

# DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

COLLEGE	College of Nursing
PROGRAM	Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP
TRACK	Family Nurse Practitioner

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students for state-regulated professional licensure or certification. However, specific licensure and certification requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status); passing a state or national exam; and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal law requires the university to meet all educational requirements for stateregulated licensure or certification in every US state where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of study<sup>i</sup>.

# UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

This program meets the educational requirements for criteria for national certification, which is a requirement for obtaining the license to practice in the state of Florida as a Family Nurse Practitioner. For information on all requirements for this credential<sup>ii</sup>, please review the Florida Board of Nursing requirements available here: <u>https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/advanced-practice-registered-nurse/</u>.

Graduates of UCF's FNP Post-Bachelor's DNP or FNP Post-Master's Certificate program are eligible to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner National Board Certification Examination offered by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board or the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Passing either of these certification exams meets the requirements for nurse practitioner board certification nationwide and the license requirements for the state of Florida.

The Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP) is designed for in-person course delivery. Although online options may be available, students must take all of their coursework while located within the State of Florida.

#### UCF Program Preparation in Other US States and Territories<sup>iii</sup>

We are currently unable to determine whether or not the Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP) program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification in any additional states. If you are interested in seeking licensure or certification outside of the State of Florida,

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we encourage you to review the appropriate state board of nursing information to determine all requirements needed to obtain your credential of interest. State board of nursing contact information for this field can be found here: <u>https://apq.ucf.edu/document/statelicensingboards-nursing</u>. You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

#### Enrollment Eligibility Restrictions<sup>iv</sup>

Again, to comply with federal and state-level restrictions, this program may only enroll students who will be physically located within the State of Florida for the duration of their program of study, including both didactic and clinical experiences. Should you be physically located outside of Florida for more than a vacation or brief visit, regardless of your legal state of residence or the type of license you currently hold, you will be unable to apply or continue your enrollment in this program. These restrictions apply equally to students accepting traveling nurse positions.

## **Programmatic Accreditation**<sup>v</sup>

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) programs are accredited nationally by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Programmatic accreditation is typically required for state-regulated licensure in this field. Recognition by CCNE is specific to the program and is distinct from <u>UCF's institutional</u> <u>accreditation</u> that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

## **UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States**

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We are unable to determine whether or not this degree program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. Again, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you hope to practice.

# **Program Contact Information**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>III</sup> Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32)

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