

AOS Advising

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Programs Advised:

- Ed.S. in Educational Leadership (Curriculum Director, Gifted and Talented Director, Principal, Special Education, Superintendency)
 - Graduate Certificates: Building Level/Principal, Curriculum Director, Gifted/Talented Director, Gifted/Creative Teachers, Special Education Director, Special Education K-12
 - M.A.T. in Special Education K-12
 - M.S.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction, Educational Leadership, Educational Theory and Practice (Adult Ed, ESL, Instructional Tech), Gifted/Talented/Creative, Special Education K-12
 - M.S. in Higher Education
 - Graduate Non-Degree
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Programs Advised:

- Ed.S. in Reading
 - Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia
 - M.S.Ed. in Reading
 - M.A.T. in Art Education, Business Technology, Elementary Education, Mid-Level Education
 - M.S. in Early Childhood Services, Early Childhood Education
 - Master of Public Administration (Non-Profit Management, Public Management)
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Programs Advised:

- M.S.Ed. in School Counseling (Crisis and Trauma, General, Special Populations)
 - Master of Social Work (Standard and Advanced)
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Programs Advised:

- B.S. in Public Health
 - B.S. in Radiologic Sciences - Imaging Specialist
 - B.S. in Occupational Environmental and Health Safety
 - B.S. in Nursing (Accelerated 2nd Degree)
 - RN to BSN
 - B.S. in Health Studies (Non-Professional & Professional Tracks)
 - B.S. in Dietetics and Nutrition
 - M.S. in Nutrition & Dietetics (RD Track, Non-RD)
 - Undergraduate Pre-Requisite Coursework (e.g., ABSN)
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A-State Online Services

Programs Advised:

- B.S. in Global Supply Chain Management
 - B.S. in Business Administration
 - B.A. in Organizational Leadership
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A-State Online Services

Programs Advised:

- M.S. in Nursing (Psychiatric Mental Health NP, AGACNP, FNP, Nurse Administrator, Nurse Educator)
 - Post-Masters Certificates (AGACNP, FNP, Psychiatric NP, Nurse Administrator, Nurse Educator)
 - Doctor of Nursing Practice (Educator, General, Leadership)
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Programs Advised:

- General Studies
 - Undergraduate Non -Degree
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A-State Online Services

Programs Advised:

- B.S. in Digital Technology & Design (All concentrations)
 - Certificates in Android Development, Game Production, Swift Coding, VR Content
 - BS Strategic Communications
 - BA Communications
 - BS Creative Media Production
 - MS Strategic Communications
 - MA Communications
 - MS Media Management
 - B.A. in Political Science (Interim)
 - B.S. in Sport Management (Interim)
 - B.S. in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing
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A-State Online Services

Programs Advised:

- MBA (General & all concentrations)
 - M.S. in Applied Digital Technology (General, Business Analytics)
 - M.S. in Organizational Leadership
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- Ed.D. in Educational Leadership (P-12 and Higher Education)
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Programs Advised:

- M.S. in Sport Administration
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A-State Online Services

Programs Advised:

- B.S. in Education (Elementary, Special Education)
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A-State Online Services

Programs Advised:

- B.S. in Construction Management
 - B.S. in Engineering Management Systems
 - B.S. in Agriculture (Ag Studies, GIS & Precision Ag)
 - M.S. in Engineering Management
 - Graduate Certificate in Engineering Management
 - BS Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management
 - MS Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management
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A-State Online Services

Programs Advised:

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Bachelor of Science in Sport Management
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- Bachelor of Arts in Criminology
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
- Graduate Pre-Requisite Coursework (E.g. MSW, MS Nutritional and Dietetics)

Course Rotations

Minors Available for 100% Online Students

A list of all minors that are available for 100% Online students. Other minors may be available for students with transfer work.

Minors Available for 100% Online Students

Minor in Political Science

Minor requirements:

POSC 1000-2000	Political Science Elective (Other than POSC 2103 Intro to US Govt)
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POSC 3000-4000	Upper Level Political Science Elective
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Course Options:

		Fall 1	Fall 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
POSC 3003	Intro to Political Analysis		X		X		X
POSC 3153	American Presidency		X				
POSC 3203	Intro to Comparative Politics						X
POSC 3303	Intro to International Politics			X			
POSC 3423	American Political Theory		X				
POSC 3433	Political Ideologies			X			
POSC 3423	Modern Political Theory						X

POSC 3503	Principles of Public Administration	X					
POSC 3613	American Constitutional Law				X		
POSC 3623	Civil Rights & Liberties					X	
POSC 3683	Criminal Law & The Constitution				X		
POSC 4633	Environment Law & Administration						X

Pre-requisites:

Please view course pre-requisite requirements in the bulletin page [here](#).

