results are necessary but not available, the applicant may be admitted under Special Graduate Classification pending test scores.
• Applicants must have completed an undergraduate physical assessment course.
• Applicants for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program must have completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with an overall undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above from an institution accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Post-Master’s Graduate Certification Program only:
• Completion of a Master’s Degree in Nursing from an institution accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education with an overall graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.
• Eligible for a current Registered Nurse license in the applicant’s state of practice.
• Provide evidence of having completed a graduate-level pathophysiology course.
• Students must meet the same admission requirements as those students entering the MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner program except the GRE requirement is waived.
• If student has completed graduate-level pathophysiology, pharmacology, and/or health assessment, the student must submit a syllabus for each course prior to completion of a plan of study.

Qualified applicants will be selected for an individual interview with a School of Nursing faculty. The interview will be scheduled after all application materials have been submitted.
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FOUNDATION COURSES (16 CREDITS)
Foundation courses address critical content needed by all graduate nursing students. These courses include content on nursing theory, diversity, research, ethics, health policy and roles of advanced practice nursing.

- NRS 500 - Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- NRS 521 - Diversity and Social Issues (2 credits)
- NRS 531 - Research Topics in Advanced Nursing Practice (4 credits)
- NRS 610 - Health Policy and Finance (3 credits)
- NRS 643 - Interprofessional Role Development Leadership and Ethics in Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- NRS 687 - Graduate Research: Project (1 credit)

CLINICAL CORE COURSES (13 CREDITS)
The clinical core courses provide graduate students with advanced clinical knowledge and skills in pharmacology, assessment, anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology and advanced nursing interventions.

- NRS 611 - Pathophysiology for Health and Illness Across the Lifespan (3 credits)
- NRS 613 - Advanced Health Assessment (4 credits)
- NRS 616 - Advanced Nursing Interventions (2 credits)
- NRS 648 - Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice Across the Lifespan (4 credits)

SPECIALTY COURSES (19 CREDITS)
The specialty courses are comprised of didactic and clinical courses that prepare students for the advanced practice. The specialty courses build upon nursing knowledge and skills learned at the undergraduate level and during foundation and clinical core courses.

- NRS 620 - Pediatric Pathophysiology (2 credits)
- NRS 631 - Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (2 credits)
- NRS 638 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults I (5 credits)
- NRS 639 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults II (5 credits)
- NRS 646 - Advanced Nursing Care of Pediatric Population (5 credits)

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GENERAL CORE REQUIREMENTS (19 CREDITS)

- NRS 620 - Pediatric Pathophysiology (2 credits)
- NRS 630 - Health Promotion of Childbearing Women and Children in Primary Care (2 credits)
  or
- NRS 631 - Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (2 credits)
- NRS 638 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults I (5 credits)
  or
- NRS 628 - Advanced Nursing Care of Childbearing Women and Children in Primary Care (2 credits)
- NRS 639 - Advanced Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults II (5 credits)
- NRS 646 - Advanced Nursing Care of Pediatric Population (5 credits)

Additional credits are required for students who have not completed coursework in the following courses:

- NRS 611 - Pathophysiology for Health and Illness Across the Lifespan (3 credits)
- NRS 613 - Advanced Health Assessment (4 credits)
  or
- NRS 624 - Advanced Health Assessment of Childbearing Women and Children in Primary Care (2 credits)
- NRS 616 - Advanced Nursing Interventions (2 credits)
- NRS 643 - Interprofessional Role Development Leadership and Ethics in Advanced Nursing Practice (3 credits)
- NRS 648 - Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice Across the Lifespan (4 credits)
  or
- NRS 626 - Pharmacology for Advanced Practice of Childbearing Women and Children in Primary Care (2 credits)

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