

Welcome, future FNPs! The FNP faculty would like to take this wonderful opportunity to welcome you to the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing (VUSN)!

You have made an excellent choice in attending VUSN as you embark on the rewarding journey of becoming an FNP. You are entering the profession during a time in which advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) continue to fill in the gaps within our healthcare system. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has provided APRNs the opportunity to function at the maximum of their scope of practice. APRNs have been and will continue to provide access to quality care to individuals across the lifespan in various geographical settings. Our role is essential in mitigating the health disparities and inequities experienced by those living in the United States.

During this academic journey, you will have the opportunity to learn from faculty well experienced in primary care. Your plan of study includes a hybrid format learning program that includes both traditional face-to-face and asynchronous online learning environments. In addition to didactic course work, you will have the opportunity to acquire 630 hours of clinical practicum in which you will experience gathering the history, performing the physical assessment, and development/modification of treatment plans for individuals of all ages. Clinical experiences and application are further enhanced by frequent interactions throughout the academic year with standardized patients at the Center for Experiential Learning and Assessment (CELA).

In preparing for the start of the FNP program, please review the files attached to this website:

1. **The FNP Program Video.** This video includes a brief orientation to the program and pertinent information that you need to be aware of prior to your arrival to the school orientation in August.
2. **The FNP Academic Calendar (or Block Schedule).** The calendar includes a range of dates designated as block week. A more detailed schedule will be released on a semester-by-semester basis. This detailed schedule will include dates with class times and locations. Travel arrangements should be made only after the detailed schedule has been published. The fall schedule will be released in May.
2. **The Textbook List.** This list includes required and recommended texts for the entire academic year. You will find the texts posted along with the detailed block schedule. The list will be available by mid-summer.
3. **The Clinical Placement Guide and Video.** This is information vital to the successful recruitment of clinical sites for students admitted as those who will have their clinical placement outside the middle Tennessee area (OMTA). Additional information is also available on the VUSN clinical placement webpage: (<http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/clinicalplacement/index.html>). Students admitted who will be placed within the Middle TN area (MTA) will receive additional information during orientation.
4. **The Collaborative Academic Practice Program.** This slide set includes a brief introduction to a federally funded grant program within the FNP program. The purpose of the program is to attract students interested in serving in rural or medically underserved areas post-graduation. Participants are able to receive up to \$22,000 in stipend and tuition reimbursement over two semesters.

Lastly, on behalf of the FNP faculty, welcome to Vanderbilt! Faculty are excited to have you join us, and we look forward to working with you as you expand and build your level of expertise, and transition to the role of FNP! I look forward to meeting all of you at orientation in August!

The 2023 – 2024 Family Nurse Practitioner Program Faculty
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