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Minors Available for 100% Online Students

Minor in Psychology

Minor Requirements:

PSY 2103	Intro to Psychology
PSY 1000-2000	Psychology Elective
PSY 1000-2000	Psychology Elective
PSY 3000-4000	Upper Level Psychology Elective
PSY 3000-4000	Upper Level Psychology Elective
PSY 3000-4000	Upper Level Psychology Elective

Course Options:

		Fall 1	Fall 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
PSY 2103	Intro to Psychology	X		X		X	
PSY 2023	Psychology as a Science & Profession	X		X		X	
PSY 2233	Abnormal Psychology				X	X	
PSY 2133	Developmental Psychology	X		X		X	
PSY 3003	Research Design & Analysis		X		X		X
PSY 3303	Motivation	X					X
PSY 3523	Social Psychology	X					
PSY 3613	Cultural Psychology		X		X		
PSY 4343	Learning Processes			X			
PSY 4364	Cognitive Psychology				X		

Pre-requisites:

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Minor in Sociology

Minor Requirements:

SOC 2213	Intro to Sociology
SOC 2223	Social Problems
SOC 3273	Social Stratification
SOC 1000-4000	Sociology Elective
SOC 3000-4000	Upper Level Sociology Elective
SOC 3000-4000	Upper Level Sociology Elective

Course Options:

		Fall 1	Fall 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
SOC 2213	Introduction to Sociology	X		X			
SOC 2223	Social Problems					X	
SOC 3273	Social Stratification				X		
SOC 3383	Social Stats	X		X			
SOC 4243	Social Theory	X					
SOC 4293	Methods of Social Research				X		X
SOC 3003	Sociology of Gender						X
SOC 3223	Sociology of Families		X		X		
SOC 3313	Sociology of Sexuality		X				

SOC 3353	Minority Groups	X					
SOC 3463	Collective Behavior					X	
SOC 4063	Sociology of Disasters				X		
SOC 4073	Sociology of Family Violence		X	X			
SOC 4273	World Population & Society		X				
SOC 4353	Sociology of Aging						X

Pre-requisites:

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Undergraduate Program Advising

This section provides detailed information regarding advising for each Online Undergraduate program offered.

BSE Elementary Education

Residency Requirements:

Residency 1:

18 hours per week in a school classroom

Residency 2:

Full time, Monday-Friday in the classroom

Potential Options for Residency (Will be discussed with instructors during 3-4000 courses)

Aspiring Teacher Permit: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/licensure-exceptions/aspiring-teacher-permit-atp>

Apprentice Teacher:

[https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/Arkansas_Teacher_Registered_Apprenticeship_\(ATRA\)_Guidebook_8.2024_EEF.pdf](https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/Arkansas_Teacher_Registered_Apprenticeship_(ATRA)_Guidebook_8.2024_EEF.pdf)

Traditional Residency

Undergraduate Program Advising

Bachelor of General Studies

How to Use My Spreadsheet to Track My Progress

Graduate Program Advising

This section provides detailed advising information for Online Graduate programs.

Master of Public Administration

Non-Thesis Track

Students completing the non-thesis class must complete the following requirements:

POSC 6473 Strategic Planning OR an Internship AND
Capstone (completed in the student's final semester)

Degree Program Information

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Quick Guide & Recommended Degree Pathway

Program Bulletin (2025-2026):

[View Current Bulletin](#)

Program Overview

The **Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** prepares registered nurses for advanced practice roles providing primary care across the lifespan. The program combines graduate nursing theory, advanced clinical knowledge, and supervised clinical practice.

Graduates are prepared to sit for national certification as a **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)** and practice in a variety of healthcare settings including primary care clinics, rural health clinics, hospitals, community health settings, and private practices.

Total Program Requirements

Category	Hours
Core Courses	11
Support Courses	9
Advanced Practice Courses	21.5
Total	41.5

Core Courses

These courses provide foundational knowledge in nursing theory, research, policy, and professional practice.

- **NURS 6103** – Research Design and Methodology (3)
- **NURS 6203** – Theory Development in Nursing (3)
- **NURS 6303** – Health Care Issues and Policy (3)
- **NURS 6402** – Professional Role Development in Advanced Nursing (2)

Total: 11 hours

Support Courses

Support courses build advanced clinical knowledge required for nurse practitioner practice.

