



# Samuel Merritt University

## Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP Online) & Doctor of Nursing Practice-Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP-FNP)

### 2022-2023

#### BECOME A FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) programs at Samuel Merritt University (SMU) prepare nurses to provide family-oriented, high quality, patient-centered primary care for diverse, multicultural populations. To be considered for admission to the graduate FNP programs, you must be a licensed RN with a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN).

#### AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Samuel Merritt University offers two programs for nurses who wish to pursue a career as a family nurse practitioner. All programs are designed to prepare graduates to sit for national certification through either the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

On April 20, 2018, the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) made the commitment to move all entry-level nurse practitioner (NP) education to the DNP degree by 2025. The DNP-FNP program at Samuel Merritt is designed to meet the 2025 entry level requirements for FNP.

#### ADMISSION INFORMATION

To be considered for an interview, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university. RNs with degrees in other fields will be evaluated individually.
- Current unencumbered registered nurse (RN) license in state of residence.
- 12 months of clinical practice experience within the last two years is preferred, but not required. Clinical experience in a BSN program will be considered.
- Two letters of reference from individuals who can attest to your clinical expertise and preparedness for graduate-level study.

For a complete description of admission requirements and the application process for each FNP program, please visit:

<https://www.samuelmerritt.edu/programs/college-nursing>.

#### INTERVIEWS (DNP-FNP ONLY)

Students are selected for an interview based upon the content of their application to the program.

#### FORMAT

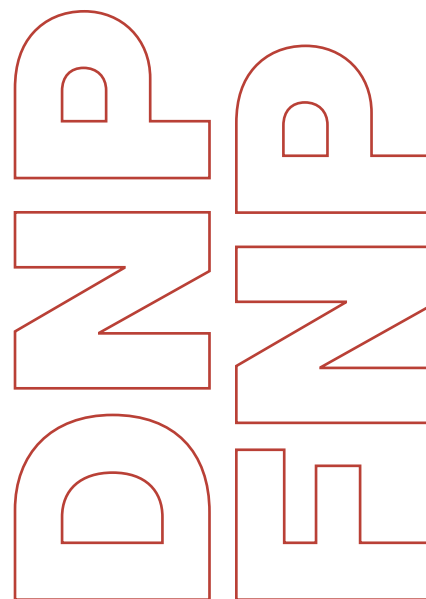
Online plus Two  
On-Campus Intensives

#### APPLY BY

July 1 for Fall  
December 1 for Spring  
April 1 for Summer  
(MSN -FNP Only)

#### PROGRAM DURATION

20 Months (MSN-FNP)  
36 Months (DNP-FNP)





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# DNP-FNP

## PREREQUISITES

	MSN-FNP	DNP-FNP
<b>Degree Required for Entry</b>	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
<b>Format</b>	Online with Two On-Campus Incentives	Online with Two On-Campus Incentives
<b>Entry-Terms</b>	Spring, Summer, Fall	Spring, Fall
<b>Length of Program</b>	5 Semesters Full-Time; 7 Semester Part-Time	9 Semesters
<b>Units/Hours</b>	49 Semester Units; 630 Clinical Hours	65 Units, 525 FNP Clinical Hours, 475 DNP Clinical Hours

## HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

START TERM	DEGREE PROGRAM	APPLICATION DEADLINE
<b>Spring Cohorts</b>		
<b>Online</b>	MSN-FNP	December 1
<b>Sacramento</b>	DNP-FNP	December 1
<b>Summer Cohorts</b>		
<b>Online</b>	MSN-FNP	April 1
<b>Fall Cohorts</b>		
<b>Online</b>	MSN-FNP	July 1
<b>Sacramento</b>	DNP-FNP	July 1

Apply to Samuel Merritt University using the Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs (NursingCAS). To start your application, visit <https://www.nursingcas.org>.

## COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

Your education at Samuel Merritt University is an investment in you and in your future. Not only will you have the opportunity to pursue a rewarding career in healthcare, but SMU graduates earn some of the highest salaries in the country (source: collegescorecard.ed.gov). The Financial Aid staff will explain the options that make the cost of attending SMU manageable for you.



Visit our Affording SMU page to learn more:  
<https://www.samuelmerritt.edu/admission/affording-smu>  
or scan QR code with your phone's camera

## 2022-2023 TUITION

MSN-FNP | **\$1,486/unit (x49) | \$72,814**  
DNP-FNP | **\$1,359/unit (x65) | \$88,335**



## \$177,160

Average annual salary for Nurse Practitioners in San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward metropolitan area.

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2021



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# DNP-FNP

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

<https://studentaid.gov> | FAFSA Code: 007012

## CLINICAL HOURS

**630 clinical hours for MSN-FNP**

**1000 clinical hours for DNP-FNP**

For more information about the curriculum, please select the appropriate program page link from: <https://www.samuelmerritt.edu/programs/college-nursing>.

## SMU'S FNP ONLINE PROGRAM IS OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING STATES:

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- Illinois
- Maryland
- Nevada
- Ohio
- Texas
- Virginia

**100%**  
of the 2019-2020  
FNP graduating  
class was employed  
in their profession  
within one year of  
graduation.

*Employment data only includes graduates who responded to SMU Alumni Survey; employment rate not necessarily representative of graduates who did not respond to SMU Alumni Survey.*

### OFFICE OF ADMISSION

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### FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

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Oakland, CA 94609  
510-879-9200

### SACRAMENTO CAMPUS

2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
916-646-2770

### SAN MATEO CAMPUS

1720 S. Amphlett Blvd, Suite 300  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
650-292-5565

### FRESNO CAMPUS

1791 E. Fir Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93720  
800-607-6377

### ACCREDITATION

Samuel Merritt University is regionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). The prelicensure nursing and family nurse practitioner programs are approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The College of Nursing, baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, and doctor of nursing practice at Samuel Merritt University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The Nurse Anesthesia Doctor of Nursing Practice is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). For further information, please contact:

### Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

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