

Keep the Team

There is NO comparison between Physicians & Nurses!

Who would you rather have care for you & your family?

Degrees Required and Time to Completion Comparison

| | Undergraduate Degree | Entrance Exam | Post-Graduate Schooling | Residency and Duration | TOTAL TIME FOR COMPLETION |
|--|------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Family Physician (M.D. or D.O.) | Standard 4-year BA/BS | Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) | 4 years, doctoral program (M.D. or D.O.) | REQUIRED, 3 years minimum | 11 years |
| Nurse Practitioner (NP, ARNP, etc.) | Standard 4-year BA/BS* | Graduate Record Examination (GRE) & National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) required for MSN programs. | 1.5 to 3 years, master's program (MSN) | NONE | 5.5 – 7 years |

Medical/Professional School and Residency/Post-Graduate Hours for Completion

| | Lecture Hours (Pre-clinical years) | Study Hours (Pre-clinical years) | Combined Hours (Clinical Years) | Residency Hours | TOTAL HOURS |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Family Physician | 2,700 | 3,000** | 6,000 | 9,000 – 10,000 | 20,700 – 21,700 |
| Doctor of Nursing Practice | 800 – 1,600 | 1,500 – 2,250** | 500 – 1,500*** | 0 | 2,800 – 5,350 |
| Difference Between FP and NP Hours of Professional Training | 1,100 – 1,900 more for FPs | 750 – 1,500 more for FPs | 5,500 – 5,000 more for FPs | 9,000 – 10,000 more for FPs | 16,350 – 17,900 more for FPs |

* While a standard 4-year degree, preferably a BSN, is recommended, alternate pathways exist for an RN without a bachelor's degree to enter some master's programs.

** Estimate based on 750 hours of study dedicated by a student per year.

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