

## Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Clinical Hours Breakdown

**TCNJ Requirements** for hours for the FNP student is 715 clinical hours plus 35 observational hours for Health Assessment for a total of 750 hours.

Note: Additional hours may be required to ensure clinical competency in any of the courses below. Primary care hours are typically Mon-Fri 8:30-5 pm.

A mandatory *Nurse Practitioner Student Orientation* is planned each November prior to starting NURS 633 Health Assessment in the spring, where further discussion of the information below will take place. Consultation with your advisor (appropriate site considerations) and clinical site coordinator (all other placement logistics) is advised for best preparation.

Advisers will discuss in one on one sessions the importance of saving vacation time, working only part-time or per diem, and arranging personal life responsibilities in order to devote the needed time for the clinical courses. Accommodations cannot be made for course clinical hour requirements, and students are expected to be flexible with clinical agency opportunities for learning.

Population	Age Range
Pediatrics (must see infants, toddlers, middle school, adolescents)	0-21
Adults	22-64
Older Adults	65 and up

### Key Considerations

- Logging clinical hours alone may not be sufficient to meet program requirements.
- Certification boards may ask to see case logs in addition to time logs. Case logs are even more important and should show breadth and depth for each population/area.
- You cannot complete specialty site hours unless all clinical hours for required populations/areas have been completed.
- Specialty elective should be completed in an area that enhances knowledge of some aspect of primary care i.e. cardiology, pulmonology, infectious disease, endocrinology, etc.

Student effort/ clinical request submission paperwork due dates	Course	Hours required	Appropriate sites/population breakdown
Optional	NURS 633 (Spring)	35	Observational only experience
February 2	NURS 636 (Summer)	135	Primary care, urgent care, walk-in clinics, episodic care areas, prisons
May 2	NURS 638 (Fall)	200 hours	100 peds and 100 OB/GYN <b>OR</b> 150 peds and 50 hours primary care and must do OB/GYN in the Spring with NURS 637
October 2	NURS 637 (Spring)	200 hours	50 peds and 150 chronic/primary care hrs <b>OR</b> 100 chronic/primary care and 100 OB/GYN hrs *At least 100 hrs in older adult must be completed by end of spring semester – Long term care facilities
February 2	NURS 690 (Summer)	180 hours	Chronic/complex care/primary - can do 50 of these hours in specialty provided all other specialties met in previous semesters