

Curriculum effective Fall 2024

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Post-Baccalaureate DNP Nurse-Midwifery Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse-Midwifery Program is based at the Rutgers Health Campus in Newark, NJ. This program of study prepares students to be independent providers of full-scope midwifery care across the lifespan including primary care; sexual, and reproductive health care; care during pregnancy, labor and birth, and the postpartum period; and care for the healthy neonate. The nurse-midwifery curriculum provides a combination of theory and practicum experiences. The School of Nursing offers students the opportunity to learn from experienced and nationally recognized faculty who are all actively engaged in teaching and clinical practice.

Role and Qualifications: A doctorally-prepared (DNP) nurse-midwife has a graduate degree in nursing and is prepared to provide midwifery care for diverse individuals, families, and communities and contribute to interprofessional collaboration. The nurse-midwife graduate is distinguished by doctoral preparation that supports both clinical practice and leadership in midwifery. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have met Core Competencies as outlined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and be eligible for the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) midwifery certification examination.

Scope of Practice: As practiced by certified nurse-midwives, midwifery encompasses a full range of primary health care services for women from puberty beyond menopause. These services include the independent provision of primary care, sexual and reproductive healthcare, including family planning services, preconception care, prenatal care, childbirth and the postpartum period, and care of the normal newborn during the first 28 days of life.

Curriculum: This program is 77 credits with 945 precepted practicum hours and can be completed through a part-time (4 years) plan of study. The following are the required courses for this program:

Clinical Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NURS 5104	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	
NURS 5105	Advanced Clinical Pharmacology	3	
ADHA 5107	Advanced Health Assessment	3	

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
NURS 6010	Clinical Scholarship	2	
NURS 6060	Clinical Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6930	Information Technology for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 6040	Determinants of Health	3	
NURS 6780	Healthcare Economics & Business Practices	3	
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
CLDR 6440	Quality and Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	

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The DNP Dual Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program at Rutgers School of Nursing is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Rutgers School of Nursing is accredited by the CCNE (www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation).

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
NURS 6020	Management and Analysis of Health Data for the Doctor of Nursing Practice	3	
NURS 6940	Evidence Translation & Implementation Science	3	
NURS 6030	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development*	3	
NURS 6031	DNP Project Implementation*	2	
NURS 6032	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination*	2	

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
NMID 7000	Foundations of Midwifery Care	2	
WHNM 7100	Gynecological, Sexual, and Reproductive Health	6	160
NMID 7200	Ultrasound for Midwives	1	
WHNM 7300	Antepartum and Postpartum Care	6	160
WHNM 7500	Primary Care Theory for Midwives and Women's Health Nurse Practitioners	3	
NMID 7400	Intrapartum and Postpartum Care	6	220
NMID 7600	Fetal Assessment and Neonatal Care	3	45
WHNM 7700	Advanced Clinical Midwifery Integration	4	360
NMID 7800	Comprehensive Review	1	
Total Program Credits and Clinical Hours		77	945

In addition to the successful completion of the above course requirements, all DNP students must meet all the DNP project requirements set forth by the program.

*A student who does not complete their DNP project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit project continuation course in subsequent semesters until the project is complete.

**The minimum number of combined clinical practicum and DNP project experience hours is 1000. Students, however, may be required to complete more than 1000 hours to meet minimum competency requirements for graduation and certification (when applicable).