



## Nurse Practitioner Programs at SMU

Samuel Merritt University has multiple degree programs leading to the Nurse Practitioner (NP) licensure including: the Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner program, Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner Online program, Post-Graduate APRN Certificate – Family Nurse Practitioner Online program, Post-Graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate program, Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner Online program, and Doctor of Nursing Practice – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program. SMU's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Samuel Merritt University's NP program graduates are eligible to sit for the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) or American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification exams (depending on their respective program of study) in all US states, territories, and commonwealths including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, *with the exceptions noted below*. However, NP licenses are granted by the licensing authority in individual states and certain licensing boards may require a curriculum comparison specific to that state. Prior to enrollment, prospective students must review the information below.

The California Board of Registered Nursing is the licensing authority for Nurse Practitioners in California and requires an exam on the laws and regulations for practice of nursing in California. Samuel Merritt University will assist applicants and students as they determine licensure requirements in other states. Please contact Dr. Carmen Ward-Sullivan (Associate Dean, Academic Programs, College of Nursing) by email at [csullivan@samuelmerritt.edu](mailto:csullivan@samuelmerritt.edu), and/or the [Office of Admissions](#). Contact information and licensure requirements for the licensing authorities in other jurisdictions can also be found on the [National Council of State Boards of Nursing \(NCSBN\) website](#). Practice information, by state, can also be found on the [American Association of Nurse Practitioners \(AANP\) website](#).

States/Territories/Commonwealths for which SMU's Nurse Practitioner programs MEET the educational requirements for licensure or certification:

- All US states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS LISTED BELOW

States/Territories/Commonwealths for which SMU's Nurse Practitioner programs DO NOT MEET the educational requirements for licensure or certification:

- Federated States of Micronesia, Kansas, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands

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