

Nurse Practitioner Dual Adult / Women's Health

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What is a dual Adult/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner?

The Dual Adult and Women's Health certified Nurse Practitioner works interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary health care to adults of both genders and of all ages with specialized knowledge of women's health. For more information on the ANP, see Fact Sheet on Nurse Practitioner Adult Primary. Preparation in these two areas provides the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with more opportunities than preparation in just one area.

Who employs Dual Adult/Women's Health Nurse Practitioners?

Dual Adult/Women's Health Nurse Practitioners are employed in primary care clinics, public health departments, student health clinics, offices associated with hospitals, and private obstetrical or gynecologic practices. They may work in clinics that provide care to an adult population, or they may work in a clinic where they manage only women's health care needs.

Can I further specialize?

Elective courses are available for knowledge base enhancement in areas such as cardiovascular and diabetes management.

What kind of experience do I need prior to entering the program?

The faculty strongly encourage students to have at least one year of professional nursing experience prior to enrolling in the advanced nursing clinical courses. Experience in women's health is preferred. Your program of study can be arranged so that you can gain the required experience while you are taking prerequisite courses. Should this be the case, you will have to pursue a part-time program of study.

What are the admission criteria?

- A nursing degree (BSN or higher) from a regionally accredited institution, equivalent to the one offered by the School of Nursing at UAB
- An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale either cumulatively or on the last 60 semester credit hours
- (3) Letters of professional reference attesting to the applicant's potential for graduate study
- Standardized test score (MAT, GRE, GMAT)* A minimum score of 410 on the MAT; or a minimum score of 480 on the GMAT; or a combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or combined score of 297 on the New 2011 GRE*
- Additional – Selected options may require experience prior to enrollment in a specialty courses.

* GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver Process: http://www.uab.edu/nursing/images/stories/infostudents/GRE_MAT_waiver.pdf

Approval for the GRE/GMAT/MAT Waiver does not imply or guarantee admission to the MSN program. When all of your transcripts are evaluated, if you do not meet the requirements, you will be notified that you need to take the GRE/GMAT/MAT. Candidates not approved for the GRE/GMAT/MAT waiver will be required to take the GRE/GMAT/MAT before final action on their application for master's study. The School of Nursing at UAB must receive the official score by the posted materials deadline. Applicants for the GRE/GMAT/MAT waiver must meet the same requirements for admission to the MSN program as all other applicants.

*An alternate master's in nursing pathways option is available: <http://www.uab.edu/nursing/student-information/acad-prog/amnp>

***The following individuals are not eligible for the GRE waiver process:

- International applicants
- Non-Native English speaking applicants
- Dual degree seeking program applicants MSN/MPH

For International Students:

- All foreign transcripts evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc www.ece.org OR the World Education Services www.wes.org, sent from the evaluators directly to the School of Nursing
- A degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited educational institution in the United States
- A score of 500 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, TOEFL
- Standardized test score. A minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- If your Visa status is F1 or J1, meet with your course faculty by week 2 of each semester to plan how you will meet Federal Regulations
- Possess a nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum

When will I receive confirmation that I have been accepted into the program?

You will be notified of your acceptance or denial within 30 days after the application submission deadline.

What are the classroom and clinical requirements?

Total Credit Hours: 52; Didactic Hours: 34; Clinical Hours: 18; Total Hours of direct Patient Care: 945 contact hours

Descriptive narrative: Advanced practice nursing didactic content is provided in 4 specialty courses and provides the student with a strong advanced primary care base for caring for adult patients with common health problems, and women’s health conditions, both common and complex health. Clinical experiences in a variety of primary care and specialty clinic settings offer extensive preparation for the advanced practice role. Students are required to visit the campus in Birmingham, AL for two multiday intensives, and students must pass a comprehensive examination in order to graduate. Should academic problems arise, an additional on-campus visit may be required.

How many semesters are required for full-time study in the Dual Adult/Women’s health Nurse practitioner specialty track? Is part-time study available?

Full-time study as defined by the University, 9 hours/semester, is not possible in this dual specialty track. A full-time load of courses may be carried for 4 of the 6 semesters when students enter the dual specialty track during summer semester. If full-time status is required, electives can be taken during the two remaining semesters. Part-time programs of study are available for entry during any of the 3 semesters in the academic year.

Will I be able to apply to take a nurse practitioner certification examination when I complete the program?

You will be able to apply to take both the national certification examination for women’s health NPs offered by the National Certification Corporation, and Adult Primary NP through either the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners or the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

How do I become eligible to practice as a Nurse Practitioner in my state of residence?

Nurse Practitioners are licensed by the states in which they practice and are subject to the rules and regulations thereof. You will need to contact your state’s board of nursing to determine their requirements.

What is a typical program of studies for the dual Adult/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner specialty track?

Coursework

NUR 601	Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3	<u>Fall Year 1</u>	<u>Spring Year 1</u>
NUR 612	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	NUR 600	NUR 600
NUR 600	Research and Statistics for Advanced Practice	4	<u>Spring Year 1</u>	<u>Summer Year 1</u>
NUR 614	Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning for Advanced Practice	4	NUR 602	NUR 612
NUR 602	Issues Affecting Advanced Nursing Practice	3	<u>Summer Year 1</u>	<u>Fall Year 1</u>
NUR 613	Pharmacology and Therapeutics	3	NUR 601	NUR 613
NAH 621	Advanced Adult Nursing I	4	<u>Fall Year 2</u>	<u>Spring Year 2</u>
NAH 685	Practicum I: Adult Nurse Practitioner	3	NUR 613	NAH 621
NAH 622	Advanced Adult Nursing II	4	NUR 614	NAH 685
NWH 685	Practicum I: Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner	3	<u>Spring Year 2</u>	<u>Summer Year 2</u>
NWH 631	Women’s Health for Advanced Nursing Practice I	3	NAH 621	NWH 631
NAH 692	Residency: Adult Nurse Practitioner	3	NAH 685	NAH 622
NWH 632	Women’s Health for Advanced Nursing Practice II	3	<u>Summer Year 2</u>	<u>Fall Year 2</u>
NWH 686	Practicum II Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner	3	NAH 622	NWH 632
NWH 692	Residency: Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner	6	NWH 631	NAH 692
			NWH 685	NWH 686
	Total	52 credits	<u>Fall Year 2</u>	<u>Spring Year 3</u>
			NWH 632	NUR 602
			NAH 692	NWH 692
			NWH 686	
			<u>Spring Year 3</u>	
			NWH 692	

Where can I get more information?
Internet website: <http://www.uab.edu/nursing>

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