

Post-Baccalaureate DNP Dual Nurse-Midwifery/ Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Dual Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner 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 dual nurse-midwifery/women's health 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/women's health nurse practitioner has a graduate degree in nursing and is prepared to provide clinical care aligned with the midwifery model of care for diverse individuals, families, and communities and contribute to interprofessional collaboration. The nurse-midwife/women's health nurse practitioner graduate is distinguished by doctoral preparation that supports both clinical practice and leadership in nursing. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have met Core Competencies as outlined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and be eligible for both the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) midwifery certification examination and the National Certification Corporation (NCC) Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner certification examination.

Scope of Practice: Program graduates will have expertise in both nurse-midwifery and women's health advanced practice nursing. 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. As advanced practice registered nurses, women's health nurse practitioners are prepared to address women's complex gynecologic, sexual, reproductive, obstetric, and primary health care needs throughout the lifespan. WHNPs also provide sexual and reproductive healthcare for men.

Curriculum: This program is 80 credits with 1080 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	



Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Project Hrs.**
CLDR 6400	Leadership Across the Continuum Theory	3	
NURS 6980	Epidemiology and Population Health	3	
CLDR 6440	Quality and Safety in Healthcare Theory	3	
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	
WHNM 7510	Primary Care Practicum for Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	3	135
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		80	1080

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 1,000. Students, however, may be required to complete more than 1000 hours to meet minimum competency requirements for graduation and certification (when applicable).