

Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma (NP)

Graduate Diploma

Why a NP Diploma?

The School of Nursing at Queen's offers a challenging and innovative NP Diploma program to prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills to provide advanced nursing care to individuals and families.

The NP Diploma program is offered full-time over 1-year or part-time over 2 years and prepares nurses who already have a Master's degree for advanced practice in nursing.

In collaboration with a consortium of nine Ontario universities, students are taught primarily through small in-person graduate seminars, clinical placements, and self-directed learning online. Students engage in a critical examination of research, with application of their knowledge and skills related to pathophysiology, health assessment, diagnostics, therapeutics, and the nurse practitioner role. Upon successfully completing the program, graduates are eligible to apply for the Canadian family/all ages nurse practitioner licensure examination.



Clinical Placements

Clinical placements for the program can only be arranged by our Clinical Placement Coordinator and students must complete their placements in the geographic area of the home university site. Our catchment area goes along the north shore of Lake Ontario from Peterborough to Smith

Falls to Brockville. Clinical placements in the Queen's catchment site typically occur within Kingston and surrounding communities. Access to a vehicle is required as students are responsible for transportation to and from their clinical placements.



NP Course Sequence

Full-Time

Fall	Winter	Spring-Summer
NURS 850A Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners (continues into Winter term)	NURS 850B (3.0 cr) Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners	NURS 854 (12 cr) Integrative Practicum (includes clinical placement)
NURS 853A NP Roles and Responsibilities (continues into Winter term)	NURS 853B (3.0 cr) NP Roles and Responsibilities	
NURS 856 (4.5 cr) Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnosis I (includes clinical placement)	NURS 857 (4.5 cr) Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnosis II (includes clinical placement)	
NURS 858 (4.5 cr) Therapeutics I (includes clinical placement)	NURS 859 (4.5 cr) Therapeutics II (includes clinical placement)	

Summer Year 1:

If not taking any courses (NURS 853 or an elective), students will be registered in a place-holder 'course' to maintain active registration.

OPTIONAL - NURS 853 (3.0 cr) NP Roles and Responsibilities (instead of A/B offering in Fall/Winter of Year 2)

Part-Time

Fall	Winter	Fall - Yr 2	Winter	Spring/ Summer
NURS 850A Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners (continues into Winter term)	NURS 850B (3.0 cr) Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners	NURS 850B (3.0 cr) Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners	NURS 853B (3.0 cr) NP Roles and Responsibilities	NURS 854 (12 cr) Integrative Practicum (includes clinical placement)
NURS 856 (4.5 cr) Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnosis I (includes clinical placement)	NURS 857 (4.5 cr) Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnosis II (includes clinical placement)	NURS 857 (4.5 cr) Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnosis II (includes clinical placement)	NURS 859 (4.5 cr) Therapeutics II (includes clinical placement)	

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Application FAQs

What do I need to know to apply?

Admission Requirements

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing and a master's degree (nursing preferred) from programs accredited by a provincial or territorial authority
- Minimum overall average equivalent to B calculated over the core courses in both degrees
- Two academic letters of reference
- Active registration as a Registered Nurse with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO).

Required Documents

In addition to the online application submitted to the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, the following must be submitted by email to grad.nursing@queensu.ca. The clinical reference and employment verification must be submitted directly from the referee/employer's official email address.

One clinical reference (eg. your manager or supervisor)

- Equivalent of two years of relevant full-time practice as a Registered Nurse within the past five years (minimum of 3640 hours). All applicants must have their employer(s) complete a "Verification of Employment Hours" form.
- Completion of Nurse Practitioner personal essay questions
- Proof of registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO).
- A copy of your curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé.

The Application Process

- Applications to all graduate programs are made through the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs starting in September for admission the following year.
- Please note, only complete applications will be reviewed by the Graduate Program Committee in the School of Nursing.

Is the Program offered by distance?

- Not completely. The NP diploma course content is delivered both via online modalities as well as clinical tutorials held weekly on the Queen's campus. The tutorials are organized as small group seminars requiring active discussion and presentations by students.

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Program Contact:

For General Inquiries please email the Graduate Program Assistant at grad.nursing@queensu.ca