FNP COLLABORATIVE SESSION
FAQS

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Overview
Effective with the January 2018 session, we will be piloting an upcoming requirement to Chamberlain’s Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track that we believe will help better prepare students for national board certification by adding collaborative sessions to select FNP courses.

During the pilot, students will have the following options:
- attend the collaborative sessions OR
- complete an alternative assignment

The collaborative sessions will be built into the coursework of specific courses (NR-509, 511, 601, 602, 603 and 661). There will be various times for real-time contact with faculty (via WebEx or a phone call) offered for students to work through important course topics with faculty to encourage collaboration aimed at improving students’ success.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Chamberlain adding collaborative sessions to the FNP program?
Chamberlain University continues to strive to enhance our programs to ensure the best possible student outcomes. Chamberlain is adding the sessions to better meet the needs of your preparation and readiness for national board certification.

What courses will offer the option for collaborative sessions?
NR-509, 511, 601, 602, 603, 661.

What will be discussed in the collaborative sessions?
This will be course-specific based on the course outcomes and goals for that course.

How am I evaluated/graded at the collaborative sessions?
You will have access to rubrics during Preview Week, as with other standard assignments in the course. If you choose to complete an alternative assignment, it will have a rubric with the same available points as the collaborative sessions.

How many collaborative sessions do I have to complete?
This is dependent on the course. For example, in NR-509 the collaborative sessions will be held weekly because this course requires intensive preparation for the FNP practicum. For clinical courses (511, 601, 602, 603, 661), collaborative sessions will be held a minimum of once during the course, but can occur as many as two to three times.
This is because the hands-on approach for the clinicals is the focus and the collaborative sessions are meant to support your clinical learning.

**What will be the group sizes for collaborations?**
This depends on the class and the nature of the assignment. It could range anywhere from one-on-one sessions with faculty to groups of 10 in NR-509. Refer to the course syllabus for further details.

**Timing for Collaborative Sessions**

**How is a collaborative session scheduled?**
During Week 1, the expectations for the sessions will be set and there will be options for scheduling.

**What if the times set for the collaborative sessions do not work? What are my options?**
If the times posted do not work for you and the faculty member, an alternate assignment can be completed within the parameters discussed in the syllabus.

**What is the expected amount of time needed for the collaborative session?**
Generally, 30 minutes to 1 hour will be scheduled. However, if the topic or discussion itself warrants more time, the call will continue until it is appropriate for the discussion to wrap up.

**How will the collaborative sessions impact the amount of time that I can expect to be spending per week associated with my classes? Is this still 12-18 hours?**
Yes, these sessions are included in course work and will replace traditional case studies, and, in some cases, weekly discussion threads.

**Alternative Assignment Details**

**What does the alternative assignment consist of?**
The criteria will be course specific. You will be given information the first week of course.

**What is the expected amount of time needed for the alternative assignment?**
Alternative assignments will take as long as you need to reach the same objectives met by the other collaborative sessions, but should be somewhat equivalent depending on preparation time needed for collaborative sessions and the intensity needed to grasp a concept or topic to meet course outcomes.

**Can I opt in and opt out as the sessions are scheduled? Or do I need to decide to complete collaborative sessions for the whole course?**
You cannot opt in and out of sessions and should commit to doing one or the other. However, for example, if you are able to attend the first two collaborative sessions but unable to attend the next two, you will need to complete the alternative assignments for the two you are unable to attend.
Additional questions

What types of technology should I expect to use for collaborations?
You should anticipate using WebEx and traditional phone calls. WebEx is a platform built directly into the classroom via Canvas and you’ll be directed to the course syllabus for further details in preview week.

What other details should I know about the collaborative sessions?
You will be given more assignment-specific details during Preview Week. Many of these sessions will be at a mutually agreed upon time by both you and the faculty member, excluding NR-509 which will have weekly collaborative. If you’re not able to attend a collaborative session one week, you will then need to complete the alternative assignment. Each week is independent of the next week.

Overall, the sessions provide an additional opportunity for interaction and evaluation. Depending on the course, the session may be for debriefing of a class assignment, or a virtual interactive student evaluation (VISE).
Overview

Effective with the January 2018 session, we will be piloting an upcoming requirement to Chamberlain’s Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track that we believe will help better prepare students for national board certification by adding an intensive review session to NR-661.

During the pilot, students will have the following options:
- attend the intensive review session OR
- complete an alternative assignment

The in-person intensive review session will be a part of NR-661. This review session will be led by Advanced Practice Education Associates (APEA) and will offer all of the benefits of an in-person review with live, expert lectures and follow-up to prepare students for success on either FNP certification exam—the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) board certification exam or American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) board certification exam. The intensive 2 ½-day review session will be held at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois. Students are responsible for their own travel costs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Chamberlain adding an intensive review session to the FNP curriculum?
Chamberlain University continues to strive to enhance our programs to ensure the best possible student outcomes. Chamberlain is adding the review session to better meet the needs of your preparation and readiness for national board certification.

