

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN), FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (FNP)

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Admission to the program is based on an evaluation of demonstrated academic ability and professional experience. Successful completion of undergraduate courses in pathophysiology, pharmacology, health assessment, statistics, and research will be evaluated during the review of applications. Students enter the program at the beginning of Fall semester and may complete the 42 credit requirements within five semesters, including one Summer semester.

A candidate for admission must submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Completed application form.
- \$50 application fee.
- Professional statement approximately 2 pages, double-spaced.
- Professional resume detailing professional work experience, including relevant job titles, work experiences, responsibilities, and related activities.
- Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional colleagues who can address the candidate's academic and interpersonal skills relevant to the program.
- Minimum of 1 year of RN experience; applicants with less than 1 year of experience may apply, but they may not be selected for an interview at the MSN-FNP Director's discretion.
- Current RN license in good standing without any restrictions, disciplinary actions, or probationary status. Any prior nursing license restrictions need to be brought to the attention of the program director at the time of application.
- Applicants to the FNP program are required to obtain necessary screening through a certified background check company as a part of their application. The applicant will agree to release all of the required information from the certified background check company to the Dean and Chair of the Admission and Progression Committee of the FNP nursing program. Both state and federal background checks must be free of criminal arrest history. If there is a criminal arrest history expungement must be completed prior to submission of the application. Drug test results must be negative.
- Official college or university transcripts showing proof of baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0. Transcripts or test scores are considered official when sent directly from the school or testing service.
- Official GRE score taken within the last 5 years (waived with previous master's degree or higher earned and for those with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of a 3.3 or higher).
- **Only required if admitted:** Documentation of current immunizations (including MMR, TDAP, PPD, polio, varicella/chickenpox, Hepatitis A, and Hepatitis B).
- **Only required if admitted:** [Physical and Mental Health Certificate signed by a primary care provider](#)

Upon completion of the application with all required documentation according to application dates, the individual's application materials are submitted to the MSN Admissions Committee. A personal interview with nursing faculty will be arranged by the School of Nursing & Health Sciences. Once accepted to the MSN Program, applicants must submit a \$250 tuition deposit within 30 days, which guarantees a place in the entering class for the Fall term. Please refer to the college website for specific application deadlines. It is best to apply as soon as possible. To preserve the faculty to student ratio, space availability in each class is limited to students admitted to the MSN Program. Westminster College reserves the right to close the class earlier than dates specified if enrollment goals are met before those dates.