



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MAINE**

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**School of Nursing**

**Master of Science in Nursing  
Family Nurse Practitioner Program (FNP)**

**How long will it take me to complete the program?**

Full-time students can expect to complete the program in two years, including summer sessions. Part-time students may take three to four years to complete the program. The program consists of 49 credits.

**Do I need to have clinical experiences?**

All family nurse practitioner students are required to complete 724 hours of precepted clinical experiences. Clinical experiences can be done throughout the state of Maine as long as the University and the School of Nursing have a legal contract with the agency. Check with the clinical coordinator or administrative assistant before you commit to working with an agency for your clinical. The majority of clinical experiences should be in primary care settings working with an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). You should gain experience working in diverse settings across the lifespan (neonates to older adults).

**Do I have to come to campus for classes?**

The majority of the non-clinical courses are online. The majority of the FNP clinical courses do require once a week live participation either on campus or via distance technology (e.g.Zoom). There may be times where you will be required to come to campus. Course instructors will provide details in the first week of classes.

**Do I have to do a thesis?**

Although Master's Nursing students do have the option of doing a thesis, most students elect the non-thesis option. With this option, you will explore an area of advanced practice nursing related to your personal areas of interest.