

Graduate Diploma- Nurse Practitioner

The Graduate Diploma Nurse Practitioner (GD/NP) program is a collaborative **course-based** consortium program. Students will be prepared to provide collaborative and autonomous primary health care to individuals, groups, or communities, emphasizing health promotion and illness/injury prevention. Students will develop advanced assessment, diagnostic and clinical reasoning skills in preparation for ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests, communicating diagnoses, prescribing pharmaceuticals, and performing other specific controlled procedures.



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Essential Academic Requirements

- All general regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies are applicable.
- **Applicants for the Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma program** must also have a completed master's degree in nursing or health-related field (nursing preferred).
- Applicants must have a CNO-approved Bachelor of Science in Nursing or equivalent which includes physical assessment, and courses in research and statistics. Consideration may be given to nurse applicants holding degrees in other cognate disciplines (e.g. BN, etc.).
- Applicants must have a minimum B (70%) average in the last two years of full-time study of the undergraduate nursing program.
- Must have current RN registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) with no practice restrictions.
- Applicants must have 3640 hours practicing as a registered nurse with direct patient care working in a clinical setting. Employer-submitted proof of hours is required from all nursing employers. All hours are considered; however, clinical experience within the past five years is required.
- Applications for admission must be completed and submitted by February 1.
- An interview may be required.
- Preference will be given to Ontario residents whose work experience in nursing has been continuous and who have clinical experience in various clinical settings with patients across the lifespan.
- **Forms can be found at the following link: [Master's Programs Application Instructions and Forms | Faculty of Nursing](#)**

Program Intake: Annually each September

Application Deadline: February 1st

Mode of Instruction: In Class/online/clinical placements

Placement Locations: Must complete clinical placements within the following locations: Windsor and the greater Windsor area, which encompasses Essex County, Chatham-Kent County and Lambton County (Sarnia region) only.

Application: www.uwindsor.ca/graduate

Program Length: One year full-time or two years part-time

Program Information on the Ontario Nurse Practitioner Education Consortium

: <http://onpec.ca>

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Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma Program Curriculum Structure * For students with a completed Master's degree

Nurse Practitioner Courses	
NURS-8500 Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners (taken over 2 semesters—Fall and Winter)	On-Line course
NURS-8520 Roles and Responsibilities (taken over 2 semesters—Fall and Winter or Summer/Intersession)	On-line course
NURS-8570 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis I (Fall)	
NURS-8580 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis II (Winter)	
NURS-8610 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care I (Fall)	
NURS-8620 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care II (Winter)	
NURS-8870 Integrative Practicum (May—August) full-time clinical	

* Please note—Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners must be taken prior to or concurrent with Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis. Roles is a prerequisite or must be taken concurrently with Therapeutics. Full-time students must be registered in every term i.e. fall, winter, spring/summer.

Sample: One-Year Full-time Student Course Schedule

	Fall	Winter	Spring/Summer
Year 1	NURS-8500 Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners NURS-8520 Roles and Responsibilities NURS-8570 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis I NURS-8610 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care I	NURS-8500 Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners NURS-8520 Roles and Responsibilities NURS-8580 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis II NURS-8620 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care II	NURS-8870 Integrative Practicum
	Convocation October session		

Sample: Two-Year Full-time Student Course Schedule (full-time reduced load)

	Fall	Winter	Spring/Summer
Year 1	NURS-8500 Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners NURS-8520 Roles and Responsibilities	NURS-8500 Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners NURS-8520 Roles and Responsibilities	Complete a Leave of Absence Form through Graduate Studies
Year 2	NURS-8570 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis I NURS-8610 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care I	NURS-8580 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis II NURS-8620 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care II	NURS-8870 Integrative Practicum
	Convocation October session		