

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Distance Accessible

What is a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner?

The Women's Health certified Nurse Practitioner works interdependently with other health professionals to provide primary health care with specialized knowledge of women's health. Preparation in this area provides the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with opportunities with this population.

Who employs Women's Health Nurse Practitioners?

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 manage women's health care needs.

Can I further specialize?

Elective courses are available for knowledge base enhancement in areas such as 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 UAB School of Nursing
- Possess an unencumbered nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum
- 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: https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/images/stories/info_sa/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.

*****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:

- This program is distance-accessible and therefore ***not*** eligible for applicants who plan to enter the US in F-1 or J-1 student status.
- If you plan to enroll in the MSN program in an immigration status other than F or J, please email International Student & Scholar Services at iss@uab.edu for confirmation of your eligibility for the program.
- 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).
- Possess an unencumbered 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 60 days after the application submission deadline.

What are the classroom and clinical requirements?

Total Credit Hours: 45; Didactic Hours: 32; Clinical Hours: 13; Total Hours of direct Patient Care: 600 contact hours

Descriptive narrative: Advanced practice nursing didactic content is provided in 3 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 orientation and three 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 of study are required?

Students who start course work in the summer semester will take eight semesters to complete the program and students starting in the fall semester will take seven semesters. The programs of study are listed below.

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Applicants to any of our distance-accessible programs should become familiar with the regulations governing distance accessible programs in their state. Prospective students residing in states other than Alabama should contact their state’s Board of Nursing and Department of Education for specific rules and regulations pertaining to completion of clinical learning experiences in that state when enrolled in a distance accessible program. The ability to conduct course work is only guaranteed for student is Alabama and in states with an established agreement.

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

Once you successfully complete the program, you will be awarded a Master of Science in Nursing degree and you will be able to apply to take the national certification examination for women’s health NPs offered by the National Certification Corporation.

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

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| NUR 604 | Leadership in Advanced Nursing Practice Roles..... | 3 | | |
| NUR 606 | Translating Evidence into Practice | 3 | | |
| NUR 610 | Health Care Systems for Adv. Nursing Practice | 3 | | |
| NUR 612 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 | | |
| NUR 613 | Pharmacology and Therapeutics..... | 3 | | |
| NUR 614 | Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning for Advanced Nursing Practice | 3 | | |
| NWH 618 | Focus on Adv. Nursing Practice Specialization | 3 | | |
| NWH 631 | Advanced Woman’s Health Care Nursing I | 5 | | |
| NWH 685 | Practicum I: Woman’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner | 3 | | |
| NWH 632 | Advanced Woman’s Health Care Nursing II | 4 | | |
| NWH 686 | Practicum II: Woman’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner | 3 | | |
| NWH 633 | Advanced Woman’s Health Care Nursing III | 5 | | |
| NWH 692 | Residency: Woman’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner | 4 | | |
| | Total | 45 credits | | |
| | | | Summer | Fall |
| | | | <u>Summer Year 1</u> | <u>Fall Year 1</u> |
| | | | NUR 604 | NUR 604 |
| | | | NUR 612 | NUR 612 |
| | | | <u>Fall Year 1</u> | <u>Spring Year 1</u> |
| | | | NUR 606 | NUR 606 |
| | | | NUR 613 | NUR 613 |
| | | | <u>Spring Year 1</u> | <u>Summer Year 1</u> |
| | | | NUR 614 | NUR 610 |
| | | | NWH 618 | NUR 614 |
| | | | | NWH 618 |
| | | | <u>Summer Year 2</u> | <u>Fall Year 2</u> |
| | | | NUR 610 | NWH 631 |
| | | | <u>Fall Year 2</u> | NWH 685 |
| | | | NWH 631 | |
| | | | NWH 685 | <u>Spring Year 2</u> |
| | | | <u>Spring Year 2</u> | NWH 632 |
| | | | NWH 632 | NWH 686 |
| | | | NWH 686 | <u>Summer Year 2</u> |
| | | | <u>Summer Year 3</u> | NWH 633 |
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Where can I get more information?

Internet website: <https://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/>

General information about the application process

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