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Dear Prospective Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Student,

Thank you for your interest in Keiser University's FNP Program. Keiser University's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program is an online program that prepares students to provide primary care to patients across the lifespan and to their families. Each course is 8 weeks in length (including the clinical practicum experiences). In addition to the online courses, students are required to attend 2 onsite residencies that are scheduled at specified times in the program. These residencies are 4 days in length and provide students the opportunity to learn advanced practice nursing clinical skills and to demonstrate competency in these skills.

Students will be accepted into the FNP program 3 times during the year.

The following are the three, 2014 application cycles with the start dates and deadlines for submission of required documents.

<b>Term Start Date</b>	<b>Application Cycle Begins</b>	<b>Deadline for Submission of All Required Documents</b>
January 6, 2014	October 16, 2013	N/A
May 5, 2014	October 16, 2013	March 3, 2014
September 1, 2014	October 16, 2013	June 30, 2014

To apply:

- 1) Log onto the NursingCAS website, create an account and complete the application process: [www.NursingCAS.org/](http://www.NursingCAS.org/)
- 2) Complete the MSN FNP Supplemental Application  
<http://www.keiseruniversity.edu/graduateschool/family-nurse-practitionerpacket.php>

Before applying, please review the admission requirements to ensure your successful application.

### **Admission Requirements**

- Submission of a completed Graduate School Application
- Submission of a completed NursingCAS Application
- Submission of an unofficial transcript or copy of a foreign evaluation showing successful completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university
- Active unrestricted Professional Registered Nurse license
- A minimum baccalaureate in nursing undergraduate GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School).

- Writing Sample
- Submission of official transcripts or original foreign evaluations showing successful completion of a bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university within the first semester of enrollment
- Three letters of recommendation: Two (2) from nursing/healthcare supervisors, One (1) from a nursing faculty
- Current resume indicating education, complete work history (clinical and other), volunteer activities, publications and/or presentations. Note: Applicants must have a minimum of one year of recent clinical practice experience working with patients.
- Clear criminal background check

### **Student Selection Factors**

Keiser University's MSN FNP program admissions committee will evaluate applicants based on several factors including:

- GPA (3.2 on 4.0 scale)
- Three letters of recommendation to include: 2 from a nursing/healthcare supervisor and 1 from a nursing faculty. The references should be able to attest to your ability to be successful in Master's level work.
- Writing assessment Students will submit an essay that addresses the following two questions:
  1. Describe your purpose for pursuing the Masters of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Degree.
  2. Discuss your career goals as a FNP and where you envision yourself working after graduation.

Guidelines: Limit three pages and follow American Psychological Association guidelines for writing and references. <http://www.apastyle.org/>
- Recent, clinical practice experience (at least one year working with patients)
- Face to face interview

### **Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Major Core Courses (56 credit hours)**

*NUR500	Professional Development of the Advanced Practice Nurse	3.0 credit hours
NUR510	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3.0 credit hours
NUR520	Health Systems, Policy and Resource Management	3.0 credit hours
NUR530	Quality Improvement and Patient Safety	3.0 credit hours
NUR602	Primary Health Care of the Family I	3.0 credit hours
NUR602A	Primary Care of the Family I Practicum	2.0 credit hours/120 clinical hours
NUR603	Primary Care of the Family II	3.0 credit hours
NUR603A	Primary Care of the Family II Practicum	2.0 credit hours/120 clinical hours
NUR604	Primary Care of the Family III	3.0 credit hours
NUR604A	Primary Care of the Family III Practicum	2.0 credit hours/120 clinical hours

NUR605	Primary Care of the Family IV	3.0 credit hours
NUR605A	Primary Care of the Family IV Practicum	2.0 credit hours/120 clinical hours
NUR606	Family Nurse Practitioner Integration	3.0 credit hours
NUR606A	Family Nurse Practitioner Integration Practicum	3.0 credit hours/150 clinical hours
NUR 650	Advanced Pathophysiology for Practice	3.0 credit hours
NUR 660	Principles of Pharmacology for Advanced Practice	3.0 credit hours
NUR661	Principles of Pharmacology for Advanced Practice II	3.0 credit hours
NUR670	Advanced Health Assessment for Best Practice	3.0 credit hours
NUR671	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	3.0 credit hours
NUR680	Research for Evidence Based Practice and Outcome Management	3.0 credit hours

\*Co-requisite, must be taken in first term

NUR671 is taken in conjunction with the first residency. NUR500, NUR650, NUR660, NUR661, NUR670, and NUR671 must be taken before any clinical practicum course. NUR691 and NUR691A are taken in conjunction with second residency]