The Certificate Program
The Post-Master’s Certificate (PMC) Program is part of the UMass Boston College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The program is designed to prepare nurses as primary care nurse practitioners with either a Family or Adult-Gero focus. All prerequisite and required courses are offered online. Upon completing the program, graduates receive a certificate of post master’s graduate education from the University of Massachusetts Boston.

The program offers two areas of concentration:

- **Family Nurse Practitioner:** focuses on the care of family in primary care as well as community settings.
- **Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner:** focuses on the care of adults and older adults in ambulatory and community settings.

Certificate Requirements
There are two program lengths—depending on the applicant’s educational background:

- **21-credit certificate:** Open to RNs with an MS in nursing from an NLN or CCNE accredited program. The program includes 9 credits of didactic study and 12 credits of a seminar/clinical course in either an adult/gerontology or family practice. In the family track, the 600 hours will include 220 pediatric hours and 80 OB/GYN hours. The program can be completed in two semesters (full-time) or four semesters (part-time). This track is generally for students who hold an MS in leadership or education, nurse midwifery, women’s health, anesthetists, or acute care NPs.
- **12-credit certificate:** Open to RNs with an MS in nursing and current NP certification in family, adult, pediatric, or gerontological. Students may choose either the adult/gerontological or family nurse practitioner tracks. Students must complete a minimum of 6 credits of a didactic course and 6 credits of a seminar/clinical course, including 300 hours of clinical practice. The program can be completed in one semester (full time) or two semesters (part time).

Students may also be required to take or repeat one or more prerequisite courses. Adv. Pathophysiology, Adv. Pharmacology & Adv. Physical Assessment must be taken within the prior 5 years in an APRN track and with equivalent credit hours and content and a letter grade of B or better. Students must provide evidence of a 3-credit Role of the APN Course.

Clinical Experience
Students are responsible for finding their own clinical practicum sites, typically in their home state. These must be primary care sites in keeping with the focus of the program. All practicum experiences are subject to the approval of the Certificate Program Director. The agency providing the clinical experience must be under contract with the UMass Boston College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Students are advised that preceptors must be either Master’s-prepared NPs, CNMs or PAs or MDs/DOs.

Faculty Highlights
Our faculty members are distinguished in practice, education and research. They use their expertise to guide students in developing competence as they join the society of nursing scholars, researchers, and practitioners represented by our thriving partnerships with both neighboring and far-flung institutions, communities, and healthcare settings.

Tuition and Fees
Fees are approximately $575.00 per credit and are subject to change by the registrar. Application and matriculation fees are set by the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Student Support
Students accepted into the program may be eligible to apply for Student Financial Aid.

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https://www.umb.edu/academics/cnhs/nursing/professional_development

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