

# Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) Diploma



## Why a PHCNP DIPLOMA?

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

The PHCNP Diploma program is a 1-year, full-time or 2-year, part-time course of study for nurses who already have a Master's degree and wish to prepare for advanced practice in primary health care 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 primary health care nurse practitioner role. Successful completion of the program allows graduates to apply to complete the Canadian family/all-ages nurse practitioner licensure examination.



## CLINICAL Placements

Clinical placements typically occur within Kingston and communities within an hour's drive of Queen's. Our placement catchment area covers an area along the north shore of Lake Ontario from Peterborough to Smiths Falls to Brockville. As students are responsible for transportation to and from clinical placements, a vehicle will be necessary. The final clinical course Integrated Practicum requires 416 hours of clinical and 39 hours of tutorial over the 13 week term.

## PHCNP COURSE Sequence

### Full-Time

| FALL  | WINTER  | SPRING - SUMMER  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NURS 850 Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners (OL)</li> <li>NURS 853 Roles and Responsibilities (OL)</li> <li>NURS 856 Advanced Health Assessment Diagnostics - I (CP)</li> <li>NURS 858 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care I (CP)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NURS 850 Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners (OL)</li> <li>NURS 853 Roles and Responsibilities (OL)</li> <li>NURS 857 Advanced Health Assessment &amp; Diagnostics - II (CP)</li> <li>NURS 859 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care II (CP)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NURS 854 Integrated Practicum (CP)</li> </ul> |

### Part-Time

#### YEAR 1

#### YEAR 2

| FALL   | WINTER  | FALL  | WINTER   | SPRING-SUMMER  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
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The PHCNP Diploma program combines self-directed learning online (OL), in-person classes (IC) and clinical placements (CP)

# 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) that have both been 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

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the online application submitted to the School of Graduate Studies, the following must be submitted by email to [grad.nursing@queensu.ca](mailto:grad.nursing@queensu.ca) or by hard copy to the Graduate Program Coordinator in the School of Nursing, Queen's University, Cataraqui Building, 92 Barrie Street, Kingston, ON Canada K7L 3N6. The clinical reference and employment verification must be submitted directly from the referee/employer's official email address or in a sealed, signed envelope.

- 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 form
- Proof of registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- Copy of Curriculum Vitae (Resume)

### The **APPLICATION** process

- Applications to all graduate programs are made through the School of Graduate Studies starting in September for admission the following year (<http://www.queensu.ca/sgs/>)
- 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 PHCNP 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 among and presentations by students.



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#### **Program Contact:**

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