



Curriculum effective Fall 2026

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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 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 (ACNM) 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: The program is 73 credits with 964 precepted practicum hours and 320 DNP Project Experience hours. The following are the required courses for this program:

Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clinical Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Advanced Health Assessment	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pathophysiology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Pharmacology	3.00	N/A

Subtotal Core Credits: 9.00

DNP Core Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	DNP Hrs.*
XXXX 0000	Role Development and Foundations of Midwifery Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Scholarly Inquiry, Appraisal, and Writing	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Health Data, Informatics, and Technology	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Strategic Leadership and Partnerships	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Healthcare Delivery and Economics	3.00	35
XXXX 0000	Evidence-Based Approaches to Advanced Nursing Practice	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Advanced Population Health, Policy, and Advocacy	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Preparation	2.00	30



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XXXX 0000	DNP Project Planning and Proposal Development	2.00	70
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Implementation	2.00	100
XXXX 0000	DNP Project Evaluation and Dissemination	2.00	50

Subtotal DNP Core Credits: 32.00

Specialty Courses:

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs.	Clin. Hrs.
XXXX 0000	Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Theory	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Practicum	3.00	160
XXXX 0000	Antepartum and Postpartum Care Theory	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Antepartum and Postpartum Care Practicum	3.00	160
XXXX 0000	Ultrasound for Midwives	1.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Primary Care Theory	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Primary Care Practicum	1.00	40
XXXX 0000	Intrapartum and Postpartum Care Theory	3.00	N/A
XXXX 0000	Intrapartum and Postpartum Care Practicum	3.00	220
XXXX 0000	Fetal Assessment & Neonatal Care	3.00	24
XXXX 0000	Advanced Clinical Midwifery Integration	5.00	360
XXXX 0000	Comprehensive Review	1.00	N/A

Subtotal Specialty Credits: 32.00

Total Program Credits:	73.00
Total Clinical Hours:	964 (minimum)
Total DNP Project Hours:	320 (minimum)
Total DNP Degree Hours:	1,284 (minimum)

*A student who does not complete their DNP Project during the project-related courses will be registered for a 1-credit DNP Project Continuation course (XXXX 0000) until the project sequence is complete.