

4 Steps to launch your advanced nursing career

Step 1: See if a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program is right for you

- Understand the role and responsibilities of a FNP with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
- Identify how an FNP aligns with your career goals and lifestyle
- Consider your preferred work setting and patient population
- Explore career pathways available to FN



Why It's Worth Considering

- Opportunities to impact patient care and shape healthcare policy
- Build lasting connections with future nursing leaders
- \$110,000 — National average salary for Nurse Practitioners

Step 2: Choose a program that works for you

NDSU offers a high-support, high-success environment

- In-person learning in Fargo or Bismarck with a supportive cohort
- 8:1 student-faculty ratio for personalized mentorship
- Guaranteed clinical placements arranged for you
- 100% FNP board exam pass rate
- Lower tuition than many online programs
- Financial support with Graduate Teaching Assistantships

“This program gave me the confidence and tools to lead. The faculty supported me every step of the way.”

Kelsey, DNP Graduate

Step 3: Understand the program requirements and expectations

- BSN or MSN required for admission
- Application must include RN license, official transcripts, references, and personal statement
- Expect advanced coursework paired with guaranteed clinical placements
- Complete in less than 3 years committing one full day of classes per week

Step 4: Apply early

Seats are limited

- Fall 2026 deadline: February 15, 2026
- 12 seats in Fargo, 6 in Bismarck

Seats fill quickly! Start your graduate application today.

Your Next Step

Explore program details online, connect with our DNP program advisor, and take the first step toward becoming a leader in nursing.

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