- **NURS 6003** – Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
- **NURS 6013** – Advanced Clinical Pharmacology (3)
- **NURS 6023** – Advanced Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (3)

Total: 9 hours

Advanced Practice Courses

These courses include the clinical management sequence and supervised clinical practicum experiences.

- **NURS 6513** – FNP Clinical Management I (3)
- **NURS 6514** – FNP Clinical Management I Practicum (4)
- **NURS 6613** – FNP Clinical Management II (3)
- **NURS 6614** – FNP Clinical Management II Practicum (4)
- **NURS 6753** – FNP Clinical Synthesis Seminar (3)
- **NURS 681V** – FNP Clinical Synthesis (Variable)

Total: 21.5 hours

Recommended Degree Pathway

This pathway represents a **typical progression for full-time students**. Actual course sequencing may vary based on course availability and clinical placement scheduling.

Term	Courses	Hours
Term 1	NURS 6103 – Research Design and Methodology NURS 6003 – Advanced Pathophysiology	6
Term 2	NURS 6203 – Theory Development in Nursing NURS 6013 – Advanced Clinical Pharmacology	6
Term 3	NURS 6303 – Health Care Issues and Policy NURS 6023 – Advanced Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation	6
Term 4	NURS 6402 – Professional Role Development in Advanced Nursing NURS 6513 – FNP Clinical Management I NURS 6514 – FNP Clinical Management I Practicum	9
Term 5	NURS 6613 – FNP Clinical Management II NURS 6614 – FNP Clinical Management II Practicum	7
Term 6	NURS 6753 – FNP Clinical Synthesis Seminar NURS 681V – FNP Clinical Synthesis	7.5

Important Program Tips

1. Clinical Placement Planning

Clinical placement coordination can take time. Students should:

- Begin identifying potential clinical sites early
- Follow all School of Nursing clinical placement procedures
- Ensure preceptors meet program requirements

2. Course Sequencing Matters

Many advanced practice courses **must be taken in sequence**, particularly:

- FNP Clinical Management I → II
- Clinical Management courses → Clinical Synthesis

Students should **not deviate from the recommended pathway without advisor approval**.

3. Clinical Hour Requirements

The FNP program includes significant supervised clinical hours across multiple courses. Students must:

- Complete required hours
- Document clinical experiences
- Maintain required certifications (CPR, RN license, etc.)

4. Certification Preparation

Upon completion, graduates are prepared to sit for national certification exams such as:

- ANCC Family Nurse Practitioner Certification
- AANP Family Nurse Practitioner Certification

Advising Contact

Students should contact their assigned **School of Nursing advisor** for questions regarding:

- Course sequencing
- Clinical placement
- Degree progress
- Graduation requirements

Advising FAQ Page

Setting up a new account: <https://kb.astate.edu/books/new-student-account-setup>

Important Contacts

- Registration - onlineregistration@astate.edu
- Financial Aid - onlinefinaid@astate.edu
- Student Accounts/Billing - onlinebilling@astate.edu
- All Other Inquiries - astateonline@astate.edu

Resources

- **Online Course Schedule Tool** - We encourage you to visit the [A-State Online Course Schedule Tool](#) to see what courses are available each semester. This tool provides the CRN's and start dates for the courses within your program, and makes it easy to see your program's courses all in one place.
- **Degree Audit Instructions** - Log in to your Self-Service Banner account and click on Student, Student Records, and Degree Works (link at the bottom of the menu). Please utilize this degree audit tool to help you stay on track for graduation. If you notice any errors or believe there are courses you have already completed that satisfy requirements, please let me know.
- **Online Academic Policies** - Please read the [online policies](#) to familiarize yourself with payment deadlines, registration/drop deadlines and other useful information.
- **Registration Guide** - Please use this [step by step guide](#) to register for classes.
- **Student Account Balance/Bill** - Each term, your student account balance must be paid in full by the Friday before courses start. Video tutorials on checking and paying your balance can be found here: [Check Account Balance](#) and [Pay Bill](#).
- **Canvas** - Academic course work is provided through Canvas. You can find Canvas by logging into your [Pack Portal](#). You will need to select Courses on the left side of the screen to see your course listings. Instructors typically do not open courses until the first day of class.
- **Textbooks & Required Materials** - After you register for classes, you can find the required textbooks by visiting the official [Arkansas State University Bookstore](#) and searching by subject and course number.