Do I have to attend the intensive review session taken in NR-661?
No, you will have the option to participate in a live review session or complete an alternative review assignment.

Is the intensive review session suitable for both the ANCC and AANP exam?
Yes, it will benefit either exam.

How am I evaluated/graded at the review session?
Full credit for this assignment is given for attending the entire session. Attendance will be taken daily. No partial credit will be given.

How will the intensive review session impact clinical requirements?
You will receive 20 hours of practicum credit for attending the intensive review session. This means you will have to complete 105 clinical hours instead of the typically-required 125 hours.

**Alternative Assignment Details**

**What is the alternative review assignment?**
This information will be provided Week 1 of the session.

**If I am not able to make the in-person intensive review session, what are my options? I want to take the review session but am unable to travel that weekend. Does APEA offer a review session in my area?**
As this review was specifically created for Chamberlain University, it is the required session; if you are unable to make it, you can complete the alternative assignment.

**If I don’t attend the review session, how am I evaluated/graded if I complete the alternative assignment?**
The alternative assignment instructions will be provided in the course. You will have the opportunity to view all the course assignments beginning Preview Week.

**Is it mandatory to complete one or the other?**
Yes. This is to help you prepare for success on the national certification exam.

**If I’ve already completed a live review, will you accept that as an alternate assignment?**
For consistency of the program, we, unfortunately, are not able to accept previously completed live review sessions that are not affiliated with Chamberlain. The live intensive review session is specifically tailored to meet the needs of our Chamberlain FNP students preparing for their board certification and is hosted by Advanced Practice Education Associates (APEA), a world-class education company. The session is also purposefully placed later in the session, closer to when you will be able to sit for your board exam.

**What to Expect at the Intensive Review Session**

**What is the structure that I can expect at the live review?**
The intensive review session is solely composed of a 2 ½ day live review session. We may add additional enhancements in the future.

**Will there be practice tests given (or other methods of review), or is it all live lecture?**
Practice tests will not be given; however, APEA will provide written material specific to the review course.
What can I expect for the follow up after the session?
You will have to take and pass the APEA practice exam after the review session. If you passed the exam earlier in the course, you do not have to take it again. **Note:** If you do not pass the APEA practice exam on the second attempt, you will be required to retake NR 661 – this is the current academic policy and does not change depending on if you completed the live review session or the alternative assignment.

Additional Questions

What are some additional benefits of attending the intensive review session?
You will be given unlimited retakes of the intensive review session at your discretion that will also be available to you even after you graduate from Chamberlain. The session also provides networking opportunities with hundreds of colleagues close to graduation.

Why isn’t the video review good enough?
We are updating the curriculum across the board to help you in your preparation and readiness for your national board exam. Because we want to provide you with the resources to be successful on the certification exam, the intensive review is a critical piece. The video modules are important to review and most definitely constitute one piece of the curriculum that is needed. However, the live, intensive review session is essential to solidify your learning and fill in any gaps. The videos provide ongoing learning, whereas the review course is meant to be an immersive experience close to when you will take your certification exam. The alternative assignment is available if you cannot attend the review session. The new intensive review session is just one piece, a very exciting piece, that we can now offer you.

Will I be responsible to pay for the review?
Students are responsible for their travel costs while participating in the intensive review session as part of NR-661. Typical costs include travel to/from Illinois, lodging and meals for three nights. You can find more information related to costs by reviewing the FNP Intensive Travel Guide Fact Sheet.

If I attend the intensive review session, how can I cover my travel costs?
For travel financing questions, Student Services will be able to assist you. You can contact the Student Services Team at 888.556.8226.

Which week is the intensive review session?
The intensive review sessions will be offered in Week 8 of NR-661. It will start at the beginning of the week – Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Do I have to complete the APEA predictor exam after completing the session?
If you have not passed the APEA predictor exam in Week 4, you will have to take the exam after the intensive review session.
When can I take the APEA predictor exam?
You can take the exam at any point from Week 4 until Week 8, but it would be best to complete the exam after the intensive review course.

How many attempts do I have to complete the exam?
You have two attempts to pass the exam. If you do not pass the exam in Week 4, you will need to retake the exam. If you do not pass the exam the second time, you will have to retake NR-661.

Will Amelie Hollier, co-owner of APEA, be leading the intensive review session?
Amelie Hollier is scheduled to lead many review sessions. However, we cannot guarantee she will teach all the reviews. We can assure all instructors teaching at the session are well qualified.

Are there any statistics that show the significance of an in-person review?
We are currently using APEA as the live certification review program. APEA cites a 99% pass rate on either certification exam (ANCC or AANP) for all first time test takers who attend their live review courses. If you aren’t successful on the exam, you can take APEA’s review session again at no additional charge for up to one year from original session date.*

*According to APEA’s website: apea.com/attend-a-course.