Direct Entry (DE) Nurse Practitioner Admission

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The following courses meet requirements for most direct-entry nurse practitioner programs, though individual school requirements may vary. Take all required courses during the fall and/or spring semesters at URI (not summer or on-line).

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<th>CHEMISTRY</th>
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<td>General Chemistry, two semesters with lab:</td>
<td>One semester of statistics is required:</td>
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<td>• CHM 101 &amp; 102 Lab (3+1 credits)</td>
<td>• STA 307 (4 credits)</td>
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<td>• CHM 112 &amp; 114 Lab (3+1 credits)</td>
<td>Pre-req. MTH 107 or MTH 108 or MTH 131 or MTH 141</td>
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<td>• CHM 103 &amp; 105 Lab (3+1 credits)</td>
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<td>• CHM 124 &amp; 126 Lab (3+1 credits)</td>
<td>Pre-req. MTH 107 or MTH 108 or 111 or MTH 131 or MTH 141</td>
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<td>or BUS 111 or permission of the instructor</td>
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<th>BIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY</th>
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<td>• BIO 101 &amp; 103 Lab (3+1 credits)</td>
<td>• BIO 220 &amp; 221 Lab (3+1 credits)</td>
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<td>• CMB 211 Microbiology &amp; Lab (4 credits) or CMB 201 Medical Microbiology &amp; Lab (4 credits)</td>
<td>• BIO 222 &amp; 223 Lab (3+1 credits)</td>
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<td>Pre-reqs. for either course: one semester of biology and one year of chemistry</td>
<td>(BIO 121 + BIO 242 &amp; 244 Lab also satisfy this requirement)</td>
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<th>NUTRITION</th>
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<td>• NFS 207 General Nutrition (3 credits)</td>
<td>• PSY 232 Developmental Psychology (3 credits)</td>
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Other courses: Some programs may require English and/or expository writing (any course in ENG or WRT), and/or additional coursework in the social sciences.

Test scores. Many direct entry nursing programs require the GRE with scores at the 50th percentile or above in each section.

WHAT IS A NURSE PRACTITIONER?

A certified Nurse Practitioner (NP) is one type of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). Other APRN’s include certified nurse mid-wife (CNM), certified nurse-anesthetist (CRNA), and a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). According to the National Council for State Boards of Nursing, “Advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) are a vital part of the health system of the United States. They are registered nurses educated at Masters or post Masters level and in a specific role and patient population. APRNs are prepared by education and certification to assess, diagnose, and manage patient problems, order tests, and prescribe medications.” Regulatory requirements for APRN practice vary from state to state.

Specialty areas include:

- Acute Care
- Adult Health
- Family Health
- Gerontology Health
- Neonatal Health
- Oncology
- Pediatric/Child Health
- Psychiatric/Mental Health
- Women’s Health
ROUTES TO NP CERTIFICATION FOR THOSE WITH A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN A NON-NURSING MAJOR

Non-Nursing Bachelor’s Degree

- Earn RN license via post-bacc BSN OR a DE MSN program which does NOT lead to APRN certification
- DE MSN leading to RN licensure AND APRN certification
- DE DNP program leading to RN licensure AND APRN certification

Certified Nurse Practitioner

Post-masters certificate, MSN, or DNP leading to APRN certification

EXAMPLES OF DIRECT-ENTRY PROGRAMS LEADING TO NP CERTIFICATION

**MSN**
- MGH Institute of Health Professions
- Boston College
- Northeastern University
- University of Southern Maine
- Yale University
- Simmons College
- University of Rochester
- University of California San Francisco
- Case Western Reserve University

**DNP**
- UMass Medical School
- University of Vermont
- University of Hawaii
- Seattle University

RESOURCES

American Association of Nurse Practitioners: [https://www.aanp.org/index.php](https://www.aanp.org/index.php)
National Council for State Boards of Nursing: [https://www.ncsbn.org/aprn.htm](https://www.ncsbn.org/aprn.htm)

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